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Crime Reduction & Community Safety Group

Tilley Awards 2008 Application form

Please ensure that you have read the guidance before completing this form. **By making an application to the awards, entrants are agreeing to abide by the conditions laid out in the guidance.** Please complete the following form in full, within the stated word limit and ensuring the file size is no more than 1MB. Failure to do so will result in your entry being rejected from the competition.

Completed application forms should be e-mailed to tilleyawards08@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk.

All entries must be received by noon on **Friday 25th April 2008**. No entries will be accepted after this time/date. Any queries on the application process should be directed to Alex Blackwell on 0207 035 4811.

Section A: Application basics

1. Title of the project: Joint Action Group and tackling acquisitive crime
2. Key issue that the project is addressing e.g. Alcohol related violence:
Reducing acquisitive crime

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Endorsing representative contact details

11. Name of endorsing senior representative from lead organisation: Chief Supt Alan Pughsley

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13. For all entries from England & Wales please state which Government Office or Welsh Assembly Government your organisation is covered by e.g. GO East Midlands: Government office for London

14. Please mark this box with an X to indicate that all organisations involved in the project have been notified of this entry (this is to prevent duplicate entries of the same project):



Section B: Summary of application - *In no more than 400 words use this space to provide a summary of your project under the stated headings (see guidance for more information).*

Scanning:

The Safer Lewisham Partnership have been operating a Joint Action Group (JAG) which takes the tactical approach to dealing with reducing crime. The group is represented by members from the partnership to ensure that a comprehensive approach is taken.

The Partnership was concerned about the high levels of robbery, residential burglary and motor vehicle crime. In 06/07 the numbers were rising significantly.

The JAG were able to hotspot map the offences with partners contributing in relation to key events taking place/ interventions that targeted offenders were on, and other environmental data that gave a full picture of the problems.

Analysis:

Using the NIM model robbery, motor vehicle crime and residential burglary were analysed through the partnership to help identify what resources need to be deployed and how short, medium and long term outcomes could be achieved.

Response:

The response was centred around the DIPFIT model.

Assessment:

Robbery has reduced by 40%, which equates to approximately 1000 less victims; the highest victim reduction within London.

Motor vehicle crime, was predicting a rise about 20% has now shown a reduction of 0.3% year to date.

Residential burglary has shown a reduction of 11.3% year to date from a 20% increase in June 2007.

Overall crime has also reduced by over 8% and detected crime has been increased from 16% in June to over 24%.

The progress has been through a joint tasking and joint resourcing in relation to tackling the problem. Using the NIM model and applying a range of activities from targeting, enforcement, intervention, prevention, and education the problem has a multi dimensional solution focused outcome.

This work has a sustainable element as it means that prevention and education remains in place with the ability to continue to assess and analyse a problem and move the approach to new locations as required.

[All data provided is subject to end of year verification and reconciliation]

State number of words: 315

Section C: Description of project - Describe the project in no more than 4,000 words. Please refer to the full guidance for more information on what the description should cover, in particular section 12.

Scanning:

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The JAG is not simply an additional partnership or performance meeting but fits in with both the police and council performance structure providing the tactical performance delivery link between partners. There was concern that there was no joint tactical delivery structure within the Safer Lewisham Partnership which meant that the strategic intentions of the partners were not being efficiently delivered. A consultation and discussion event was organised with the strategic leads and a theoretical model developed. This was then refined to produce the practical working model of JAG. Since implementation non-statutory partners have taken up roles on the JAG to provide representation from the business and residential communities.

Initially robbery was the only crime type that the JAG looked at. This allowed us to develop the process and ensure its efficacy before introducing other crime types. Problem profiles were compiled for each crime type and shared throughout the partnership before an initial meeting to develop plans for reduction. JAG meetings were scheduled to follow the police tactical tasking meetings and focus on specific areas throughout the year according to planned operations. There is flexibility within this to allow for activity to deal with developing trends.

