

Update from Surrey Police T/Chief Constable Nick Ephgrave

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Our new Policing In Your Neighbourhood model went live as planned on 3rd April, as previously highlighted in this bulletin and at our recent stakeholder events.

While it's still early days, no significant issues have occurred as yet with the implementation. We are, of course, continuing to evaluate the new model and I will update you when we have further analysis.

Early April also saw the launch of our new Surrey Police website which I hope you will find useful. The site has been redesigned to make it easier to find information and be more mobile/tablet friendly, as around 80% of users now access our site from those devices.



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Responding to major incidents

While major incidents, such as the recent collapse of the Didcot power station and the Shoreham air crash are thankfully rare, they are stark reminders of the need for all the responding organisations to ensure they are fit to deal effectively with these large-scale emergencies when they do happen.

To that end, Surrey's annual Exercise Comet event was held over three days earlier this month to practice the multi-agency response and identify future learning and training needs. This year's scenario was a multi-casualty train derailment causing the closure of both the A25 and A3 in Guildford. Each day involved around 50 people from the emergency services, Surrey County Council, borough councils, health, Highways England and Network Rail.

It was an invaluable opportunity for participants to work together to ensure there was a cohesive response to the emergency, making sure the needs of the public and different organisations were identified and understood and that command, control and resourcing issues were ironed out.

The exercise planning team will be holding a full debrief meeting and will report their findings to the Local Resilience Forum training group.

There is lots of advice on the [Surrey County Council website](#) for residents and businesses to help them ensure readiness for any type of emergency. Please share this with any local businesses and community organisations you are in contact with as it is important that they are well prepared should there be a major incident in their area. There is advice for them in a business continuity section on the site.

New Assistant Chief Constable

I'm pleased to announce a new addition to our Chief Officer team. Joining us in the collaborated Assistant Chief Constable role for Specialist Crime in Surrey and Sussex will be Jeremy Burton. He is replacing ACC Stuart Cundy who is leaving us to take up a role in the Metropolitan Police Service as Commander for Major Crime. Jeremy joins us from his role as Temporary Commander for Criminal Justice & Roads Policing in the Met. It is hoped that he can take up his new post in early May.

Operational successes

Here is this month's round up of just some of our operational successes:

- A man from Slough has been sentenced to six years and six months in prison for the rape of a woman in Virginia Water last year. The man had taken advantage of his position of trust as a taxi driver when he took the victim into his car.
- Four convicted criminals have had to hand back over £170,000 obtained by illegal means following confiscation and forfeiture orders made under the Proceeds of Crime Act. The four had pleaded guilty to fraud and money laundering offences. These orders are often the final piece of the jigsaw following convictions and mean that victims are compensated in part for their losses.
- A man from Berkshire has been charged in connection with a string of sexual assaults at Frimley Park Hospital between 2008 and 2014.
- A teenage driver has been sentenced to five years behind bars for causing death by dangerous driving following a fatal collision on the A24 in Capel in 2015. He has also been disqualified from driving for five years and will face an extended re-test.
- Another driver has been handed a 16-month jail sentence following a fatal collision on the M3 near Sunbury-on-Thames. He had pleaded guilty to causing death by driving without due care and attention at an earlier hearing. He was also disqualified from driving for three years and will have to take an extended driving test before being allowed to get back behind the wheel.
- Thanks to the hard work of many officers and staff in East Surrey a high risk missing teenager who was at risk of child sexual exploitation was successfully located in London and placed in police protection. Arrests have been made for child abduction and enquiries are ongoing.



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