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Introduction

Section 35 of An Garda Síochána Act 2005 provides for the establishment of Joint Policing Committees (JPC).

The Tipperary Joint Policing Committee was established in 2014 following the merger of North and South Tipperary County Councils and the abolition of North Tipperary JPC and South Tipperary JPC.

The Joint Policing Committee's function is to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the Local Authorities administrative area.

At a meeting on the 4th of March 2016 the Tipperary Joint Policing Committee Strategic Plan 2015-2021 was formally adopted.

Meetings 2017

Meetings are held on rotation across the five Municipal Districts within County Tipperary. There were 4 meetings of Tipperary JPC held in 2017, as follows:

- 24th February in Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Nenagh
- 26th May in Lecture Room, Rockwell College, Cashel
- 8th December in Town Hall, Parnell Street Clonmel

Presentations to the JPC 2017

In addition to strategy development work, the JPC also received presentations on and considered other relevant policing matters, such as:

Presentation	Presented by	Meeting
County Crime Statistics Levels : Patterns of crime, disorder and anti social behavior in the County	Chief Supt Catherine Kehoe	February 2017 May 2017
Safer Blanchardstown Think before you buy campaign	Philip Jennings, Coordinator Safer Blanchardstown	February 2017
Mid West Regional and Alcohol Forum	Gearoid Prendergast	February 2017
Tipperary Youth Diversion Project	Juvenile Liaison Officer Deirdre Darcy	May 2017
Comhairle na NÓG Roles and functions	Leon Egan and Isobel O'Dwyer, members of Comhairle	May 2017



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Membership of County Tipperary Joint Policing Committee

Section 16.3 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 sets out as below the membership components for the County Tipperary Joint Policing Committee.

Local Authority area types	Local authority elected members	Oireachtas elected members	Local authority official	An Garda Síochána	Community
Counties with 32 or more elected members)	15	5	2	2	7
Membership of County Tipperary Joint Policing Committee					
An Garda Síochána (2)	Chief Superintendent Catherine Keogh Plus 1 other	Oireachtas (5)	Senator Denis Landy Deputy Mattie McGrath Deputy Jackie Cahill Deputy Michael Lowry Deputy Seamus Healy		
LA Elected Member (15)	Cllr Martin Lonergan Cllr Andy Moloney Cllr Catherine Carey Cllr Phyll Bugler Cllr Fiona Bonfield Cllr Hughie McGrath Cllr John Crosse Cllr Denis Leahy Cllr Roger Kenned Cllr David Dunne Cllr Kieran Bourke Cllr Imelda Goldsboro Cllr Sean Ryan Cllr David Doran Cllr Michael Smith	PPN/Community (7)	Billy Collins (Farming Pillar) Joe Leahy (Business Pillar) Carmel O'Neill (PPN Tipp/ Cashel MD) Catherine Guest (PPN Thurles MD) Margaret Sheehy (PPN Nenagh MD) Vacant (PPN Clonmel/Cahir MD) Vacant (PPN Carrick-on-Suir MD)		
Local Authority Official (2)	Sinéad Carr, Director of Services Fiona Crotty, Administrative Officer				

(The JPC members from An Garda Síochána and Tipperary County Council may be accompanied to meetings by other Garda officers and other Council officials as deemed appropriate)



County Tipperary JPC Work Plan 2017

High Level Objectives	
Implement a volunteer initiative that specifically encourages neighbours to visit and look out for older vulnerable people living alone (JPC SO 3.2)	
Support the rollout of the Senior Alert Scheme to provide personal monitored alarms to vulnerable older people (JPC SO 3.2)	
Support community organisations to help promote good relationships between different communities and to establish links between immigrant communities and the Gardaí.	
Explore the development of a whole County Tipperary Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force on the implementation of evidence based local/regional drug and alcohol strategies and how their work can be supported by relevant stakeholders.	
Explore the profile of An Garda Síochána within County Tipperary, to explore the level of satisfaction with the service provided within the local community, the understanding of the priorities of An Garda Síochána, levels of trust in An Garda Síochána and perceptions of an Garda Síochána.	
Other Strategic Objectives	
Enhance and develop the JPC's function to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of Tipperary	<p>Present quarterly preliminary statistics to the JPC (JPC SO 1.1)</p> <p>Support members of JPC through training; inviting relevant guest speakers to present at meeting of JPC; provide budget for JPC (JPC SO 1.2)</p> <p>Support the continued development and operation of Municipal District (MD) Local community safety teams (JPC SO 1.3)</p> <p>Support the development of PPN linkage groups in relation to safety and security and substance misuse (JPC SO 1.4)</p>
Reduce the opportunity for crime, support victims of crime	<p>Implementation, within the division, of the national model for crime prevention (JPC SO 2.1)</p> <p>Complete the adoption of the CCTV Policy Paper</p> <p>Promote applications for funding that becomes available for public area CCTV Schemes (for e.g. 1 million fund announced in National Budget 2017)</p> <p>Review of CCTV in commercial premises and consideration of grants for upgrade of quality</p> <p>Continue to promote and develop the text alert system (JPC SO 2.3)</p> <p>Provide assistance to victims through the victims Office established at Templemore Garda Station (JPC SO 2.4)</p> <p>Implement Local Authority Anti-Social Behavior Strategy (JPC SO 2.5)</p> <p>Identify and monitor "hot spots" incl. laneways in the context of anti-social behavior Statistics (JPC SO 2.5)</p> <p>Provide Estate Management Statistics in relation to anti social behavior complaints (JPC SO 2.5)</p> <p>Implement the 'Crime Prevention through Environmental Design'</p>



