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**Speyside Area Forum
Meeting on Tuesday 12 March 2013**

1. LOCAL INTEREST INFORMATION

Between 8 January and 12 March 2013 there has been a relatively low level of crime in the Speyside area and some reported incidents have, after enquiry, proven to be non criminal matters.

Detections for the 9 crimes reported have been positive, seeing 6 cases being reported to the Procurator Fiscal and one incident being classed as 'no crime'. The detections made, were recorded against domestic assaults, housebreaking with intent to steal and several road traffic offences.

The road traffic offences were recorded for careless driving, drink driving and driving under a revoked licence.

Continuing enquiries are focused on the theft of metal from a field in the Rothes area, which again ties in with the below information regards security.

There have been several successful "Operation Avons" held in the area in 2012 aimed at tackling under age drinking and antisocial behaviour. Funding has been secured to enable this to continue in 2013 where similar patrols will be planned for the Speyside area, hopefully to coincide with any juvenile or youth events.

There have been a number of incidents across the Moray area with regard to thefts of trailers / plant equipment, some of particularly high value in the Elgin area. Members of the public are requested to pay attention to the security around trailers or small plant equipment, which without proper deterrent, can be easily removed by thieves. Heating oil can also be a target at this time of year with tanks being full or near capacity.

Scrap metal theft is also still attractive to the opportunist thief and due to the price that can be obtained from metal dealers, can also be lucrative. Unfortunately it is not always items that could be considered as scrap that are stolen, with new equipment or metal being equally attractive. Farms and rural premises are usually the target of such criminals and again members of the public are requested to pay attention to their security regards these items.

2. FEEDBACK ON POLICE ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO MATTERS RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING

No matters raised from previous meeting.

3. DETAILS OF ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO LOCAL PRIORITIES

The latest quarterly report has been produced and is available on the Grampian Police website.

<http://www.grampian.police.uk>

follow the links for Moray, Local Policing Area and Forres / Speyside.

4. ONGOING LOCAL/ FORCEWIDE ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

HOUSE/PROPERTY SECURITY

Owners and occupiers of rural property should remain on their guard for any suspicious vehicles or persons in or around their premises. Be alert to the chance of thefts and given the time of year, the potential for fuel oil and diesel thefts.

Moray Local Policing Officers are keen to see householders and businesses following some simple advice to reduce the opportunity for criminals and also increase the opportunities for Police Officers to apprehend those responsible. Simple steps that can be taken are available on the Grampian Police website.

TELEPHONE SCAMS AND COLD CALLING

Members of the public should be wary of persons offering 'too good to be true' cash windfalls, competitions won, computer fixes etc, over the phone or on the door step, especially where bank details are requested for release of funds. Generally, these details should never be passed to anyone in these circumstances. If at all dubious ask for contact details, company name etc and research the caller fully before making any decision on proceeding. Research can easily be carried out on the internet where people who have attempted similar scams have been detected in the past and have had their modus operandi exposed. Similarly companies can easily be researched by contacting your local Trading Standards Office.

POLICE REFORM and ONE DIVISION

Work continues to progress towards a National Police Service with a changeover date being 1st April 2013. There is much to be discussed and resolved as yet but essentially in the short term, there will be no change to the way in which the Local Policing Teams operate and how we provide a service to the local area. Moray Division has however now merged with Aberdeenshire to form one Division under the new structure.

TOMINTOUL OFFICE

It is hoped that work will commence shortly on new Police accommodation at Tomintoul, more information should be available for the next forum.