



Procedure for Remembrance Sunday

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POLICE PROCEDURE

1. Background

In 2017 a review of police support and attendance to Remembrance Sunday was undertaken. This was because expectations and reliance on policing to coordinate and discharge various functions were out of step with what the force could sustainably deliver and the force's 'core policing responsibilities.'

2. Review

The force engaged with all local MPs for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, the Royal British Legion, Local Resilience Forum and the Safety Advisory Groups (SAGs) setting out a renewed approach to the policing of parades whilst retaining a supportive stance.

Whilst Leicestershire Police remain committed to attending events, to pay our respects and remember the fallen, our core roles at such events have evolved in line with the Authorised Professional Practice.

In addition, the Royal British Legion wrote to local councillors to re-enforce that Remembrance parades and services are important community events supported by the Legion, not Legion events supported by the community.

3. Changes made in accordance with Authorised Professional Practice (APP)

The requirement for police attendance and action at an event is based on the need for the police service to discharge its core responsibilities, namely:

- **Preventing and detecting crime**

Forces must carefully consider every deployment of officers and staff and consider whether each deployment represents best value and is the best use of the resource.

There will be a visible police presence at most parades to engage with the community and maintain public safety.

- **Preventing or stopping a breach of the peace**

A risk assessment will be carried out for every parade. The police have no general duty to preserve public safety (crowd control) at any public event, except where there are imminent or likely threats to life.

Responsibility for public safety rests with the organisers of an event, the owners of the land on which it takes place and the local authority if the event takes place on a road.

- Traffic regulation (only under statutory powers relating to events)

Whilst Leicestershire Police remain responsible for the enforcement of any authorised Traffic Orders in the event of a breach, Police Officers and PCSO's will not be routinely involved in traffic control unless a situation occurs which places members of the public at risk.

The Local Authority and event organisers will take primacy for traffic control.

- Activating contingency plans when there is an immediate threat to life

The current terrorism threat level makes putting in place effective and proportionate counter terrorism protective security essential. A JTAC threat assessment (Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre) will be obtained and a dedicated CT SecCo appointed (Counter Terrorism Security Coordinator) to produce a CT SecCo plan. Both must be included as part of Remembrance Sunday planning.

- Coordinating emergency response activities associated with a major incident taking place at the event.

A dedicated silver commander and supporting events structure will be identified and stood up for Remembrance Sunday. An operational order will be written to provide a global view of all Remembrance Parades and events working to a Gold Strategy and JTAC assessment.

Other key areas included within the Event Policing - NPCC Operational Advice Document which are covered for Remembrance Day are:

Safety Advisory Group (SAG): The key purpose of a SAG is to allow for matters of public safety to be considered by all relevant partners so that plans can be developed.

Remembrance Events will be discussed at the quarterly SAG meetings for both the City and the Counties. In addition, the larger events at Victoria Park and Loughborough will hold separate meetings which the Police will attend. All Remembrance Sunday events will be submitted to the local authority via an online event form.

CT Security Coordinator SecCo: Will attend de-briefs, pre-meets and site visits ahead of events to discuss security.

Safeguarding: It is the responsibility of all officers and staff to ensure that their duties are conducted mindful of our responsibilities in relation to safeguarding, which applies to both children and vulnerable adults.

Paying Respect

The force actively encourages and supports Officers and Staff to attend events as representatives of the force in order to pay their respects.

Attendees will include Chief Officers, senior leaders and NPA Commanders at the largest events where a wreath will be laid. In addition, many of our local beat officers, Police and Community Support Officers (PCSO's), Specials and Cadets will attend a wide range of Remembrance Parades and events across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

Subject to operational commitments any officer is permitted to attend a Remembrance event in uniform, including those who are off duty.

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