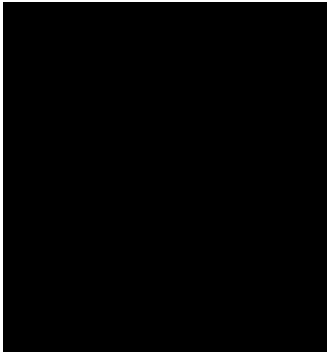


Stay Safe - Message from ACC Ruaraidh Nicolson

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As you are aware, the threat level to the UK from international terrorism remains at SEVERE and more specifically the threat level to the Police service sector has also been raised to SEVERE.



This means an attack is HIGHLY LIKELY. Although it is uncertain what form it

may take, we have witnessed the recent attacks in Copenhagen, Paris, Australia and Canada and we can clearly recall the murder of Fusilier Lee Rigby on the streets of Woolwich.

Intelligence suggests that the current threat comes from an opportunistic attack by self-organised Islamist extremist groups or individuals.

In response to the threat, urgent work is ongoing across the Force to improve the security of our estate and safety of all Police Scotland personnel. This involves the cascade of personal safety advice as well as a full review of building security. Each division and department now has an appointed Tactical Lead for Security who will formulate local plans and protective countermeasures to be taken.

Safety is also a personal responsibility. [This 'Stay Safe' film](#) produced by the National Counter Terrorism Security Office details the actions to be taken in the event of a Marauding Firearms Terrorist Attack. These events are rare, and whilst there is no specific intelligence to suggest a particular police premises is to be targeted in this way, it is important that we are prepared for this method of attack and remain vigilant.

Once you have viewed it, please consider the actions you would take and make your personal plan. Consider a plan for unfamiliar work places and also how the advice may assist you when off-duty.

Over the forthcoming weeks further briefings will be delivered as part of the overarching plan to enhance the security and safety of Police Scotland personnel.

Ruaraidh Nicolson