

# TAYSIDE JOINT POLICE BOARD

25 June 2001

Report by the Chief Constable No. PB 28/2001

**SUBJECT: ASSOCIATION OF CHIEF POLICE OFFICERS NATIONAL LIFESAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD AT BOGNOR REGIS, SUSSEX 19 - 20 MAY 2001**

**Abstract: The Board is advised that the Tayside Police Team competed in two events at the British Lifesaving Championship and achieved significant success by taking second place both in the men's and mixed competition. Additionally, two female members of the mixed team achieved second and third places individually, and a member of the men's team gained fourth place individually.**

## 1. RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Board note the efforts and success of the Tayside Police Life saving Team at the above event.

## 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The ability of a police officer to save life by rescue and render first aid is fundamental to the police role, with the expectation by the public, that an officer will not only act but also be appropriately trained and equipped to act. Rescue from water and immediate first aid continues to be part of an officer's training and the life saving skills taught, while focused on water based incidents, are transferable to a variety of other hazardous land-based situations. Personal and casualty care, resuscitation, cardiac compression and enlisting assistance are all skills covered in the police lifesaving curriculum.

The importance of this role is reflected in the holding of the above annual event where Police Forces from the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, Eire and the Isle of Man compete over two days in a series of arduous competitions. The overall quality of the competitors is first class and reflects the hours of training (often in their own time) and sheer hard work necessary to reach the national competition.

## 3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 In this years competition Tayside Police Teams competed in two events, and achieved significant success by taking second place in both the Police Baton (men's team) and the Frank Morritt Trophy (mixed team). Additionally, individual positions were gained by two female members of the mixed team gaining second and third place overall, and a member of the men's team gained overall fourth place, having accrued high scores across all events.

The Tayside Police Team comprises

Men's team

Sergeant Jim Leslie (Captain) and Constables Chris Warmer, Graeme Wishart and Euan Stewart.

Mixed team

Sergeant Delyth Stewart (Captain) and Constables Stephen Ritchie, Gavin McKinlay, Shaun White, Deborah Allan and Lynsey Bovill

Trainers

Brain McCormack and Mrs Carol McDonald

Life Saving Liaison Officer

Chief Inspector Kenneth Sinclair who is secretary to the ACPO National Lifesaving Committee

Tayside Police places a high value on the skills of those who are proficient in life saving. As the Force has acute involvement in some tragic circumstances where lives are lost, usually in the inland waterways around Tayside, it is a great tribute to these officers' dedication that their skills are available and this event demonstrates the high level of readiness they have achieved for which they are commended.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The financial implications can be contained within the Revenue Budget

#### **5. CONSULTATION**

5.1 The Clerk and the Treasurer have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

#### **6. CONCLUSION**

6.1 The Board is requested to note the success of the Tayside Police team at this years championships.

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NOTE: No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report.