

DRUGS

Tayside Police Drugs Branch aims to arrest people dealing drugs which are illegal, such as heroin, cocaine, ecstasy, amphetamine and cannabis.

They aim to track down drug dealers rather than the people who have bought the drugs. Due to the tactics the dealers employ Drugs Branch operations can last for weeks or even months before they can collate the evidence to arrest the dealers or raid suspects' premises to find where the drugs are kept.

Force Drugs Co-ordinator

The main responsibilities of this role are to coordinate alcohol, drug and other substance misuse related matters across the Force area which includes information gathering, liaising with internal and external partners, consultancy, education and prevention activities and also strategy and policy work.

The drugs co-ordinator works very closely with alcohol and drugs partnerships and voluntary/statutory organisations throughout Tayside and fully supports measures designed to reduce the harm that substance misuse causes not only to the user but also to families and the wider communities.

Reducing Harm

Reducing harm is a term that defines policies, programmes, services and actions that work to reduce the health, social and economic harms to individuals, communities and society that are associated with the use of drugs.

Working with health and treatment partners, Tayside Police fully supports measures designed to reduce the harm that drug misuse causes to drugs users themselves, their families and communities.

Needle Exchange

Intravenous drug users can contract blood borne viruses including HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C if they share injecting equipment or injecting paraphernalia. The prevalence of Hepatitis C, in particular, is a serious concern

for injecting drug using populations in Scotland.

Since 2002, Tayside Police have had Needle Exchange Services within all 3 of their Custody Suite areas (Dundee, Perth and Arbroath) which is funded by NHS Tayside and packs provided by NHS Tayside Harm Reduction Service.

By giving drug users clean injecting equipment we are aiming to make sure that they use drugs in a way that minimises the risk to their health. By giving them safe disposal bins we are encouraging drug users to dispose of their equipment safely and therefore minimising the problems relating to inappropriately discarded needles and syringes.

It is also important to remember that equipment packs contain information on drug services and support available to drug users in Tayside. This links in with other initiatives, such as Arrest Referral, aiming to get drug users into appropriate treatment services as early as possible. Research evidence indicates that the earlier drug users access services the better the outcomes are.

Inter Agency Working

Officers work closely with many agencies and participate in joint operations with others involved in the intelligence and enforcement sphere. Close links are maintained with our uniform and CID colleagues and they are assisted with drug investigations as and when required.

Alcohol And Drug Partnerships (ADPs)

Alcohol & Drug Partnerships (ADPs) will be set up for every local council area to transform the provision of services to tackle substance misuse.

Get in Touch

If you have any information about drugs or drug dealing activity in this area you can leave a recorded message on the **Tayside Police Drugs Hotline – 01382 201 444**. You can also visit the Crimestoppers website www.crimestoppersscotland-uk.org

EAST PERTSHIRE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION September 2011 Newsletter



Emergency	to report a serious crime	999
Non-emergency	to provide/gain information or report a minor crime	0300 111 2222
CrimeStoppers	to report a crime anonymously	0800 555 111
Trading Standards	customer related information	01738 476 476
Useful websites	East Perthshire Neighbourhood Watch	www.epnwa.org.uk
	Strathmore Centre for Youth Development	www.scyd.co.uk
	Tayside Police	www.tayside.police.uk
	National Fraud Authority	www.actionfraud.org.uk
	Internet Watch Foundation	www.iwf.org.uk

WELCOME: East Perthshire Neighbourhood Watch Association is still going strong in your area. Get in touch on the non-emergency Police number 0300 111 2222 to find out how to join, or start up a watch.

If you are already signed up, think about the sort of information you would like to see in the next newsletter, or discussed at public meetings, and contact any of the association members below. Your input is vital to keep the association alive.

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Your local street contact is.....

Telephone number.....

OUR PUBLIC MEETINGS

Since October 2007, EPNWA has been holding open-forum public meetings in local towns. Rotating between Alyth, Blairgowrie, Coupar Angus, Kettins, Kirkmichael, Meigle, Wolfhill, and Woodside/Burrelton, the meetings are an opportunity to air views to Inspector Ged Fitzpatrick and local Neighbourhood

Watch Representatives. The meetings are informal with no agenda, name register, or minute taking, and attendees can arrive and leave as they wish.

A wide range of subjects is discussed, and the latest newsletter as well as community safety information is available to collect at each meeting.

EPNWA QUIZ DAY

Sunday
30th October 2011
Ratray Bowling Club
2.00pm

Tables of 4 - £12.00
Book on 01250 874 685

Quizmaster - David Ramsay
Raffle - donations gratefully received!

When telephoning Police on 0300 111 2222

the list of options are:

1. Lost & Found Property
2. Custody Queries
3. Advice or information, or transfer to specific department or officer
4. Police attendance required
5. Keeping children safe, or Sex offender disclosure

stay on the line after the options to be transferred to a member of staff

ALARMS - Personal / Shed / Multi-function

Community Safety Western, Tayside Police have alarms which are for sale to the public which are generally cheaper than if buying them off internet etc.

The use of these alarms could disrupt and deter criminal activity such as thefts of power tools and garden equipment from sheds.

The alarms currently available are:

1) **Slim-line Personal Alarms - £2.00**
(If buying off internet etc normally retail for around £4.00)

- This alarm has a bright white light LED torch function
- 130dBs Siren
- Traditional ripcord or keyring activation

2) **Alert Multi-Function Alarm - £6.00**
(If buying off internet etc normally retail for around £12.00)

The Alert Multi-Function Alarm can be used as a personal alarm, door chime and motion sensitive alarm. Used for motorbikes, scooters, caravans, sheds, computers and other valuable property. One of the loudest personal alarms available.

- 3 modes of function-door chime, personal alarm and variable motion sensor

- Four digit security code to arm and disarm
- 140+dBs siren
- Variable activation delay
- 5-year warranty
- Batteries included and pre-fitted

3) **Motion Detector Alarm with Telephone Dialler - £12.00**
(If buying off internet etc normally retail for between £18.00-£30.00)

This is an extremely popular motion detection alarm with built in autodialler. Armed using the built in keypad, this powerful 125dBs alarm will automatically dial up to 3 pre-programmed telephone numbers and replay a user recorded 20 second message. Alarm can be used for Home, Apartment, Office, Garage and Sheds.

- Silent alert function or alarm
- kit includes batteries and telephone connection cable
- Entry/Exit delays to prevent false alarms

These alarms can be purchased at Blairgowrie Police Station.

Do we have your contact details on file for Police Alerts or EPNWA info?
Check with Adeline Casey. Your details are not shared with third parties.