



Lantau District Action Plan 2016

Mid-year review

LOCAL OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

Overall Crime

- There were a total of 385 reported crime cases in Lantau District in the first half of 2016, a decrease of 47 cases (-10.9%) from 432 cases in the same period last year. The crimes that showed a significant decrease in the first half of 2016 were Miscellaneous Thefts (57 cases, a decrease of 50 cases), Deceptions (31 cases, a decrease of 21 cases) and Blackmail (5 cases, a decrease of 5 cases). The crimes on the rise included Shop Thefts (85 cases, an increase of 25 cases), Criminal Damage (47 cases, an increase of 9 cases) and Burglary (28 cases, an increase of 7 cases). The overall detection rate increased from 50.9% in the same period of last year to 56.4% in the first half of 2016.

Combating Burglary

- Burglary remains one of the major areas of concern in the District. There were 28 cases of Burglary in the first half of 2016, an increase of 7 cases from 21 cases in the same period last year. Among them, 24 cases involved village

houses or low-density residential units, some of which were unattended village houses or holiday bungalows. Only 1 Burglary case (3.6%) happened in a high-rise building with relatively sound security management while the remaining 3 cases happened in eateries or schools.

- In order to combat Burglary cases more effectively, the District has deployed additional manpower and assigned a special duty team to target such cases and promote home safety to the public by joining hands with District Councillors and District Fight Crime Committee members. Moreover, Task Force Sub-unit and Auxiliary Police Officers of the District and Police Tactical Unit of the Region have stepped up patrols in remote areas. Burglary cases were curbed as a result.
- In the first half of 2016, 5 Burglary cases were detected. These crimes occurred in a school and a residential unit in Discovery Bay, Luk Tei Tong in Mui Wo, Ham Tin Tsuen in Pui O and Tung Shing Lau in Ma Wan Chung Tsuen respectively. The 5 arrested males were convicted and sentenced to 16 to 26 months' imprisonment.
- On 4 June 2016, 3 Pui O residents in Lantau Island found a male looking inside a village house suspiciously. Knowing that he had been spotted by the residents, the male fled immediately. One of the villagers who witnessed the incident saw the male board a Tung Chung-to-Mui Wo bus. A report was made to the Police immediately. Police intercepted the male and found that he was an illegal immigrant. He was believed to be involved in two cases of Burglary, which happened in Wang Tong in Mui Wo, and Ham Tin Tsuen in Chi Ma Wan Road respectively. The male was later sentenced to 16 months' imprisonment.
- To raise Burglary awareness and alertness of property management, security officers and residents, the District, with the cooperation of Property



Management, took the initiative in organizing an exercise to track down Burglary suspects and deliver an anti-burglary seminar to the residents of Discovery Bay in July and August 2016 respectively, with a view to working with the Management Office, security officers and residents in combating Burglary.

Combating Tourist-related Crimes

- There were a total of 10 tourist-related crimes in the first half of 2016, a decrease of 1 case (-9.1%) from 11 cases in the same period of last year. The cases were mainly Theft and Pickpocketing, which happened at Citygate and the MTR station, the places tourists frequently visit.
- The District has made strategic deployment and stepped up patrols, which has kept quick cash crimes in the peak tourist season under control.
- Meanwhile, the District organized various publicity campaigns and distributed thematic publicity materials on specific crime trends to enhance tourists' awareness. The District also made strategic deployment on holidays for anti-theft operations in crime black spots, such as Citygate.

Engaging the Non-Ethnic Chinese (NEC)

- NECs make up 10 percent of the population in Lantau District. The District regularly met with the leaders of different races to understand their needs as well as to exchange crime information.
- By organizing various activities under the scheme of "Project One World", connections between communities were enforced and the objectives of engaging the community and preventing crime were achieved.

Other Priorities

➤ **To handle and investigate all reports of domestic violence professionally**

- A total of 9 cases of Domestic violence were handled in the first half of 2016, a decrease of 6 cases (-40%) from 15 cases in the same period last year. The cases involved were mainly Assault, Criminal Intimidation and Criminal Damage.
- The District recorded the particulars of the subjects in domestic violence incidents into the Central Domestic Violence Database. This system reminds the investigating officers of any recurrent case so that such case could be referred to the Social Welfare Department for timely assistance.