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Analysis:

Robbery: Lewisham had seen a significant increase in robbery over the past 3 years, but with close analysis and the partnership championing the need for reduction a comprehensive approach was adopted. There were some easy wins around 'getting the basics right' in relation to enforcement and intelligence. It was identified that 80% of all first time entrants into the system were committing robbery, and of those about 90% were black males. Most perpetrators of robbery were also victims of robbery.

Motor vehicles: 17% of all theft from **motor vehicles** included number plates. It showed that this was taking place in a specific area mostly and that the key environmental issues were around overgrown bushes.

Residential burglary: time and place hotspotting identified a range of issues including an increase in artifice burglary, letterbox burglaries, and mortice lock breaking burglaries. It was identified that many burglaries were taking place in blocks of flats, where people were let into the block by others not knowing who they were there to see.

Response:

The response was centred around the DIPFIT model.

Robbery:

Increased targeted policing was in place, with Q cars being tasked to tackle the known robbers. CPS and court systems were tightened up, and if an action was to be undertaken it was done as agreed. Restorative justice approaches were used in secondary schools, working to help reduce becoming a victim of robbery as well as placing responsibility on the perpetrators of their actions.

Theft from motor vehicles:

Additional SNT patrols were put in the area, with community wardens also being tasked to increase visibility at peak times and locations. Leafleting in specific areas to highlight the issue to residents. Prevention and education work was undertaken through the use of the Safer Lewisham bus, which was situated in specific locations in providing residents with 'security bolts; for their number plates to help reduce this theft. Overgrown bushes were cut back through environmental services and the payback scheme. Information was placed in shops selling sat navs to remind people not to leave them in cars. Retailers were very positive about the initiative.

Residential Burglary:

Increased patrols of SNT and community wardens were located in appropriate places. The use of the adult social care team enabled prevention messages to be taken into homes of the vulnerable in relation to artifice burglaries in

the identified hotspots. Wardens were trained in crime prevention so that on their patrols they could advise residents if they saw things that could make a home more prone to burglaries. A list of known burglars was produced and each was monitored in relation to interventions in place, or ensuring that upon release they were supported through a carrot and stick approach back into the community.

Officers were briefed on the 'fake keys' that were being used to open mortice locks so that if people were stopped and searched these could be identified.

SNT and community wardens were spot checking communal blocks and ensuring that the doors were secured and people were aware of not letting strangers into the blocks.

Prevention messages and targeted advice was provided by the partnership.

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New links and relationships have been developed from these meetings and unexpected opportunities for problem solving have been identified all leading to more efficient partnership working.

An additional level of management has been introduced in the form of the Performance Delivery Group. This meets monthly with representation at Director level in the council and Superintendents from the police and allows the Safer Lewisham Partnership to meet only quarterly and concentrate on strategic issues rather than tactics or delivery.

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Section D: Endorsement by Senior Representative - *Please insert letter from endorsing representative, this will not count towards your word or 1MB size limit restrictions.*

The setting up of the JAG and the supporting mechanisms around it were bit innovative and

Checklist for Applicants:

1. Have you read the process and application form guidance?
2. Have you completed all four sections of the application form in full including the endorsement from a senior representative?
3. Have you checked that your entry addresses all aspects of the judging criteria?
4. Have you advised all partner agencies that you are submitting an entry for your project?
5. Have you adhered to the formatting requirements within the guidance?
6. Have you checked whether there are any reasons why your project should **not** be publicised to other police forces, partner agencies and the general public e.g. civil or criminal proceedings pending in relation to your project?
7. Have you inserted your project name as a footer note on the application form? Go to View-Header and Footer to add it.
8. Have you saved you application form as a word document and entitled your message '**Tilley 08 entry (followed by project name in brackets)**' before emailing it?

Once you are satisfied that you have completed your application form in full please email it to Tilleyawards08@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk. One hard copy must also be posted to Alex Blackwell at Home Office, Effective Practice & Communication Team, 4th Floor, Fry Building (SE Quarter), 2 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 4DF and be received by 25th April 2008.