

PFCC NHW Update Summer 2020

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PFCC WELCOMES POLICE COVENANT TO PROTECT OFFICERS AND STAFF Sep 2020

Roger Hirst, Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex, said: “I am extremely proud of the work Essex Police do and regularly see outstanding examples of the bravery and courage by Essex Police officers, staff and volunteers. I have supported plans for a Policing Covenant and am delighted to hear that it will now be happening, giving our police and their families enhanced support and protection. This announcement is particularly timely given that is Emergency Services Day tomorrow when we should all be saying a heartfelt thanks to all members of our emergency services who work so hard to keep us safe.

The full consultation response will be published here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/police-covenant-for-england-and-wales>

The final wording for the Police Covenant, as included in the consultation response, is below:

“This Covenant acknowledges the sacrifices made by those who serve or have served in our Police Forces, either in a paid or voluntary capacity, whether as an officer or as a member of staff. It is intended to ensure that they and their families are not disadvantaged as a result of that commitment and seeks to mitigate the impact on their day to day life or in their access to justice.

“Police officers are required at all times to uphold the important principles of policing by consent, the foundation of their long-standing relationship with the public. We ask a great deal of our police and we expect the highest standards to be maintained. In return, we have a responsibility to provide protection and support to the police.

The Covenant recognises that working within policing comes with a high level of personal accountability, duty and responsibility requiring courage and personal risk both on and off duty. This recognition extends to all those who support police forces in upholding the principles and practices of their vocation. Recognising those who have served in policing unites the country and demonstrates the value of their sacrifice. This has no greater expression than in upholding this Covenant.”

Reducing violence in our communities

Find out how we are working together across Essex to turn the tide against gangs and protect our most vulnerable people.

The work of our Violence and Vulnerability Unit is featured in the Association of Police and Crime Commissioner's latest In Focus update, published today.



Read about our work on pages eight and nine.

<https://www.apccs.police.uk/media/5556/vrus-in-focus-final.pdf>

Roger Hirst, Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner said: "Violence has no place in our society. As Police, Fire and Crime Commissioners, our mission must be to tackle violence and the root causes of violence; to work with the public and partners to create the safe and secure communities we all want and that allow all of us to flourish and prosper.

"Gangs that exploit vulnerable people and coerce them into a life of crime are preying on some of the people most in need in our society. While no agency can tackle this alone, in Essex we know that working together, through our Violence and Vulnerability Unit, can turn the tide against these gangs, protect those in need and help to ensure we all live prosperous and productive lives."

Read the news story from the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners here:

<https://www.apccs.police.uk/latest-news/violence-reduction-units-in-focus/>

ESSEX COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE WELCOMES NEW FIREFIGHTERS AT VIRTUAL CELEBRATION (Aug 2020)

Five new wholetime firefighters have been honoured at a virtual passing out ceremony attended by Essex County Fire and Rescue Service's Chief Fire Officer/Chief Executive Jo Turton and Deputy Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Jane Gardner

Beginning their training in May this year, the recruits began 14 weeks of intensive training like no other. Juggling the struggles and restrictions of the Covid-19 pandemic, alongside their training at facilities across the county, they have learned the practical and technical skills needed to meet the demands of a modern day firefighter.

Chief Fire Officer/Chief Executive Jo Turton said: 'Today we celebrated our very first virtual pass out and our new recruits' friends and family joined us online for this special occasion. When our firefighters applied for the role over a year ago they had no idea they would be joining our Service in the middle of a global pandemic.

"The firefighters will now be assigned to wholetime stations across the county to begin the next step in their career, where they will also complete an apprenticeship alongside their continued firefighter training."

Essex County Fire and Rescue Service is currently recruiting both wholetime and on-call firefighters. To find out more information and apply visit www.join.essex-fire.gov.uk

TOWN CENTRE TEAMS, A YEAR ON PATROL (August 2020)

In the last year Essex Police's Town Centre Teams have made more than 1,000 arrests and led more than 2,000 investigations – bolstering the Force's ability to catch criminals and keep you safe.

The teams have worked hard to make your towns safer by catching drug dealers, shoplifters, those carrying weapons, as well as dealing with anti-social behaviour.



Roger Hirst with Sgt Graham Thomas and PC Casey Armstrong from the Chelmsford Town Centre Team

Recent successes include the execution of a warrant at a 'chop shop' in which several stolen vehicles were recovered. This investigation is still ongoing and was the result of intelligence gathered by our Town Centre Team in Loughton.

By working with you, our local communities, these teams have increased the information and intelligence Essex Police receives which helps them to catch more criminals and prevent and detect crime.

Roger Hirst, Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex, says: "We provide the funding to enable Essex Police to boost officer numbers making the force the strongest it's been in many years.

"After listening to the public and local businesses and traders it's clear that people want more officers in their town centres and the launch of these teams last year, alongside other expansions to the rural, business crime, schools and roads policing teams are a big success. People are very pleased to have them there and are reassured to have them around.

"Local, visible and accessible policing and preventing crime from happening in the first place are key priorities in our Police and Crime Plan. I would like to personally thank everyone who makes this possible and every single officer, member of police staff, volunteers and our local partner agencies who work together every day in these teams – making such a difference to keeping Essex safe and secure."

SUPPORTING A SAFE AND SECURE ESSEX

Tackling gangs and County Lines, breaking the cycle of domestic abuse and preventing crimes from happening in the first place are just some of the commitments being made today by Essex's Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Roger Hirst.

Roger has published an extension to his Police and Crime Plan which will set the vision for policing and community safety until May 2021.

