



Scottish Police Federation

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Joint Central Committee Health & Safety Subject Committee

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MINUTES

28 July 2015

1. Attendance

North Area Committee	David Smith
North Area Committee	Steve Thomson
East Area Committee	Brian Jones
West Area Committee	Martin Bertram
Deputy General Secretary	David Kennedy
Health & Safety Secretary	Peter Jones
Business Administrator	Lesley Stevenson

Apologies were received from the Vice Chairman and Linsey Burns.

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 20 of 2015 and was approved.

4. Joint UK H&S Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated prior to the meeting.

5. Association of Police Health & Safety Advisors (APHSA)

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

Martin Bertram raised the issue of training for all representatives. The H&S Secretary said he would try and progress it at the H&S board meeting in August.

6. Force Executive H&S Meeting

The Note of the previous meeting and a Central Meeting Register paper had been circulated and were noted.

The Committee discussed the water safety issue and the fact that kits were being removed from police cars. It was agreed that this matter would be raised at the H&S Board meeting in August.

7. Area Committee Updates

Martin Bertram said that the West Area had met the previous week and had elected a chair and Vice Chair; Andy Hastie and Stuart Finnie respectively. Members discussed a recent incident where no safety gloves had been available to use with the ram-it. The H&S Secretary said he had made enquiries and established that the ram-it had to be used in an emergency but that the lack of gloves would be resolved timeously. Members also discussed a recent inspection of Greenock where a number of matters remained to be resolved. The H&S Secretary said he would report back to the next meeting.

Brian Jones said that the East Area had met on 13 July in Livingston when the H&S Secretary had carried out some initial training. The H&S Secretary had carried out an inspection of Livingston. Brian Jones said he had attended two divisional meetings recently where it had been explained that only 25% of the vehicle fleet had been examined relative to equipment.

Steve Thomson said that the North Area had met on 13 July where training had been delivered to representatives. There had been an update on operational base levels and the question of OHU care system staff attending meetings had been raised. He also said that an H&S Inspection of the police office in Fort William had been carried out with no significant issues uncovered.

8. Uniform/PPE/OST

It was noted that the last meeting scheduled for 7 July was postponed until August. Martin Bertram told the Committee that he had been asked to attend training at Jackton where an Inspector was preparing to rewrite the OST training manual. The proposal was that operational officers would be asked about the training they required and consideration would be given to this when designing future training programmes. It was agreed that Martin should attend.

9. National Operational Planning

It was noted that there were no new events known about in the near future. A de-brief of T in the Park was awaited. Issues relative to the Royal Court were discussed.

10. National Incidents Statistics

Latest statistics were circulated with the papers and were noted. It was reported that the statistics would be reported quarterly in future.

11. National Federation Training

The H&S Secretary said that training in inspections had taken place at the last Area Committee meetings and that he had been in discussion with PSoS to progress the H&S Course for all representatives. The three area leads are to attend IOSH Managing Safely course in September 2015.

12. SPF Custody Sub Group

Martin Bertram said he had been at two Review Project meetings where, amongst other things, they were looking at the gender of staff and whether they could check on other sex prisoners. The H&S Secretary said that multi occupancy of cells was to be considered. These issues and the

problem of officers on constant observations without refreshment breaks were all discussed by the Committee and Martin Bertram asked that any further matters be notified to him.

13. Operational Support Division (OSD) SPF Sub Group

There had been no meetings. The H&S Secretary said that he had been invited to sit on the Operational Support Vehicle Users Group. He also said he had been in communication with Chief Superintendent Ferguson regarding potential asbestos exposure in certain training establishments. This had been raised by the Metropolitan Police and Police Scotland was merely carrying out a preliminary examination of venues.

14. TTEWG

The Minutes of the last meeting had been circulated with the papers and were noted. The H&S Secretary said that current items included safety glass for public order vehicles and body worn videos.

15. Public Order Monitoring Group

There was no update.

16. Security

There was no update.

17. Competent Business

There were no items.

18. Closure

Date of next meeting: 29 September 2015.

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