



**Tackling Crime**

**Down Area  
C District**

## **District Policing Partnership**

### **3 Month Report**

Figures extracted 19 August 2010



## Area Commander's Commentary

I am pleased to present you with the 3 month report for the Down area. As outlined, we are currently on course to meet all of our targets. My officers are still very much focused on reducing the number of anti-social behaviour incidents as these types of crimes and incidents probably have the most impact on the community throughout the Down District. As many of these incidents are caused by alcohol consumption, officers take every opportunity to seize alcohol from young persons and prosecute those who are drinking in Council Bye Law areas.

Increasing the detection rate for overall crime and burglaries is also prioritised and officers take every opportunity to progress offenders through the criminal justice system. Whilst we are increasing our detection rate in these areas, there is still work to be done in coming months.

I am pleased to highlight that the number of non-domestic violence with injury crimes has decreased considerably and that there are now fewer victims of these types of crimes. The introduction of 'Nightlife' in Downpatrick and Newcastle has assisted in the reduction of assaults in these areas.

The number of Killed and Seriously Injured on roads has decreased slightly and we continue to work along with Road Policing colleagues and other agencies to further decrease these figures.

**Deirdre Bones**  
**Area Commander**  
**Down**

## Section 1) Policing with the Community

### Review of Policing with the Community activities within the Down Area

#### Down Youth IAG

The DYIAG aim to empower the voice of local young people within local policing and therefore plans to:

- Consult with young people both formally and informally to gain their views on policing.
- Liaise with all young people to gain their cooperation in working with the police (to include detached youth and especially troubled and problem young people)
- Investigate and prepare reports into aspects of policing of the District in relation to the major issues facing young people and how any cooperation with the police is effecting these issues
- They have recently completed a research project on young people engaging with police and the findings are scheduled to be presented to the DPP and CSP in October.
- A youth worker from 'Involve Youth' will provide support to develop the group and manage new projects as they are allocated.

#### CASE Projects

A number of Citizenship and Safety Education (CASE) messages have been delivered to various pre-school, primary and post primary schools throughout the Area covering lessons ranging from substance misuse to the consequences of breaking the law. Operation Road Show and Bee Safe are just some of the strategic programmes delivered locally along with many unique 'local' initiatives (such as the 'Mourne Activity Challenge', 'Internet Safety Conference', 'Night Shift', 'Alternative Murals', '6th Forum Question Time' and the 'Translink Prefect Bus Scheme' amongst others) designed to promote community safety and good citizenship.

Operation SNAPPER is an acronym for Support No Alcohol in Public Places through Partnership, Enforcement and Regulation.

Juveniles referred to Youth Diversion Officers can be made subject to any number of police responses, from a warning and a letter to their parents to full police prosecution.

Drinking in designated places is a contravention of council by-laws and only local councils can prosecute for these offences, although police can prosecute persons under 18 for consuming alcohol in public places.

## **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme**

Down Area currently has over 85 accredited schemes. DCSP provided funding to support various consultations and initiatives to support local NWS co-ordinators get together with their neighbours to reduce local crime and disorder in a bid to make neighbourhoods safer and better places to live, work and play. Such consultation has proven effective in building and sustaining community spirit and 'good relations' and promoting the notion of 'self help' with local communities.

## **Burglaries**

NPT officers now attend the scene of all burglaries to provide reassurance to victims of these intrusive crimes. Leaflet drops are also carried out in neighbourhoods where burglaries have taken place.

## **Interagency Roadshow, Ballymote**

Downpatrick Neighbourhood Unit were involved in an inter-agency roadshow at the Ballymote Centre on Saturday 15 May 2010 from 2pm to 4pm. The event offered members of the local community an opportunity to meet with local officers serving with the emergency services, including representatives from the PSNI Neighbourhood Policing Team, Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS), Northern Ireland Ambulance Service, Council Enforcement Officers and members of the Community Safety Partnership. This provided the NPT with the opportunity to demonstrate their ongoing commitment to liaise with the community at all levels of life. It also showed the local community the type of work they and their fellow partners in the emergency services carry out within the Downpatrick area. It also gave the local community a chance to put a face to their local community police officers.

