



# Scottish Police Federation

5 Woodside Place Glasgow G3 7QF

## Joint Central Committee Health & Safety Subject Committee

Ref: CS/DJK/LS

### MINUTES

18 April 2017

#### 1. Attendance, Opening of Meeting and Minutes of Previous Meeting

North Area Committee	Grant Letham
North Area Committee	Steve Thomson
East Area Committee	Brian Jones
East Area Committee	Hugh Loudon
East Area Committee	Wilkie McCloskey
West Area Committee	Paul Connelly
Deputy General Secretary	David Kennedy (meeting Chair)
Vice Chair	David Hamilton
Assist. to the General Secretary (H&S) AGSH	Peter Jones
Business Administrator	Lesley Stevenson

Apologies were received from Andy Hastie and Stuart Finnie.

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

The Minute of the previous meeting had been circulated with JCC Circular 5 of 2017 and was noted.

#### 2. Matters Arising

##### 2.1 Action Log

There were no outstanding actions from previous meetings.

#### 3. Standing Items

##### 3.1 SPF H&S Updates

#### Area Committees

##### North

Steve Thomson told the Committee that the NAC met on 3 April in Aberdeen and the Draft Minute had been circulated. Amongst the matters discussed were C3 issues and the ACR closing, spot-checks are due to be carried out on 27 April. Notification had been sent to the control room.

Karen Harrison, Dave Forsyth and Steve Thomson are to attend a meeting in Dundee regarding the move of the Aberdeen control room functions to Dundee.

Other items discussed were regarding custody division, in particular the move to satellite supervision and it was agreed that Steve Thomson would speak to Chief Inspector Neil MacDonald in the North Area about custody.

The Committee discussed airwave particularly the problems relative to batteries. It was noted that Scotland's airwave contract is not due to expire until 2020. It was agreed that the AGSH would write to DCC to highlight the issue.

## **East**

Brian Jones said that the EAC were meeting the following week. Items to be discussed are firearms officers being deployed at the Scottish Parliament with Tasers and new arrangements for firearms.

The AGSH said he had been made aware that ARV officers were to remove their kit from their vests and put them on their belts. He said this matter should be raised at the Firearms Monitoring Group. The Deputy General Secretary asked Police Scotland Firearms Department be contacted to define the position.

## **West**

The WAC last met on 5 April and the main issues discussed were police protective equipment and officer safety training. The Committee discussed first aid and it was agreed that the H&S should seek a First Aid Review. It also discussed firearms officers' deployment and it was agreed that a letter would be sent to ACC Higgins on this subject.

## **Custody Sub Group**

It was noted that the Custody Sub Group had met that morning and amongst the items discussed was the satellite supervision issue. It was agreed that all areas should clarify their position relative to this matter.

## **Operational Support Division (OSD) Sub Group**

A second test commissioned by South Yorkshire Police had been carried out on the same BMW cars but with different tyres. The AGSH said he had spoken to Andy Edmonston relative to the Sports Plus issue and asked whether SPF had an obligation to inform the DVSA. The Deputy General Secretary said he would seek legal advice but as the SPF had never seen the report, there could be difficulties.

## **3.2 PSoS H&S Updates**

### **Force Executive H&S Board**

The AGSH said he would circulate the Minutes when received.

## **APHSA**

There had been no meeting of APHSA since the last meeting.

## **Uniform/PPE/OST**

The next meeting if this group is scheduled for 8 May 2017.

### **3.3 Other H&S Meeting Updates**

#### **Joint UK H&S Meeting**

A meeting of this group will be held later this week In Birmingham. The main issue to be discussed is the continuation of the group. Brian Jones and Peter Jones are to attend.

#### **TTEWG**

A meeting of this group was held the previous week in Penrith. Amongst the items discussed was the Scotland versus England football game scheduled for 5pm on 8<sup>th</sup> June. Mutual Aid had not been sought.

The AGSH said that he had received an update from CAST UK regarding new body armour standards, specifically formed body armour for females.

### **3.4 Inspections/Investigations**

It was noted that there are none outstanding.

Paul Connelly gave an update on his accident/investigation report into the efficacy of PAVA. It was agreed, once finalised, that this report would be forwarded to Police Scotland H&S Committee.

Paul Connelly said that he had been asked to carry out an accident/investigation in relation to the incident in West Nile Street.

The Committee discussed the issues surrounding all officer safety equipment and agreed to recommend to the JCC that the JCC provides funding for a review of all officer safety equipment.

### **3.5 Training**

Members discussed training relative to accident/investigations, building inspections and mental health. It was agreed that training on mental health awareness should be delivered to all full time officials and H&S representatives at the same time.

## **4. New Items**

There were no new items.

## **5. Correspondence**

There were no items.

## **6. Competent Business**

The AGSH agreed to discuss the Menopause workshops (as discussed at the Equality SC) with the SPF Vice Chair.

## **7. Closure**

Date of next meeting: 1 August 2017.

The meeting Chair gave thanks to Peter Jones for all his efforts over the years and wished him well for the future. He then thanked everyone for their contributions to the meeting and wished them a safe journey home.