

**DMR North – North Central Area JPC Sub Committee - Garda Report**



**Garda Síochána Act 2005 – Joint Policing Guidelines 15.9**

The following is compiled by way of general information, for the period under review, as per regulation 17.6, in accordance with the headings specified in that regulation, (1) Commission of Crime and (2) Crime Prevention matters.

<b>Garda Station / (Sub)District</b>	Raheny/Clontarf	<b>Period</b>	01/01/2020 – 31/12/2020
<b>Superintendent</b>	Darren McCarthy	<b>Date of JPC Meeting</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> of January 2021

Reports Of	2020	2019	Change	Detection Rate 2020	Detection Rate 2019	Comments
<b>Assault Causing Harm</b>	39	42	-7.15%	46.16%	23.81%	Increase Patrols Operation THOR and HYBRID patrols.
<b>Assault Minor</b>	140	139	+0.72%	26.43%	23.03%	Number of minor assaults slight increase. Operation Soteria
<b>Aggravated Burglary</b>	4	0	+400%	0%	0%	Increase Patrols Operation THOR and HYBRID patrols.
<b>Burglary</b>	183	296	-38.1%	10.93%	5.75%	Major decrease due to increased Burglary Patrols (OP THOR, and HYBRID patrols)
<b>Criminal Damage</b>	282	279	+1.08%	14.19%	4.31%	Car Parks/Housing Estates are targeted areas – Operation Thor and Hybrid Patrols to fight this Crime.
<b>Discharge of Firearm</b>	0	0	0%	0%	0%	
<b>Robbery from Person</b>	23	23	0%	21.74%	26.09%	Increase in Operation THOR and HYBRID patrols to tackle this crime.
<b>Robbery from Establishments</b>	12	11	+9.09%	41.67%	27.28%	Slight increase in robberies but numbers low due to Thor and Hybrid Patrols.
<b>Theft from the Person</b>	33	29	+13.8%	12.13%	3.45%	Very Slight increase in this area.
<b>Theft from MPV</b>	198	224	-11.6%	5.56%	3.58%	Slight decrease Operational Plan currently being implemented.
<b>Theft from Shop</b>	210	150	+40%	50%	58.67%	Detection rates are high and incidents have slightly risen
<b>Theft (Other)</b>	145	172	-15.7%	17.25%	19.19%	Slight decrease in this type of crime.
<b>UT of Vehicle</b>	90	138	-34.7%	7.78%	7.25%	Operational Plan currently being implemented – Thor and Hybrid Patrols
<b>Fraud / Deception</b>	186	153	+21.57%	8.61%	28.76%	Increase in Public awareness campaign has led to slight decrease in this type of incident
<b>Public Order Incidents</b>	278	235	+18.3%	N/A	N/A	Includes different facets of Public Order, Demonstrations, Trespassing, Drunkenness etc - Operation Bold

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<b>Domestic Violence Incidents</b>	291	229	+27.08%	N/A	N/A	Domestic Violence Liaison Officer appointed and call backs completed.
<b>Domestic Violence Breach of Orders</b>	54	38	+42.11%	N/A	N/A	Positive Garda Action taken in these incidents.

Garda Patrol Activity	2020	2019	Change	Detection Rate 2020	Detection Rate 2019	Comments
<b>ASBO Issued</b>	8	2	+400%	N/A	N/A	
<b>Possession of Firearm</b>	2	3	-33.3%	N/A	N/A	Thor and Hybrid Patrols within District
<b>Possession of Drugs for Sale or Supply</b>	40	35	+14.29%	N/A	N/A	Increase in Operation Thor and Hybrid Patrol has led to increased detections
<b>Possession of Drugs for Personal Use</b>	264	244	+8.2%	N/A	N/A	Increase in Operation Thor and Hybrid Patrol has led to increased detections
<b>Possession of Offensive Weapon</b>	28	21	+33.33%	N/A	N/A	
<b>Searches under Drugs Act</b>	1733	1193	+45.27%	N/A	N/A	Hot Spots targeted by High Visibility Patrols
<b>Vehicle Seizures Sec 41</b>	225	259	-13.13%	N/A	N/A	Seen as a positive in proactively policing road crime and travelling criminals.
<b>Covid 19</b>	4	N/A		N/A	N/A	
<b>Use of Spit Guards</b>	3	N/A		N/A	N/A	
<b>Dog Offences</b>	8	5	+60%	N/A	N/A	
<b>Offences Against Animals</b>	0	3	-100%	N/A	N/A	

