



Hong Kong Police Force

COMMISSIONER'S OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES 2021

*Serving Hong Kong with
Honour, Duty and Loyalty*

The Commissioner's Operational Priorities 2021 set out the key operational areas which the Force will accord priority to during the year. They are a continuation of the priorities identified last year with refinements to reflect our current operating environment and key challenges in the year ahead. National security has been added to underline its importance in driving many aspects of policing work to keep Hong Kong safe and prosperous. Their successful implementation will strengthen our ability to sustain efforts for maintaining a safe and stable Hong Kong.



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NATIONAL SECURITY

- Collect and analyse intelligence and information concerning national security.
- Investigate acts or activities endangering national security and conduct intelligence-led operations with a view to preventing and deterring acts and activities endangering national security.
- Enhance co-operation with all national security safeguarding government bodies and other relevant stakeholders, and enlist the public's trust and support for the roles and responsibilities of the Police in safeguarding national security.

VIOLENT CRIME

- Ensure effective police presence to deter violent crime, particularly at high-risk locations.
- Target violent crime, particularly cases involving firearms or explosive devices; and by strengthening the exchange of intelligence with other law enforcement agencies to combat infiltration of firearms.
- Strengthen intelligence-led operations against street gangs and their activities, particularly those involving youths.

TRIADS, SYNDICATED AND ORGANISED CRIME

Triads

- Target triad personalities and activities, in particular those that exploit youths, by mounting intelligence-led and undercover operations.

Syndicated and Organised Crime

- Target personalities and activities associated with syndicated or organised crime.
- Strengthen the exchange of intelligence with other law enforcement agencies to identify and target cross-boundary and transnational syndicated or organised crime, including syndicated illegal immigration activities.

Crime Proceeds and Money Laundering

- Take proactive measures to investigate and confiscate proceeds of crime.
- Target and investigate money laundering activities.

DANGEROUS DRUGS

Trafficking

- Enhance co-operation with other law enforcement agencies to interdict the flow of illicit drugs into Hong Kong.
- Target drug traffickers, especially those exploiting students and youths.
- Take proactive measures to investigate and confiscate proceeds of drug trafficking.

Abuse by Students and Youths

- Promote awareness and prevent the abuse of drugs by students and youths through a multi-agency and community-based approach.

QUICK CASH CRIME

- Target criminal groups involved in deception through joint efforts with stakeholders, supported by the Anti-Deception Coordination Centre.
- Ensure strategic deployment of resources to problem areas and take proactive measures against emerging quick cash crime trends.
- Enhance public awareness and secure community support to prevent quick cash crime, particularly telephone, Internet and social media deception.

CYBER SECURITY AND TECHNOLOGY CRIME

- Enhance public awareness of cyber security as well as the risks and liabilities associated with the Internet and social media through a multi-agency approach.
- Enhance co-operation with other law enforcement agencies and stakeholders to target technology crime.
- Strengthen co-ordination and sharing of expertise in handling and investigating technology crime.
- Take proactive measures to investigate and gather intelligence for tackling technology crime.



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PUBLIC SAFETY

Public Disorder

- Strengthen public awareness of importance of being law abiding citizens through co-operation with different stakeholders, including government bureaux/departments, schools and non-governmental organisations (NGOs).
- Enhance Police preparedness, readiness and capability in dealing with all scales of public disorder.
- Provide rapid and effective response to all scales of public disorder.
- Enhance co-operation with different stakeholders, including government bureaux/departments, private entities, schools and NGOs, and enlist their support in maintaining and restoring public order and safety during and after any incidents of public disorder.

Public Events

- Strengthen public trust, understanding of, and support for, the roles and responsibilities of the Police in maintaining public order and safety for the community, in particular among youths.
- Engage organisers, media and other stakeholders of public events to enhance mutual understanding and enlist their support.
- Ensure public order and safety of public events through proactive engagement with relevant stakeholders, effective planning and execution.
- Strengthen intelligence-led operations against groups and/or individuals causing or threatening violence during public events, and take resolute action to interdict such activities.

Road Safety

- Reduce fatal and serious accidents, particularly those involving public transport and cycling, through a multi-agency approach.
- Deter drink driving, drug driving, speeding and illegal road racing.
- Promote pedestrian safety, with particular emphasis on the elderly and safe cycling.
- Ensure smooth traffic flow through application of the Selected Traffic Enforcement Priorities (STEP) and the use of technology.

Major Incidents

- Ensure preparedness for the rescue phase of major incidents by conducting regular multi-agency exercises to test and improve contingency plans.
- Provide a professional, co-ordinated and rapid response, with engagement of stakeholders community-wide.
- Enhance recovery phase capability through a multi-agency approach to ensure timely completion of on-site police action and release of affected areas.

TERRORISM

Prevention

- Strengthen counter-terrorism capability through the co-operation and co-ordination of the Inter-Departmental Counter Terrorism Unit and collaboration with government bureaux/departments and other agencies.
- Enhance public awareness of terrorism situation and their roles in the prevention of terrorist activities.
- Strengthen the protection and resilience of critical infrastructure and sensitive premises through a multi-agency approach.
- Enhance capability to counter growing threat of cyber terrorism.

Preparedness

- Conduct regular training and multi-agency exercises to test and improve contingency plans.
- Enhance public participation and preparedness against terrorist or violent attacks.

Response

- Deploy counter-terrorism resources strategically to ensure a rapid, effective and co-ordinated response.

Recovery

- Enhance recovery capabilities to ensure rapid restoration of normality and community confidence following a terrorist incident.



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