Downpatrick NPT have taken part in a 'be safe week' working along side the NIE/Fire/ Coast Guard / Home Accident prevention PSNI. This programme was for P7 across the Down Area which highlight different dangers such as internet dangers etc.

NPT officers are in the process of developing an initiative in the Ardglass/Killough area in an attempt to build up lines of communication with minority groups living/working in the area. This is still a work in progress.

## **Rowallane**

Due to an increase in reports of ASB/YCA –NPT officers spoke to a number of the youths to establish how they could be facilitated to avoid them becoming involved in this behaviour and to stop them annoying the local community.

The youths indicated they had no facilities apart from the Leisure Centre despite being promised activities by a local councillor.

An event was arranged in the Leisure Centre to provide the youths the opportunity to outline what exactly they wanted.

Youth Service attended, Community Safety Rep, Youth Club Leaders, Local Councillors and PSNI.

Agreement was reached to progress the request and include local transport. Translink have agreed to provide transport from Crossgar/Killyleagh/Saintfield to Cineplex Downpatrick initially and then review other options. This is due to commence in September.

## **Killyleagh Summer Football League**

NPT officers have been involved in the summer football league in Killyleagh over the summer months and this culminated in a well supported street soccer event in August.

## **Initiative with elderly persons**

In conjunction with Good Morning Down (GMD) over 100 elderly persons were brought together with nine agency stalls (NIFRS/HAP/YJA etc) for a light lunch and presentation in Market House Ballynahinch.

The purpose was to identify elderly and vulnerable in the community to be in a position for NPT to call and give reassurance and to identify an NPT officer in order to reduce fear of crime.

As a result, 38 new contacts were made over and above those supplied by GMD and positive feedback has been received from local councillors and at localised inter-agency group. We also now have a PSNI representative on HSSB Safe and Well project.

## **Newcastle**

### **Caravan parks.**

Work ongoing to encourage the caravan parks within the area to develop a ring - around, early alert system re troublesome customers/visitors/criminals or suspicious activity. Leaflet drops have been conducted in relation to thefts and burglaries etc.

**Burrendale ASB Action plan** in conjunction with CSP/Housing executive/residents association.

Stemmed from housing executive survey delivered to all residents re issues affecting the lives of people within estate. As a result a specific questionnaire was jointly prepared and distributed asking four basic questions

1. Have you been affected by anti-social behaviour
2. What action do you think is required to combat ASB
3. Which agency do you think is responsible for tackling ASB
4. Are illegal drugs a problem in the area.

Area Commander wrote to the CSP to ask for consideration to be given to implementing an action plan. This was agreed and the action plan is currently ongoing.

**Ballykinlar community association**

NPT officers have been facilitating the decommissioning of an army pre-fab to be used as a community facility for local residents who do not have a centre they can afford to use. Liaison has taken place between military and the residents association and it is hoped that this will be progressed in the near future.

## Section 2) Progress towards achieving targets in the Local Policing Plan for 2010/11<sup>1</sup>

<b>Tackling serious harm</b>					
<b>Local Policing Plan Target</b>	<b>Apr - Jun 2009</b>	<b>Apr - Jun 2010</b>	<b>Variation from last year</b>	<b>Target on course to be met</b>	<b>Area Commander's comment on reasons for change in performance</b>
1.0 To reduce the number of non-domestic violence with injury crimes by 5% (1)	136	110	-19.1%	✓	Op Nightlife has been implemented in Newcastle and Downpatrick at weekends. Officers are currently participating in Burrendale action plan with CSP. Pro-prosecution policy for identified offenders.
2.0 In partnership with other agencies to contribute to reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured on the road (2)	17	15	-2	✓	Continued liaison with Roads Policing and the use of their resources to perform enforcement operations. Officers patrol identified hot spot areas.
3.0 To increase the detection rate for overall crime by 5% (2)	19.5%	23.1%	+3.6%	✓	Officers exploit all opportunities and a pro-prosecution policy is in place in respect of identified offenders. Processes are in place to ensure clearances are exploited.

<sup>1</sup> The Local Policing Plan targets are shown for example purposes only and are taken from Ards Local Policing Plan 2010/11.

