



Communications update

Introduction

The 65th NATO Summit will be held this year in Newport, South Wales. The Summit is being held on the 4th and 5th September at the Celtic Manor Hotel and will host approximately 60 delegates from the 28 member states.

Approximately 14,000 people are expected to descend on Newport over the two days. This will be the largest policing operation ever held in Wales and the largest joint operation since the policing of the 2012 London Olympics.

To ensure the safety and secure passage of the event a mutual aid authority has been agreed to secure the deployment of nearly 10,000 officers. This will provide the policing resilience for the event and ensure continuity and day to day effectiveness of the host force(s).

The federations in Gwent, South Wales and nationally are working hard to ensure

the terms and conditions of service, accommodation and welfare provision are in place for the mutual aid deployments. We will be issuing regular communications updates which will be available on the federation website and through your federation reps. If you have any questions please email mutualaid@polfed.org.

Communication

We will be issuing an update after each gold group meeting. However, should you require more detail or have any questions please email mutualaid@polfed.org.

Between August 26th and September 6th we will have a 24/7 helpline. We will publish the number in due course.



Celtic Manor Resort, Newport

Word from Wales (Gair o Gymru) By Jeff Mapps (chair, Gwent) and Steve Trigg (chair, South Wales)

When it was announced that the NATO Summit for 2014 would be held in Wales, we seized the opportunity to begin work with the planning teams at the earliest stage to make sure members are well represented throughout the entire planning process.

This event will see the largest ever deployment of officers to Wales with the policing footprint for the summit expected to spread from the Gwent Police area across south east Wales and into south west England.

Needless to say, it is a massive task and we have been hard at work negotiating on a number of key issues for officers. These include personal safety, security, welfare, meals, accommodation, vehicles and healthcare.

Our challenge is to anticipate the unexpected and have contingencies in place to deal with whatever presents itself.

We have been working closely with ACC Chris Armitt, the officer heading up policing operations for the event, who has been keen to listen and help us ensure that officers attending the event have a positive experience.

We are currently in the process of finalising terms and conditions for the deployment and are hopeful we will be able to give you a positive update in due course. We welcome your observations and advice along the way (via mutualaid@polfed.org).

We hope to ensure this is an event we will all look back on in the future with fond memories of a job well done.

See you in Wales!

Jeff and Steve

Deployment requirements

The core dates for the deployment are the 26th August to the 6th September, 2014. The mutual aid requirement is for approximately 10,000 officers from across England, the rest of Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

The Federation will be providing 8 Specified Points of Contact (SPoCs) throughout the Summit who will be stationed at the accommodation sites and 4 specialist post incident procedures (PIPs) trained officers.

Accommodation

For security reasons the exact location of the sites cannot be named. There are several sites identified across South Wales and the West Country. The host forces have been involved in planning accommodation as part of preparations for the event.

Training required?

There are no training requirements identified for the deployment of officers to South Wales. However, each officer will be required to do an online safety and familiarisation simulation via the National Centre for Applied Learning Technologies (NCALT) website and are encouraged to regularly check this for updates.

Security around deployments

For the safety and security of all officers please refrain from discussing your deployment on social media or any open forum.

* Please note that whilst on duty you can present your warrant card at the Severn Bridge or second Severn Crossing to avoid a toll charge.

Rest days

As it stands the intention is for officers to take a rest day pre and post deployment. Shift patterns and rest periods are still work in progress.

Insurance

Officers are urged to check they are part of the Group Insurance. The Federation Group Insurance covers your deployment in South Wales. This provides officers with the protection should they need it. Officers are also advised to check their personal insurance cover for additional peace of mind.

Please check your force position if you do not have insurance. Some forces will not allow your deployment without insurance in place.

Downtime during deployment

Accommodation sites have been scoped to ensure that officers on down time have access to appropriate leisure and rest facilities.

Terms and conditions of deployment

We are still in negotiation with the appropriate authorities and will circulate all updates as we receive them. If you have any questions please email mutualaid@polfed.org.

PFEW work on-going

The PFEW NATO Gold Group is in contact weekly on all matters that arise in regards to mutual aid to Gwent. The chair of Gwent and South Wales Federation sit on this group.

The group send a representative to the National Police Coordination Centre (NPoCC) and ACPO meetings where tactical and strategic decisions are made.

We are visiting each accommodation site to ensure they are suitable for the period of deployment and meet all the required standards.

We have been included for comment on the memorandum of understanding for the deployments.

PFEW is currently working on a welfare document and welcome pack.

We will be running a 24-hour helpline for the duration of the deployment. We will publish this number in due course.

