

BLUE LIGHT



ADAM SIMMONDS - NORTHAMPTONSHIRE'S POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

COMMUNITY JUSTICE SECURITY

A MESSAGE FROM ADAM SIMMONDS

Dear Resident,

Welcome to my first quarterly e-newsletter.

In my first 100 days in office I have set a policing budget for the new financial year and published a five year Police and Crime Plan which breaks significant new ground.

These mean that next year, there will be more police officers. Numbers of PCSOs funded by the Commission will be retained, and we will begin work to expand the police cadets and create a reserve police force.

I have laid the foundations of a Northamptonshire Victims' Commission, whose aim will be to ensure the voices of victims of crime are fully heard.

Work has been done towards an Office of Drug Eradication and on developing strong links with faith groups and local communities. I have published plans for crime prevention activity to apply internationally proven experience here in Northamptonshire.

And I have begun talks to explore how the police and fire services can work much more closely together for the public good.

I and my team have worked hard to deliver. We will continue to bring change and improvement in policing and criminal justice.

Yours,

Adam Simmonds
Northants Police and Crime Commissioner

First 100 days special



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Just twelve weeks after Adam took office, Northamptonshire's police and fire services announced plans to join up in a potentially unique partnership. The move is the first example in the country, which would if agreed see two emergency services begin to share buildings, plans and visions; to work together in a more integrated way.

Commenting on these plans, Adam said: "It makes sense for two blue light services, who are already working closely together, to share resources. While the exact detail is yet to be shaped, this will be an operational integration".



■ L-R: Chief Fire Officer Martyn Emberson, Cllr Andre Gonzalez de Savage, PCC Adam Simmonds and Chief Constable Adrian Lee.

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Out & about



with Adam Simmonds

POLICE & CRIME PLAN

Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner Adam Simmonds has published his five year Police and Crime Plan.

Priorities include reducing violent crime by 40%, tackling alcohol related crime, getting tough on anti-social and drunken behaviour and domestic abuse.

There will be a strong focus on eradicating drugs, reducing acquisitive crime; and improving services and support for victims of crime so their voices are not drowned out by other interest groups.

Numbers of police officers will stay at 1,220 full-time equivalent, the strength of officers in post when I came into office (unlike forecast falls in numbers in other places).

I will support the Chief Constable to increase the proportion of officers who are front-line constables by keeping back-office and more senior roles as lean as possible. We will cut back-office costs and bureaucracy to maximise the time front-line officers spend visible in communities.

The police officer front-line will be strengthened with a new reservist force of police officers paid to work around 20 days a year. There will be no reduction in the number of PCSOs funded directly by the Commission. And I will expand the specials and the police cadets right across the county.



Adam at the 'Cuppa with a Copper' event in Kettering town centre. Pictured above with police cadets and members of the JAM in the Hood project selecting the winning entry of a competition to find a suitable name for the teddy - his new name is PC B. Safe.



Adam has ensured he has got out from behind his desk and visited departments across the county's police force. Adam said: "the commitment, passion and professionalism of all members of staff across Northants police is staggering. I feel very lucky to be working alongside such talented people."



Adam Simmonds has asked the Chief Constable to ensure that attacks against guide dogs are recorded and wherever possible acted on by police. Ms Jackie Elshaw, from the Central Midlands Team of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, told Adam that on average eight dogs a month are attacked by other dogs. In almost half of all attacks the guide dog needed surgery.

POLICE BUDGET 2013-2014



0% increase to your council tax precept!

The Police and Crime Commissioner has issued his first annual Revenue Budget which covers the period April 2013 to March 2014. While not increasing local taxation the Commissioner's budget both increases the number of police officers in Northamptonshire and provides funding for a number of innovative new initiatives.

The Commissioner has decided not to increase the council tax precept which is the amount he can raise from local taxes so as to protect the people of Northamptonshire from higher taxation. Despite not increasing the council tax the new budget will increase the total number of police officers in Northamptonshire.

The current number of police officers will remain at 1,220. New investment will expand the number of special constables and create a paid police reserve. Police funding for PCSOs will remain at its current level. Overall this will result in increased visible policing which is what people have told the Commissioner they want.