## **Additional comments, including any 'control strategies' and their impact on Local Policing Plan targets**

### **Non Domestic Violence with injury crimes**

- Additional resources detailed at weekends for Nightlife in Newcastle and Downpatrick. A clear, structured plan has been developed to prevent disorder and assaults and to reassure revellers on their way home from pubs etc.
- NPT officers are actively engaged in the Burrendale action plan along with the CSP etc. Joint patrols are conducted with Council enforcement officers;
- Proactive enforcement of licensing legislation and joint operations with representatives of SIA.

### **ASB**

- Op Snapper operations to deter and detect underage drinking;
- Involvement with inter agency ASBO Forum;
- Involvement in CSP initiative in Burrendale Estate, Newcastle including diversionary programmes and joint patrols with enforcement officers.
- Maximum use of POPT to tackle ASB.
- Proactive enforcement of licensing laws;
- Implementation of surgeries and use of mobile police station to offer reassurance/crime prevention advice.
- Maximum use of ABC/ASBOs.
- Full use of youth diversion scheme and robust prosecution policy.
- Continued beat and cycle patrols of hot spot areas
- Proactive seizure of alcohol and reports to Council

### **KSIs**

- Ongoing operations involving local resources and Roads Policing to conduct anti-speeding patrols;
- Use of safety camera van
- Proactive operations to prevent and detect 'boy racers' and prosecution of offences
- Joint operations with Customs etc to detect motoring/fuel offences.
- Officers advised of main KSI hot spots and focus enforcement on these areas.

**Personal Policing – Dealing with Local Concerns**

Local Policing Plan Target	Apr - Jun 2009	Apr - Jun 2010	Variation from last year	Target on course to be met	Area Commander's comment on reasons for change in performance
4.1 To reduce the number of incidents of antisocial behaviour to ensure a 15% reduction by 31 March 2011. <sup>2</sup>	894	732	-18.1%	✓	Identification and focused patrolling of hot spot areas. Maximum use of the youth diversion system and proactive use of ASBO/ABCs.
4.2 To record the number of seizures of alcohol under the Confiscation of Alcohol (Young Persons) Act 1997	85	166			This includes seizures from both youths and adults. Officers continue to be proactive in this regard.
4.3 To record the number of referrals of young people to the Youth Diversion Officer	309	222			Officers continue to note details of youths engaging in anti-social behaviour. Although figures are lower, officers remain focused.
4.4 To record the number of referrals to council for drinking in bye law areas	13	12			Officers continue to report youths/adults to the Council for breaches of bye-laws although on the majority of occasions, youths run off and leave the drink behind.