You can view the plan here: [20200626 Police and Crime Plan Extension](#)



Roger said: “For me, safe and secure communities are the bedrock on which we build wellbeing and prosperity for all. And that means communities which are well policed; but also, where we all play our role in making sure criminals have no scope to thrive, watching out for the vulnerable and helping the police where we can. I said this in the introduction to my original Police and Crime Plan which was published in 2016.

“Today, that vision remains exactly the same

and is still at the very core of this extension to the Plan which will set our objectives as we continue to work with Essex Police, our fire and rescue colleagues, community and other emergency services partners, businesses, local and national government, the justice system, volunteers, faith groups, charities and of course everyone who lives, works and travels in Essex.

PFCC GIVES MORE THAN £700,000 TO ORGANISATIONS HELPING TO SUPPORT VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE (July 2020)

Victims and survivors of domestic abuse and sexual violence are set to benefit from more than £700,000 of extra support in the coming weeks.

In May, the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex urged charities and organisations working to support those who had experienced those awful crimes to apply via the PFCC’s office for funds that had been made available via the Ministry of Justice’s Extraordinary COVID Funding and Rape Support Fund.

The money was made available to help groups who were dealing with increased demand and reduced resources as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic.

Many applications were received, and the team managed to secure and award £717,000 for several organisations across the county.

These include:

- Next Chapter – £82,673.00
- Safe Steps – £82,915.00
- Changing Pathways – £82,500.00
- The Change Project – £53,000.00
- Victim Support – £7,681.00
- Alpha Vesta – £7,975.00
- Synergy Essex – £255,000.00
- Safer Places – £82,685.50
- One Voice – £20,122.00
- Volunteering Matters – £2,188.00
- Chelmsford Counselling – £30,733.86
- Families Need Fathers – £9,760.00

ESSEX HONOURS: IT'S TIME TO NOMINATE SOMEONE EXCEPTIONAL! Sep 2020

Do you have someone you would like to have recognised for a national honour in this time of unprecedented need? Do you know that that special person, an ordinary person whose actions often go unrecognised but who make a big difference to the community?

In an initiative spearheaded by the Lord-Lieutenant of Essex, Mrs Jennifer Tolhurst, Essex residents are being asked to recognise those who have gone above and beyond, not only during COVID-19, but also in everyday life to look out for others in their time of need and to help the wider Essex community.

National honours recognise exceptional acts of good citizenship and achievements in public life allowing individuals who make a significant contribution to their community to be nominated for a national honour. Honours are usually published in the New Year, and on the Queen's official birthday in June. However, the honours list was delayed this year until the autumn to allow nominations to be made to reflect those involved with work during the emergency.

Honours are awarded for long-term voluntary service, innovation and entrepreneurship, achieving positive change for others, improving the life of those less able to help themselves and displaying moral courage. If you know of someone who has shown commitment to their community, or someone who has consistently and diligently helped others, you can nominate them. They may be eligible for an award and recognition and you can find out more below.

<https://www.essex.pfcc.police.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Essex-Honours-Brochure.pdf>

HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF ROADS POLICING

The Government is currently reviewing roads policing and what the future of traffic law enforcement may look like. As part of this review, the Department for Transport is running a Call for Evidence in Roads Policing which seeks to identify what makes a difference and how the capability and capacity of enforcement services can be enhanced.

To support the review the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners Road Safety Portfolio is launching a national public survey designed to understand public perception of road safety and roads policing enforcement.

The poll seeks to understand local communities' perception for road law enforcement, risks to safety and fixed penalty notices.

The results will help inform Police and Crime Commissioners and feed into the submission to the Department for Transport's Call for Evidence which is looking at how enforcement can be enhanced.

The 60-second survey will be live until Wednesday 30th September 5:00pm. OPCCs are invited to participate in the survey by assisting in promoting and sharing the survey via social media, websites and other communication channels throughout the 4-week period.

You can have your say and complete the survey here –

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/apccsaferoads

Southend, Essex and Thurrock Domestic Abuse Board publishes Annual Report for 2019/2020

The Southend, Essex and Thurrock Domestic Abuse Board (SETDAB) Annual Report for 2019/2020 has been published this week, 31st August 2020.

The SETDAB report provides an update on the overall progress made against the delivery of the Essex Domestic Abuse Strategy for 2015/2020, reflecting on its successes, as well as highlighting the challenges that continue to be faced.

The 2015/2020 strategy set out a strategic vision to address domestic abuse through a multi-agency framework, common ethos and co-ordinated approach to innovate, drive change and address domestic abuse across Southend, Essex and Thurrock.

Chair of the SETDAB Boards, Deputy Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Jane Gardner said: 'The Domestic Abuse Board, which I am privileged to be the Chair of, monitors the implementation of the Strategy and its underpinning action and delivery plans.

'It also introduces our new Southend, Essex and Thurrock Domestic Abuse Strategy for 2020/2025, which builds on the firm foundations of our previous Strategy and just as importantly, reflects on a response to the experiences of many who have been affected by domestic abuse.



'Breaking the Cycle of Domestic Abuse is a key strand of our extended Police and Crime Plan and our leadership of the Southend, Essex and Thurrock Domestic Abuse Board is significantly assisting us to deliver against our ambitions in this area.

'But it is only by working with the representatives from agencies and organisations to join up and can we go a significant way to realise Southend, Essex and Thurrock's vision of a County where everyone lives a life free from domestic abuse.'

You can read the full Southend, Essex and Thurrock Domestic Abuse Board (SETDAB) Annual Report for 2019/2020 below.