➤ **Road Safety**

- Safe Cycling is the focus of road safety publicity campaign in 2016. Cycling accidents decreased from 53 cases in the first half of 2015 to 46 cases in the same period of this year. It showed that public awareness of safe cycling had been enhanced. As Cheung Tung Road is a cycling accident black spot, the District stepped up publicity for this road section and not only had the “Joy Ride Lantau” Project initiated, but also targeted information leaflets for distribution to cyclists. The number of cycling accidents along the same section of road decreased from 12 cases in the first half of 2015 to 7 cases in the same period of this year, which showed the effectiveness of the Project.
- 385 traffic accident reports were received in the District in the first half of 2016, a decrease of 49 cases (-11.3%) from 434 cases in the same period last year. Among them, 46 cases involved bicycles while 250 cases were accidents with damage only. To combat Drink Driving and Drug Driving, New Territories

South Regional Headquarters and Lantau District stopped and searched 2,478 drivers in the first half of 2016, with a total of 2 persons arrested for “Drink driving”.

- To align with the launch of “Driving on Lantau Island” Scheme on 26 February 2016, the District strengthened law enforcement actions against “Driving on the closed road without a permit”. Targeting drivers who drove into Lantau South without permit, the Police set up additional roadblocks in Tung Chung Road. In the first half of 2016, New Territories South Regional Headquarters and Lantau District carried out a total of 386 roadblock operations that targeted drivers who drove into Lantau South without permit, with 207 summonses issued to offending drivers.
- Meanwhile, the District distributed publicity leaflets appealing to drivers not to drive after drinking. Drivers were also reminded to pay attention to the speed limits of different road sections and watch out for the cows, which might appear in roads at any time.
- Due to the uniqueness of the roads and environment in Lantau Island, the District had actively liaised with New Lantao Bus Co., (1973) Limited in mid-January 2016, advising them to provide seminars and promote safe driving to their in-house drivers, with a view to enhancing their professionalism and promoting road safety. To align with the Commissioner’s Operational Priorities and Regional Action Plan, the District reduced fatal and serious traffic accidents through a multi-agency approach, of which experienced colleagues were flexibly deployed and seminars organized.



To Combat the Illegal Felling of Incense Trees

- Multiple incidents of illegal felling of incense trees have been taking place in Lantau Island. Having paid attention to these cases all along, the District launched an operation named “ProjectUtmostPower”. With flexible deployment of officers, a village patrol team was established so as to reinforce deployment for combating the illegal felling of incense trees.

Contingency Plans

- To enhance the effectiveness and efficiency in handling major incidents, the District regularly held emergency exercises with other government departments and institutes. In mid May 2016, the District held an inter-departmental flood control exercise and the District’s overall incident management capacity was well maintained.
- To improve the ability of frontline officers in dealing with major incidents or terrorist attacks, the District regularly held anti-terrorist exercises with the Hong Kong Disneyland so as to enhance the cooperation between the police and the Disney staff, aiming at rapid and efficient crowd disperse and rescue.
- The District updated the ‘Database on Isolated Elderly’ before the typhoon season in May 2016. The database enhances emergency response to the elderly during natural disasters or other major incidents.

Public Event

- A total of 31 public events were held in the District in the first half of 2016. Proactive liaison with organizers and parties involved helped to formulate suitable arrangements and all events went through in a good order.



Lantau GuardWATCH Scheme

- Following the success of the “Village GuardWATCH Scheme”, the District upgraded it to “Lantau GuardWATCH Scheme” in August 2016, with a view to combating burglary cases by enhancing police anti-burglary operations and promoting connections between Lantau residents. Through closer interactions between the police and stakeholders, Lantau residents pay more attention to suspicious persons or incidents around them and subsequently provide burglary related intelligence to the police through designated channels.
- The District had adopted a multi-agency approach in promoting crime prevention. By joining hands with the District Fight Crime Committee, Rural Committees and Senior Police Call, a culture of mutual-care amongst villagers was promoted. Since 16 July 2016, the District began to distribute to local residents and stakeholders “Lantau GuardWATCH” Cards, on which police hotlines were printed. It offered a 24-hour hotline apart from ‘999’ with which local residents could provide intelligence of all sorts to the Police. The District has distributed 5,000 “Lantau GuardWATCH” cards to date.
- On 22 April 2016, as a result of the villager’s report, an officer of the Lantau South Division arrested a male who committed burglary at a village house in Mui Wo. The arrested male was subsequently sentenced to 18 months and three weeks’ imprisonment.
- On 6 June 2016, a resident of Pui O Village spotted a suspicious person on a Lantau Bus, who was suspected to be involved in the burglary cases in Pui O area. The District swiftly responded to the report and arrested the suspect. Upon further police enquiries, he was found to be an illegal immigrant and be involved



