



Hong Kong Police Force

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COMMISSIONER'S OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES 2023



The Commissioner's Operational Priorities 2023 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. Successful implementation of the priorities 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 communication and cooperation with all national security safeguarding government bodies and other relevant stakeholders, and enlist public trust and support for the roles and responsibilities of 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 exploiting 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 smuggling and 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 cooperation 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 problematic areas and take proactive measures against emerging trends of quick cash crime.
- 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 cooperation with other law enforcement agencies and stakeholders to target technology crime and mitigate cyber threats.
- Strengthen coordination and sharing of expertise in investigating technology crime.
- Take proactive measures to investigate and gather intelligence for tackling technology crime and cyber attack.



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PUBLIC SAFETY

PUBLIC DISORDER

- Strengthen public awareness about the importance of being law abiding through cooperation 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 cooperation 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 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 events, large-scale sports, entertainment and celebration events are held in a safe and orderly manner, through proactive engagement with relevant stakeholders, including event organisers and venue operators, for effective planning and execution.
- Strengthen intelligence-led operations against groups and/or individuals causing or threatening to use 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 safe cycling, and pedestrian safety with particular emphasis on elderly.
- 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, coordinated and rapid response, with engagement of stakeholders community-wide.
- Enhance recovery capabilities through a multi-agency approach to ensure timely completion of on-site police action and re-opening of affected areas.
- Cooperate with and render support to other government bureaux/departments in the implementation of anti-epidemic measures, and strengthen relevant enforcement actions.

TERRORISM

PREVENTION

- Strengthen counter-terrorism capability through the cooperation and coordination of the Inter-Departmental Counter Terrorism Unit, and collaboration with government bureaux/departments and other agencies.
- Enhance public awareness of situation of terrorism including that of domestic terrorism and self-radicalisation, emphasising roles of the public in the prevention and reporting of terrorism-related activities.
- Strengthen the protection and resilience of critical infrastructure and sensitive premises through a multi-agency approach.
- Enhance capabilities to counter the growing threat of cyber terrorism and domestic terrorism.

PREPAREDNESS

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

RESPONSE

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

RECOVERY

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

