

PUBLIC ORDER COURSES

Police Liaison Team Course

Courses commence in May 2013 (dates TBC)

Courses are awarded by means of a competitive process (see how to apply)

Work involves: On successful completion of the course you will join a pool of Officers available to be deployed on Police Liaison Teams (PLT) on Public Order events as required by SC&O22, both pre planned and spontaneous

When deployed, PLTs are tasked by Command teams to engage with protest groups and establish a useful working relationship with the protestors.

Aim - To equip an officer with the skills and knowledge required to become competent in the role of a Police Liaison Officer.

Objectives

Communication + Dialogue

Identify the difference between engagement and involvement
Identify the pitfalls of involvement
State the different ways to engage and involve
Identify why involvement is important
Discuss the key advantages to positive involvement with protest organizers

Crowd Psychology and Dynamics

Discuss how effective communication is critical to the success of policing operations.
Explain the process for developing a communication strategy.

Role of PLT's

Explain the purpose of a Protestor Liaison Team

Human Rights

Refresh the knowledge of Human Rights and Public Order legislation
Discuss how Human Rights can be used as an enabler for Protestor Liaison Teams

Tactical Awareness

State the dynamic risk assessment process
Identify the link between risk assessment and command

Eligibility:

PC's to Inspector recommended by their line manager with the understanding that they can be released for PLT duties when required by SC&O22. It is envisaged the requirement will be for approx 4 or 5 deployments per year depending on Operational needs. Officers must be fully operational and up to date with OST and ELS training. **OFFICERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN A FUTURE POST IN COVERT POLICING SHOULD NOT APPLY.**

Essential Criteria:

Candidates should provide two examples in each of the following three areas:

Effective Communication: Communicates all needs, instructions and decisions clearly. Adapts the style of communication to meet the needs of the audience. Checks for understanding.

Respect for Race and Diversity: Understands other peoples views and takes them into account. Is tactful and diplomatic when dealing with people, treating them with dignity and respect at all times. Understands and is sensitive to social, cultural and racial differences.

Resilience: Shows reliability and resilience in difficult circumstances. Remains calm and confident and responds logically and decisively in difficult situations.

Desirable Criteria: Experience of Public Order Policing and a good knowledge of Public Order legislation.

Number of forecast vacancies: 60 spaces

How to apply: Applications on form 728 (no more than 12 lines per example in Arial font 11) together with line managers recommendation (including an understanding of the requirement to be released to SC&O22), 3 years sickness record and form 6117. Selection is by paper sift selection. In the event that a number of applicants meet the selection criteria, final selection rests with the OCU Commander Public Order Branch.

To reach: PS ¹ or PC ² at SC&O22 ³ New Scotland Yard by

Closing date: 19th April 2013

For further information contact PC ⁴ SC&O22 ⁵ or PS ⁶ SC&O22 ⁷