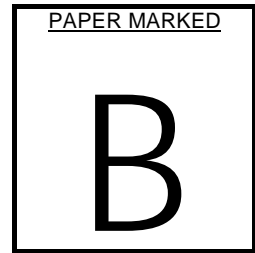


LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY



Meeting **PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Date **THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2009 - 2.00 P.M.**

Report of **DEPUTY CHIEF CONSTABLE**

Subject **LEARNING THE LESSONS**

Purpose of Report

1. This report provides members with information concerning a recent bulletin issued by the Learning the Lessons Committee detailing lessons learned relating to command and control issues and outlines the impact of the lessons.

Commentary

2. The bulletin was published in June 2009 by the inter-agency national Learning the Lessons Committee which is managed by the Independent Police Complaints Commission. The bulletin appears as an Appendix to this report.
3. The aim of the Learning the Lessons Committee is to consider learning identified through investigations carried out by the Independent Police Complaints Commission or police forces. Appropriate lessons are published in the bulletin and are chosen because they provide learning opportunities for other forces facing similar situations and may help to improve their policies and practices.
4. This bulletin focuses on command and control issues and in particular:
 - Planned operations
 - Spontaneous incidents – police response
 - Missing person investigations

It also includes familiar topics such as call-handling, recognising risk, warning markers and the effectiveness of handovers.

5. The bulletin summarises the investigation reports and identifies the key lessons for forces to consider against their own practices and procedures.
6. At a force level the Learning the Lessons process is managed by the Professional Standards Department.

7. The lessons identified in the bulletin were reviewed and forwarded to the respective Force lead for them to consider and take any appropriate action. On this particular occasion no actions were required.
8. Learning the Lessons bulletins are published on the Professional Standards Department website and where appropriate other department sites, e.g. Criminal Justice.
9. In conclusion, the information provided through the bulletin acts as a co-ordinated, multi-agency response to identifying, collating and circulating lessons for wider learning. At a local level these are utilised to ensure our own practices and procedures are fit for purpose and comply with recognised good practice and guidance. Past bulletins have shown the force to be compliant in the majority of areas identified.

Recommendation

10. The Authority is recommended to note the process relating to Learning the Lessons bulletins and the force response to them.

Implications

Financial: none. Legal: none. Diversity: none. Risk Management: none.

Background Papers

None.

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