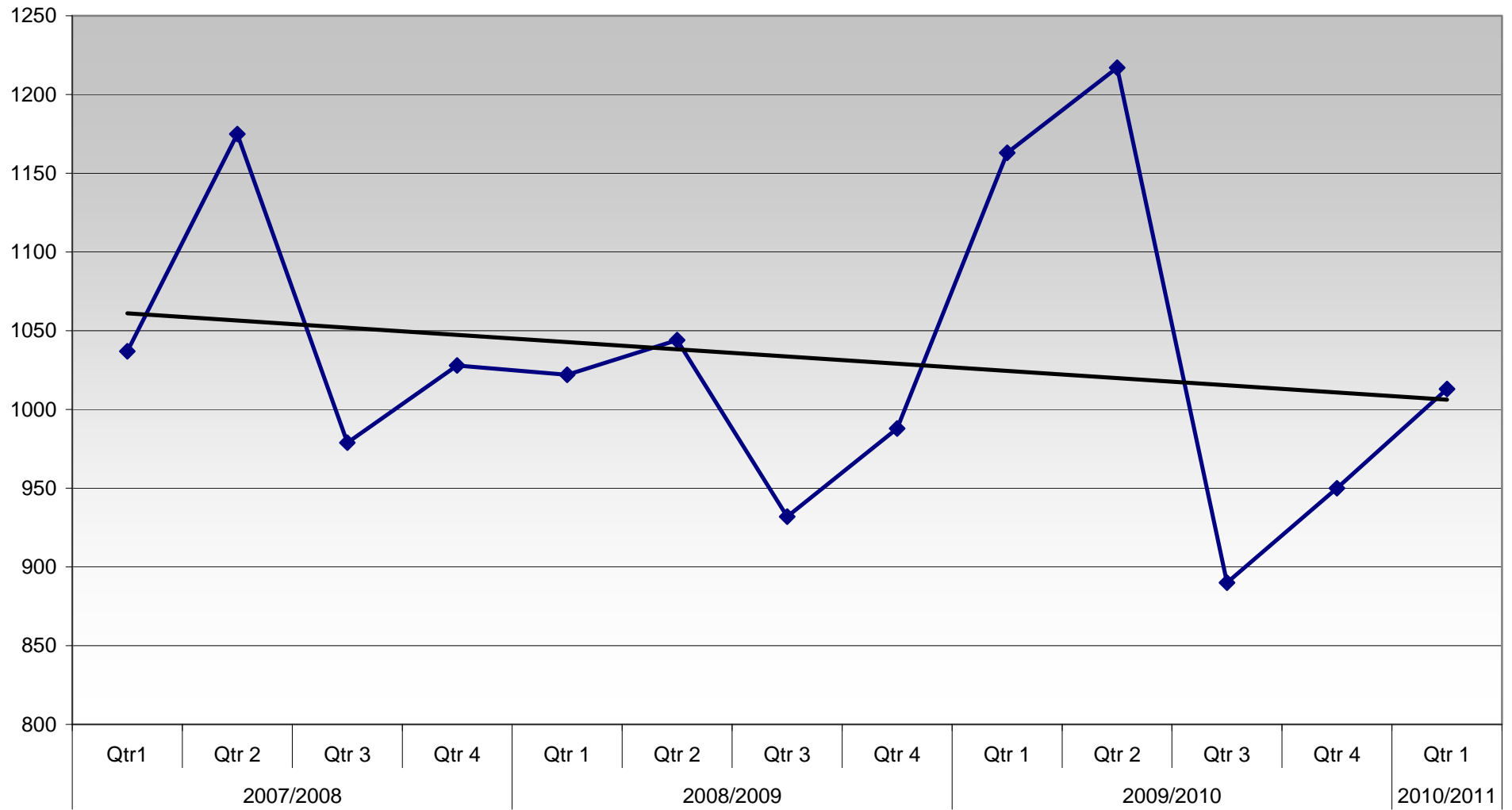
<sup>5</sup> Target measured against 2007/08 data. This is consistent with Key Performance Indicator 3 of the Northern Ireland Office's Public Service Agreement, "Make Communities Safer".

5.1 To increase the detection rate for burglary by 5% points (2)	3.7%	8.6%	4.9%	✓	The detection rate has almost doubled and officers continue to exploit all potential forensic opportunities.