in two burglary cases in Pui O and Mui Wo in January and April 2016 respectively. The arrested male was subsequently sentenced to 16 months' imprisonment.

Operation Fast Marker

- The continuation of Operation Fast Marker aimed to tackle the emerging crime trends arisen from the fast development of the District. Stakeholders and security companies of all sorts were provided with timely recommendations, including the installation of CCTV as well as the reinforcement of security personnel and patrol at crime black spots. Cooperation with stakeholders was enhanced with a view to combating crimes of all sorts and achieving win-win or all-win results.
- Regular meetings and seminars were conducted for frontline employees of commercial institutes, construction companies, property management companies and security companies, as a closer cooperation in combating prevailing crime and better coordination in tackling seasonal and unforeseeable crimes.
- To provide local residents and stakeholders with a direct, quick and convenient means of reporting crime intelligence around-the-clock, the District began to distribute Fast Marker cards bearing our reporting hotlines since 16 July 2016. The District had already distributed a total of 3,000 Fast Marker cards so far.

Project One World

- By organizing various activities under the scheme of “Project One World”, connections with various communities had been tightened, with a view to promoting the awareness of crime prevention. Activities held included:



1. Chinese tutorials tailor-made for NEC youths, which helped their integration into the community in the short run and enhanced their competitiveness and career opportunity in the long run.
2. Career talks were given and NEC youths were arranged to visit various institutes, during which they could understand the requirements of different career and pave their future.
3. Sports activities including cricket training and football training were organized in summer vacations. Friendly matches were arranged with Junior Police Call of other districts to broaden their horizons.

To Enhance Officers' Personal and Professional Qualities by Promoting Internal Communication

- The District held 12 open forums in the first half of 2016, during which frontline officers got the chance of having direct conversation with the District Commander. By exchanging their opinions, most of the issues raised were recognized and solved.
- The District Commander has maintained frequent meetings with representatives of Junior Police Officer so as to ensure a close communication between the force management side and the staff side.
- Regular meetings between Divisional Commanders and Sub-unit officers were maintained, during which mutual understanding was ensured by exchanging their opinions on frontline duties and officers' welfare.

Enhancing Information Security

- Frontline and management officers were briefed on previous information



security incidents during training days and management meetings. Important information had been brought to their attention for enhancing the awareness of information security.

- Information Security Ambassador would regularly inspect common terminals in accordance with the Information Security Manual, so as to ensure that no improper software or confidential information were uploaded or stored in the computers.
- There were no incidents of information security violation in the first half of 2016.

Knowledge Dissemination and Management

- With a view to enhancing officers' professional qualities, a total of 6 knowledge sharing seminars with different themes were held in the first half of 2016, including Promotion Interviews for Sergeant and Chief Inspectors, Examinations for Inspectorate Officers, Combating Incense Tree Related Crimes, Police Public Relations Strategies and Police Knowledge Management.
- Based on the needs of the officers, the Knowledge Management Team formed by frontline officers would compile a monthly brief to disseminate latest knowledge to other colleagues, including a memorandum on handling domestic violence, existing laws that regulate motor-driven vehicles, laws on claims for non-refoulement protection, regulations on flying drones, Selected Traffic Enforcement Priorities 2016 and the modus operandi of illegal felling and stealing of incense trees. Details of these briefings would be uploaded to the knowledge management database of Lantau District for easy reference.
- In the knowledge management website of Lantau District, useful briefings were

uploaded and reference links were provided. The latest update included: Strategies to combat the felling of incense trees, NEC Briefs of Lantau District and How to use electronic devices to locate missing trail walkers. Officers are encouraged to visit the website for enriching their knowledge.

