

NORTHERN JOINT POLICE BOARD

13 May 2009

Agenda Item	
Report No	

Letters of Appreciation

Report by the Chief Constable

SUMMARY

To inform Members of letters received from 1 January to 31 March 2009.

The total number of letters of appreciation received from 1 January to 31 March 2009 is **46**.

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

Crime Prevention

"I'm aware about how quick the public are to put in writing their complaints, however trivial and unjustified . . . I hope in some small way to redress the balance . . . I was stopped by the officer while driving one of my work vans this evening . . . my business has been the subject of thefts and I am aware of the impact this has, particularly on small businesses . . . Constable ? has shown initiative in his selection of commercial vehicles travelling at night when one might not expect to see such vehicles on the road, particularly those, like my company's, in the construction industry. Constable ? was courteous, professional and well turned out. He explained his reasons clearly for stopping and checking my van and the purpose of my journey. I was in no doubt that Constable ? was a very switched-on Police Officer. May I ask that my appreciation for his work be noted at the highest level of command. He is a credit to Northern Constabulary and a first class example of front-line operational policing. (Letter 170)

Traffic Wardens

"On behalf of the family of ?, whose funeral was held last Saturday, could I record our appreciation towards the traffic wardens who attended well before the start time of 1030 hrs and ensured that the parking of the attending large crowd which far exceeded the capacity of the church was orderly and well organised Their duties were carried out in unpleasant weather conditions and their efforts were the subject of much favourable comment." (Letter 148)

Domestic Violence (Women's Aid)

"Would you please pass on my sincere thanks to Constable ? and Special Constable ? for their help and support at the time of the incident. They showed remarkable patience and understanding for what was a difficult time for the woman concerned. I would also like to add my thanks for Sergeant

?'s help and support on previous occasions, for being most supportive to a woman in a very distressing situation. We are fortunate to have police officers who show understanding and empathy towards victims of domestic abuse/violence and we, the public, can at times be very critical and quick to complain and I feel it is only right that we should be just as quick to praise your officers where praise and thanks is due."
(Letter 168)

RECOMMENDATION

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

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Chief Constable

29 April 2009