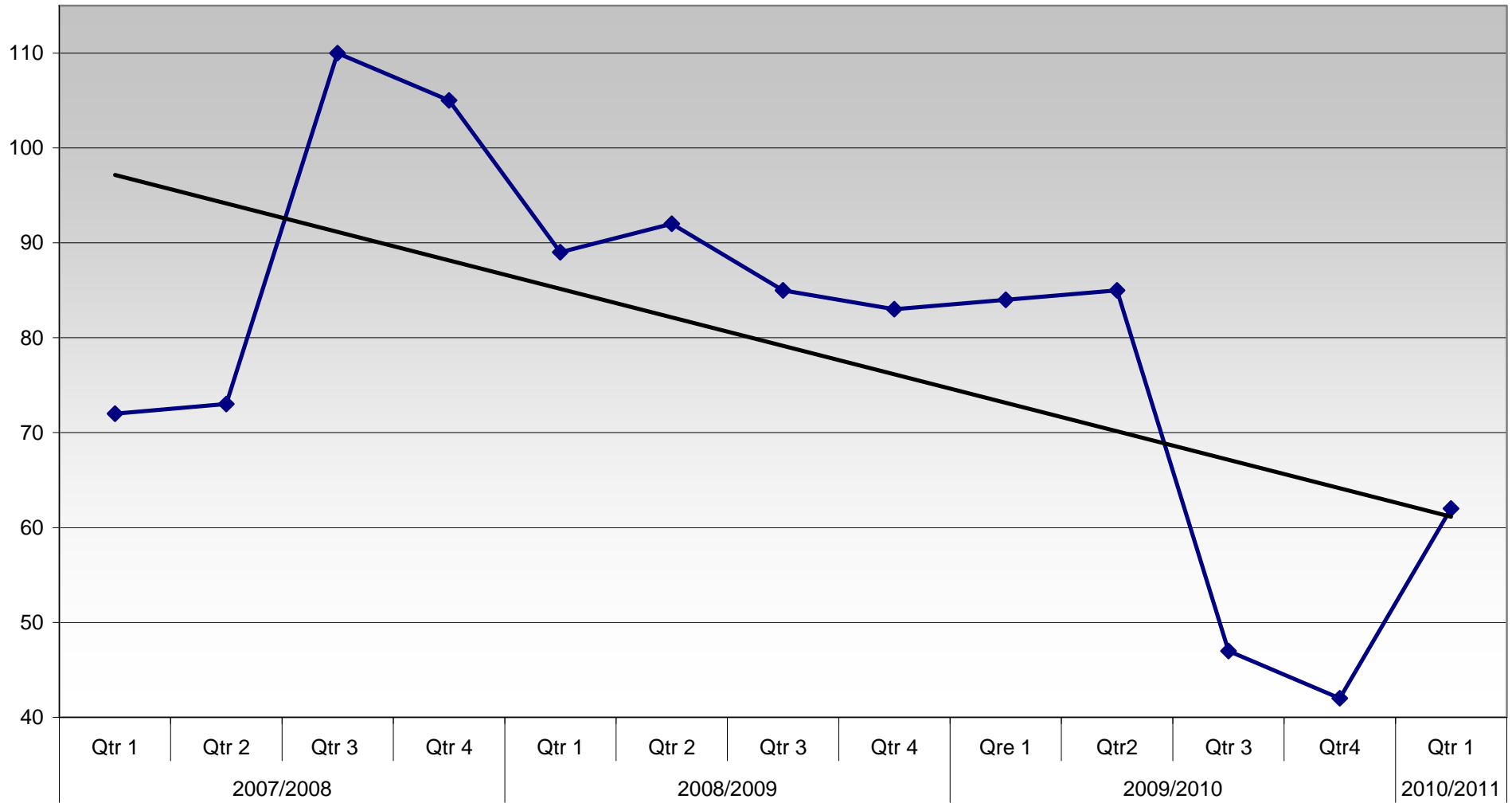
## Section 3) Additional information

Summary of Recorded Crime and Clearance Rates within Down Quarter 1 Report: April to June							
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Recorded	Recorded Apr-Jun 09/10	Recorded Apr-Jun 10/11	% change	Detected Apr-Jun 09/10	Detected Apr-Jun 10/11	% Detected Apr-Jun 09/10	% Detected Apr-Jun 10/11
1. Offences against the person	332	298	-10.2%	92	101	27.7%	33.9%
2. Sexual Offences	32	36	12.5%	6	7	18.8%	19.4%
3. Burglary	188	152	-19.1%	7	13	3.7%	8.6%
(Domestic Burglary)	84	62	-26.2%	2	6	2.4%	9.7%
4. Robbery	2	5	150.0%	1	1	50.0%	20.0%
5. Theft	249	231	-7.2%	34	33	13.7%	14.3%
(Theft from vehicles)	42	27	-35.7%	1	0	2.4%	0.0%
(Theft of vehicles)	17	23	35.3%	13	7	76.5%	30.4%
6. Fraud and Forgery	48	30	-37.5%	7	3	14.6%	10.0%
7. Criminal Damage	250	198	-20.8%	36	34	14.4%	17.2%
8. Offences against the state	9	15	66.7%	5	5	55.6%	33.3%
9. Other notifiable offences	53	45	-15.1%	39	37	73.6%	82.2%
Total not yet assigned to offence category	0	1	/0	0	0	/0	0.0%
<b>Violent Crime (1, 2 &amp; 4)</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>-7.4%</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>27.0%</b>	<b>32.2%</b>
<b>Total Crime</b>	<b>1163</b>	<b>1011</b>	<b>-13.1%</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>19.5%</b>	<b>23.1%</b>
Crime Undercount for Apr-Jun 1011	0	13	na	na	na	na	na
<b>Total Crime including undercount</b>	<b>1163</b>	<b>1024</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>

### TOTAL CRIME - DOWN AREA



# DOMESTIC BURGLARY



## ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