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- (A) Operation **Thor**, **Creeper** and **‘Hi Viz’** have contributed to operations, with designated checkpoints being carried out by both uniform and plain clothes units, which have helped in the detection of crime and high visibility policing throughout the **Raheny/Clontarf Sub-districts**.
- (B) Investigations into major incidents are ongoing and there have been several successful operations, as well as **successful Court Prosecutions** in this quarter.
- (C) **Anti-social behaviour** is being tackled through targeting local amenity areas, namely local Parks and beaches throughout the District during the summer months and there are also several areas being designated as **‘Hot Spots’** and through high visibility policing, whether it is members on foot patrol or on Mountain bike patrol have led to successful increase in Public Order detections throughout the District. Through consultation and liaising with Irish Rail there is also the re – commencement of Dart Patrols in June 2020 in the J District which has led to an enhanced Policing Plan for Dart services commencing in December 2020 throughout the J District.  
**Call back initiatives** have been put in place for persons who are victims of **Burglary incidents, Domestic Violence incidents and Sexual Assault incidents** and a Domestic Violence officer has been appointed. The victims of crime are visited and given crime prevention and security advice from members, this has proven to be quite successful and greatly appreciated by the persons’ concerned.
- An ‘Older Person’ strategy** has also been developed the District by Community Policing members.
- (D) There are **5 Garda Reserves** allocated to Raheny/Clontarf Sub - Districts and Policing of amenity areas required an increase in Garda Resources at varying times in the summer to help Police the area.
- (E) There is **1 Sergeant and 8 Gardaí** attached to Community Policing and they have all Neighbourhood watch schemes in operation in their designated areas, they are all ELO trained and Mountain Bike Operatives operating between 7am and 2am daily.
- Community Policing in the J District** has played a pivotal part in reassuring the Community and providing services to the vulnerable members of Society that would not ordinarily fall within the scope of Policing in ordinary times. Whilst the community policing members were redeployed to the core units they were encouraged at every opportunity to continue the community links. The resilience in terms of strength of numbers on core units allowed the continuation of Community engagement and then the re-deployment of members to Community Policing units in December 2020 to help liaise with the residents
- The J district featured in a number of media reports highlighting the positive work being done by frontline members of An Garda Síochána within their Communities.

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(1) During the early stages of the restrictions, communication was made via local social media groups (Facebook / what's app / Email lists / Neighbourhood watch groups / business associations / Garda Twitter and Facebook sites). Emails and communications were forwarded to these groups with general advice regarding precautions to be taken and setting out what An Garda Síochána could do to help people within the Community. Community Policing members conducted leaflet drops in areas with high numbers of elderly and posters were placed in local shops and business's offering our assistance.

(2) Meals on Wheels deliveries for Raheny and Donnycarney. Gardaí provided a consistent and reliable service to Meals on wheels during this time

(3) A Vulnerable persons list has been enhanced since Level 5 restrictions have been imposed in January 2021 – Community Policing members accumulated the names and addresses of vulnerable people living across the district. This information was gleaned from Neighbourhood Watch groups / Community Groups and through nominations etc. These people were checked on by Community Gardaí on a weekly basis.

Requests for assistance were also recorded in the vulnerable person's book. Community Policing members assisted these people with shopping / prescription collection/ Pension collection / transporting people to medical appointments / dog walking / DIY and the odd bit of gardening. Extensive work was done by all Gardaí in the District and continues to be done.

(4) Lifting the Communities Spirits during this time was an integral part of the Community Policing role. Gardaí across the district attended and helped celebrate Birthdays / Anniversary's / Funerals etc., for both young and old. Members went to great lengths to help encompass a community spirit, purchasing Birthday cakes / cards / flowers for these individuals to help celebrate their event.