



# Scottish Police Federation

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## Joint Central Committee Health & Safety Subject Committee

Ref: CS/DJK/LS

### MINUTES

20 January 2015

#### 1. Attendance

North Area Committee	David Smith
North Area Committee	Steve Thomson (replacing L Burns)
East Area Committee	Brian Jones
West Area Committee	Martin Bertram
Health & Safety Secretary	Peter Jones
Vice Chairman	Graeme Ednie (Meeting Chairman)
Business Administrator	Lesley Stevenson

Apologies were received from John Crawford and Amanda Givan. No apologies were received from Gary Mitchell or Paul Redwood.

#### 2. Opening of Meeting

The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.

#### 3. Minute of Previous Meeting

The Minute of the previous Health & Safety Subject Committee meeting had been circulated with JCC Circular 48/2014 and was approved.

#### 4. Joint UK H&S Meeting

The Committee was informed that the Health and Safety (H&S) Secretary and Martin Bertram attended the last meeting, the Minutes of which had been circulated and were approved.

The H&S Secretary told the Committee that he would be attending the ACPO Group the following week. It was noted that the PFNI were looking into the issue of body armour and the length of time officers could wear it.

#### 5. Association of Police Health & Safety Advisors (APHSAs)

The Minute of the previous meeting had been circulated and was noted. It was also noted that due to a problem with accident data on SCOPE, the Chair of APHSA would be writing to the Data Protection Officer within Police Scotland.

## **6. Force Executive H&S Meeting**

The Minute of the previous meeting had been circulated and was noted.

Martin Bertram raised the issue of the removal of throw lines and life vests from police vehicles and who would be the first responders in these types of incidents. The Committee discussed inland water rescue, fast water recovery and it was noted that the H&S Secretary would attend a meeting on 17 February after which he would give an update.

## **7. Area Committee Updates**

Minutes from the three Area Committee's had been circulated and were noted.

The Committee discussed airwave; in particular an issue regarding batteries; high-vis jackets and carriers and it was agreed that the Health & Safety Secretary would write to Chief Superintendent Ian Murray, Head of Roads Policing regarding locus protection equipment.

## **8. Uniform/PPE/OST**

The Minutes from the meeting held on 7 October had been circulated and were noted. It was noted that Martin Bertram would attend the meeting the following week with a brief from the Equality Secretary regarding the Standard Dress Policy.

## **9. National Operational Planning**

The Committee noted that there were no national events planned for 2015.

## **10. National Incidents Statistics**

Statistics were circulated and were noted. The H&S Secretary told the Committee he had attended a SCD meeting where the reporting of police assaults had been discussed. There was a concern about under reporting and he had written to Chief Superintendent Robbie Allen regarding this. The Committee also discussed accidents involving the police, breaching of operational base levels and SCoPE.

## **11. National Federation Training**

It was noted that work was ongoing in this matter. A training day involving the three subject leads and the Vice Chair would be held later that week.

## **12. SPF Custody Sub Group**

There had been no meetings. It was noted that the H&S Secretary would arrange a meeting with the three area leads in the near future.

## **13. Operational Support Division (OSD) SPF Sub Group**

There had been no meetings. It was noted that the H&S Secretary would arrange a meeting with the three area leads in the near future.

#### **14. ACPOPOPS (Association of Chief Police Officers Public Order Policing Strategy)**

It was noted that the H&S Secretary was to attend a meeting in Leatherhead on 28 January. It was also noted that this item was to be amended to Training, Tactics and Equipment Working Group (TTWEG).

#### **15. Public Order Monitoring Group**

The H&S Secretary is to attend these meetings in the future.

#### **16. Competent Business**

The Committee discussed the increased risk of security; both personal and building. It was agreed that the General Secretary would make an approach to Police Scotland to identify key messages for warning boards in police premises which would then be purchased. Members also discussed double crewing, body armour, vehicle marking and social media in relation to security.

#### **17. Closure**

Date of next meeting: 21 April 2015

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contribution to the meeting and wished them a safe journey home.