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	<p>screening on any new Housing Development Planning applications</p> <p>Establish/maintain Halloween Working Group in towns with regular meetings to be held prior to Halloween. A comprehensive bonfire prevention & management plan for each at-risk-area (JPC SO 2.7)</p>
<p>Keeping our people safe –</p> <p>Ensuring public safety through community oriented policing and high visibility roads policing</p>	<p>Implement AGS road safety plan in conjunction with Roads SPC, incl. promotion of community-based education such as the Road Safety Awareness Programmes held in schools and awareness of car safety for children (JPC SO 3.1)</p> <p>Maintain enforcement of ‘lifesaver’ offences on roads (JPC SO 3.1)</p> <p>Support the rollout of the Senior Alert Scheme to provide personal monitored alarms to vulnerable older people (JPC SO 3.2)</p> <p>Implement a volunteer initiative that specifically encourages neighbours to visit and look out for older vulnerable people living alone (JPC SO 3.2)</p> <p>Roll out of the ‘Good Morning Tipperary’ initiative to the whole county (JPC SO 3.2)</p> <p>Continue to implement bye-laws and existing legislation to combat drinking on open spaces and in public places (JPC SO 3.3)</p> <p>Complete the exploration of the development of protocols around the control of horses and racing on public roads</p>
<p>Keep our most marginalised people and places safe</p>	<p>Include safety and security as a key issue in the plans developed for marginalised areas (JPC SO 4.1)</p> <p>Roll out the “Know your Patch” programme on an all-county basis in conjunction with the PPN, Business and Farming Pillar (JPC SO 4.2)</p> <p>Roll out of the second National Strategy on Domestic , Sexual an Gender based Violence Action Plan 2016-2020 (JPC SO 4.3)</p> <p>Develop a safety and security plan for non-Irish nationals with little or no English (JPC SO 4.4)</p>
<p>Build community confidence in relation to their safety and security</p>	<p>PPN, through linkage group, to be developed as key tool to communicate with community & voluntary sector (JPC SO 5.1)</p>
<p>Reduce the impact of substance misuse on individuals, families and communities</p>	<p>Support the use of sport, as an effective tool in engaging young people at risk of drug misuse, into more structured/positive activities (JPC SO 6.1)</p> <p>Supports groups/clubs to develop an Alcohol and Drugs Policy (JPC SO 6.1)</p> <p>Improve Safety for Young People (JPC SO 6.2)</p> <p>Support linkages and information sharing between South-East Regional and Mid-West Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Forces and JPC (JPC SO 6.3)</p>



Support people who are at risk of offending or reoffending	Promote Restorative Justice Models (JPC SO 7.1)
	Work with youth diversion projects to help connect young people into recreational/ community/ educational opportunities (JPC SO 7.2)

Programs with High Level Objectives:

CCTV Policy Paper and Community Based Community CCTV Scheme

High Level Objective “Review CCTV provision county-wide and explore the possibility of installing a CCTV system in key areas identified” (JPC SO 2.2)

Through the JPC a Policy Paper on CCTV Provision in Public Places within County Tipperary was drafted and prepared. This paper was prepared in partnership with An Garda Síochána in the Tipperary division and also in discussion with the Garda National CCTV Section as this is the first policy of this type to be developed across the Country.

This paper outlined the rationale for a policy, the requirements of the 2005 An Garda Síochána Act in relation to CCTV and data collection and addressed the proposed National Funding available in 2017. The policy paper as proposed is not prohibiting the provision of CCTV in the community but rather setting out the priorities for CCTV provision.

At a meeting of Tipperary County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Emmet Street, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, on the 13th February 2017 the County Tipperary Joint Policing Committee’s Policy Paper on CCTV Provision in Public Places, as recommended, was adopted.

In April 2017 the Department of Justice and Equality announced funding for Community Based CCTV Scheme. This Scheme set out a technical specification required for any new CCTV provision .

Applications for funding are being progressed and considered for Tipperary Town and Cashel Town through their Town Center Forums, for Roscrea through the Community Action Plan partnership. The proposer of any new CCTV scheme will be responsible for the operation and maintenance costs associated with the provision of the scheme.



Crime Investigation Submissions Property Viewing Day

An Garda Síochána in Thurles held Property Viewing Days on the 27th and 28th June 2017 at Comerfords Yard, Nenagh. The aim was to reunite property recovered by Gardai with its owner. Over 100 people attended to view the property.



Sergeant John McCormack, Crime Prevention Officer Sergeant Tom O' Dwyer, Garda Kieran Tobin



Members of the public viewing property on display

Community Engagement

On the 7th December 2017 Clonmel Community Gardaí held their annual Christmas concert at Hotel Minella, Clonmel with The Band of An Garda Síochána in aid of C.A.R.E Clonmel and Scoil Chormaic, Cashel. Approximately 500 people were in attendance.



