



DMR NORTH CENTRAL DIVISION

Community Engagement Update

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STORE STREET DISTRICT NEWS



The opening of Fitzgibbon Garda Station is very much welcomed by all the members in the DMR North Central Division. The refurbishment and opening is a testament to the ongoing support for policing from within this community. I wish to acknowledge the support for the initiative from the NEIC Board. The reopening was a strategic objective of the NEIC and I am delighted to have delivered on that.

With the easing of COVID 19 restrictions we are moving forward into a busy summer of events including sporting and concerts. We look forward to working with the community in delivering a safe environment within which these events can be enjoyed by everyone. We have just finished a comprehensive policing operation for the St Patricks Day and festival. The return of the parade was very much welcomed after a difficult two year period living with COVID 19. I hope everyone had a chance to take part in some of the celebrations. I wish to acknowledge the excellent cooperation we received from our colleagues in DCC, the transport, licensee and business sectors all of which contributed to a relatively quiet period as regards policing.

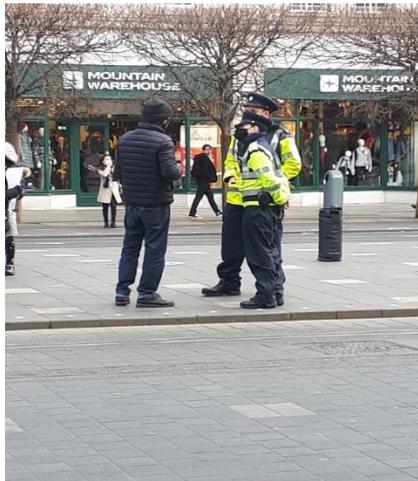
My team and I continue to work in support of Cormac and Sonya in the Community Safety Partnership and I wish them well in their work.

Please continue to Stay Safe.

Patrick McMenamin Chief Superintendent

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Operation Citizen



Operation Citizen was established in Dublin City Centre as a result of the recent high profile public order related incidents. The objective of the operation is to reassure citizens, visitors and the business community that Dublin City Centre is a safe place to visit, socialize, conduct business and enjoy its amenities. Emphasis is focused on anti-social behaviour, public order, assaults and high volume crime. Operation Citizen consists of dedicated high viz uniformed beat patrol in the city centre.



St Laurence O'Toole's National School



On the 2nd December 2021 Store Street Community Gardaí took part in the St Laurence O'Toole National school run.

This event saw students from the school collectively run 42km around Sheriff Street and the surrounding areas. Gardaí provided mountain bike support and traffic management. After the run Gardaí spoke to the students about road safety.

Community Policing aims to provide people in an area with their own dedicated Garda. Community Policing is proactive, solution-based and community driven form of policing.

St Patricks Day 2022



St Patricks Day Festival was a great success again this year. The policing priority was to facilitate a family friendly event and environment in which citizens could enjoy the St Patricks Festivities and Public Realms. An Garda Síochána had an extensive policing plan in place for all parades nationwide.

Belvedere Youth Project

On the 30th November 2021 Store Street Community Gardaí visited Belvedere Youth Project for a chat with some of the youths and a friendly game of football.



Swan Project

On Wednesday 24th November 2021 Store Street Community Gardaí organised a Station tour for the SWAN Youth Diversion TAG programme. The youths met with several members of Store Street Garda station from various units and ranks and also got to see the station fleet.



On the 15th of December Community Gardaí attended an activity day with the teenagers and youth workers of Swan Eastwall with a trip Go-Karting

On the 12th January 2022 Store Street Community Gardaí held an online safety workshop. The aim of the talk was to educate the youths in an informal manner about simple steps they can take to help shield themselves from online abuse, from harmful content and also discuss the does and don'ts of social media.

CRIME UPDATES AND DETECTIONS

On the 13th December 2021, Gardaí received a report of theft of a phone from a female on O'Connell Street. Gardaí carried out enquires, recovered phone and arrested and charged a male for the offence. This matter is currently before the courts.

On the 16th December 2021, Gardaí attached to Store Street whilst on beat patrol observed a male acting suspiciously on Henry Street. They kept the male under observation and found him trying to sell a Samsung Tablet. Enquires were carried out and it was discovered the tablet had been taken during the course of a burglary. Male was arrested and charged with the offence. This matter is currently before the courts.

On the 29th January 2022, Gardaí attached to Store Street Garda Station were conducting a surveillance operation and observed a male attempt to pick-pocket from an elderly lady on O'Connell Street. Gardaí intercepted, arrested the male and he was later charged. This matter is currently before the courts.

On the 6th January 2022 Store Street Gardaí observed a male attempting to steal a pedal cycle from another male. Gardaí apprehended the male and arrested him. The male was later charged and the matter is currently before the courts.

On the 4th December 2021 Gardaí arrested a male for Criminal Damage at a hotel in the City Centre. Male had caused in excess of €2000 damage to the hotel. The male was arrested and charged. This matter is currently before the courts.

On the 25th January 2022 Gardaí on Divisional Drugs patrol observed a male in a suspected drug transaction. Gardaí stopped and searched the male who was found to be in possession of a quantity of crack cocaine and heroin. Male was arrested and later charged. This matter is currently before the courts.

On the 30th January 2022 Store Street Gardaí stopped a male who was acting suspiciously on Commons Street. Whilst taking details from the male he took off running. He was apprehended and found to be possession of large sum of cash and a quantity of cocaine. The male was arrested and later charged with drugs offences. This matter is currently before the courts.

CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE



370%↑

increase in **Vishing** (fraud phone calls),
Smishing (fraud texts) and **Phishing** (fraud emails)

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Vishing

- Never act on advice received or instructions from a cold caller
- State bodies will never ring you to say you are under investigation
- Do not transfer money in any way



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Smishing

- Be wary of texts even if in the thread of previous genuine texts from banks
- Never click on links
- If you're expecting a delivery and receive a text, be very careful



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Phishing

- Limit what you share online
- Be wary of email attachments
- Never send personal or financial information
- Don't store passwords on your browser



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