

NORTHERN JOINT POLICE BOARD

23 January 2009

Agenda Item	
Report No	

Letters of Appreciation

Report by the Chief Constable

SUMMARY

To inform Members of letters received from 1 October to 30 December 2008.

The total number of letters of appreciation received from 1 October to 30 December 2008, is **47**.

A sample of "Letters of Appreciation" received, demonstrating the appreciation of recent work by officers

Community Safety
(Anti-social Behaviour)

"I didn't get the chance to thank you and Sgt ? for responding so promptly to the concerns expressed by the residents of ?. It was very much appreciated by all concerned and I think it has helped to restore this little community's sense of wellbeing and confidence in 'the authorities'." (Letter 109)

Fatal
Road Traffic Collision

"I am a great believer in giving credit where credit is due. How many times do we ask ourselves when we see the blue lights, I wonder, who is in trouble and where are they going? We, the public, take for granted the jobs that our emergency services carry out on a daily basis, but the events of last weekend on the A9 went way beyond the call of duty. I, like many others, read the papers to see many public faces receiving awards such as OBE, MBE, and for what? Playing sports and being on the TV!! The unsung heroes are that of our emergency services and they should be recognised for the roles that they perform. In this instance they deserve to be praised for their efforts (in dealing with) this sort of carnage. I would hope that this letter would help in recognising our hero rescue workers in some way and give them the credit that they are due." (Letter 98)

Work of the
Professional Standards
and Conduct Unit

"Can I take this opportunity to thank you, your Unit and particularly ? for the very illuminating insight into the work of the PSCU. The role of the PSCU is a particularly onerous one which requires an above-average attention to detail. I was gratified to find in ? an officer who 'knew the score' and worked with the system at all times to produce a balanced and objective analysis of a situation. His incisive understanding of the requirements of PSCU work gave me confidence that the Northern Constabulary can, at the very least, hold its own and justify itself when right, while

accepting shortcomings should they become evident. I am sure that the careful balance between regular non-judgemental development and occasional disciplinary requirements, as assessed by the PSCU, will continue to strengthen the professionalism of what is already a very capable force.” (Letter 117)

RECOMMENDATION

The Board is invited to note the letters of appreciation received.

**I Latimer
Chief Constable**

8 January 2009