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Superintendent William Leahy, Inspector Eddie Golden and Sergeant Kieran O' Regan with staff, family members and pupils of Scoil Chormaic, Cashel.



Superintendent William Leahy, Clonmel



Members of the Garda Band

Thurles Schools Colouring Competition

Thurles Schools Colouring Competition was launched by Thurles Gardai. There were a large number of entries from schools in the Thurles Division. On the 16th November 2017 Superintendent Patrick Murphy with the help of Tipperary Hurling Star Pádraig Maher presented children from primary schools across the Thurles area with their prizes.



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Superintendent Patrick Murphy, Tipperary Hurler Pádraig Maher & prize winners



Garda Debbie O' Neill, Superintendent Pat Murphy, Pádraig Maher, Sergeant D.J. O' Dwyer, Garda Orla Bambrick & Garda Jacinta Phelan

RTE Today Show- Clonmel



Inspector Eddie Golden being interviewed by RTE's Colm Flynn

RTE Today show promoting Clonmel- residents and staff at Rathkeevan Nursing Home, Clonmel welcomed the RTE Today show for music from Inspector Eddie Golden. This was



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televised on the 3rd November 2017. This television segment was a follow up to Inspector Golden and Garda Donnacha O' Sullivan's performance at the Senior Citizen's party which was a viral hit with over 52,400 views on the Tipperary Garda Síochána Facebook Page.



Traffic



Multi Agency Checkpoints over August Bank Holiday Weekend

Tipperary Traffic Units, Detective Units and Uniform Gardai perform a Multi Agency checkpoint in conjunction on the M7 Motorway. This checkpoint was conducted for 4 hours in duration with a number of Road Traffic detections observed and Road Safety advice given to motorists.



Partnership – Tipperary Guide to Services for Older People in County Tipperary

A partnership of Tipperary County Council , An Garda Síochána, HSE North and South Tipperary and County Tipperary Citizens Information Service and have produced the Tipperary Age Friendly Information Guide to Services for Older People in County Tipperary. This is the first all County publication for Older People within Tipperary.

This guide contains information in relation to entitlements, health, housing, transport, safety and security, social and leisure activities, support groups and organisations for older people within County Tipperary.

The publication is available through your local Citizens Information Centres in Roscrea, Nenagh, Thurles, Tipperary Town, Clonmel, Roscrea, Templemore, Carrick on Suir, Cahir, Cashel, through the Primary Care and Day Care Centres across County Tipperary, your local Garda Stations, Tipperary Civic Offices in Clonmel, Carrick on Suir, Thurles, Nenagh and Tipperary Town, and through the network of libraries across County Tipperary and is free of charge.

The publication will also be available online on the following websites:

www.tipperarycoco.ie

www.hse.ie

www.tipperaryllibraries.ie

The launch of the booklet took place on 4th of October in Racket Hall, Roscrea which was home to a Health and Wellbeing Event which was organised by the Roscrea Age Friendly volunteers. This Health and Wellbeing event was supported by local, County, State and Voluntary agencies and business within Roscrea and there were over 70 information stands on the day to inform all those in attendance. In excess of 600 people attended the event from Roscrea and environs and attendees could visit the stands, receive health checks and advice and participate in the Tai Chi and Mindfulness groups throughout the day.



Mary Plunkett, Citizens Information, Fiona Crotty Tipperary County Council, Anne Keavey Age Friendly Roscrea, Susan O'Brien An Garda Síochána and Ellen Rush, HSE North Tipperary



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County Tipperary JPC Work Plan 2018

	Strategic Objective	Summary of Actions to be taken in 2018	Lead Agency (in bold) & Key Partners
HLO.1	Enhance and develop the JPC's function to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of Tipperary	Support the development of PPN linkage groups in relation to safety and security and substance misuse (JPC SO 1.4)	PPN/TCC/AGS
HLO.2	Reduce the opportunity for crime, support victims of crime	Rollout of initiatives with the farming community and business community around protecting property and maximizing safety (JPC SO 2.6)	AGS
HLO.3	Keeping our people safe – Ensuring public safety through community oriented policing and high visibility roads policing	Support the rollout of the Senior Alert Scheme to provide personal monitored alarms to vulnerable older people (JPC SO 3.2)	Community Alert groups /PPN
HLO.4	Keep our most marginalised people and places safe	Increase awareness among young people in relation to sexual consent and healthy relationships (JPC SO 4.3)	Comhairle Na Nóg, Ascend /Cuan Saor
HLO.5	Build community confidence in relation to their safety and security	PPN, through linkage group, to be developed as key tool to communicate with community & voluntary sector (JPC SO 5.1)	PPN/JPC
HLO.6	Reduce the impact of substance misuse on individuals, families and communities	Explore the development of a whole County Tipperary Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force on the implementation of evidence based local/regional drug and alcohol strategies and how their work can be supported by relevant stakeholders.	An Garda Siochána/ RDATAF