

**GOLD GROUP – Death of unidentified male**

**AGENDA**

**1130am 3rd May 2015 @ Kirkcaldy Police Station**

Present –

ACC Nicholson (Chair)

Chief Superintendent McEwan

Detective Chief Superintendent Boal

Detective Superintendent Campbell

Chief Inspector Shepherd

Detective Inspector Robson (Minutes)

Kate Finlay (media)

Introduction by ACC and persons present.

1. Terms of Reference – Gold Strategy (CS Garry McEwan)

*To ensure the Scottish Police Service provides an effective and professional response to this incident at all stages,*

*Provide support, reassurance and timely information to the family, other persons involved in the incident and our own staff,*

*Provide reassurance to the community and public acknowledging the impact this incident may have had,*

*To return the community to normality as soon as reasonably practicable at the conclusion of this incident, and*

*Ensure the integrity, interest and reputation of the Police Service of Scotland and its staff is maintained and safeguarded.*

**Agreed that wording of terms of reference would be considered and amended for future meetings to provide terminology specific to circumstances of incident.**

2. **Factual Update – (Det Insp Robson)**

Synopsis of events provided by DI Robson which included circumstances of initial calls from the public leading to the police response, verbal account of police engagement with the male (PS Maxwell). Thereafter the update on the injury to PC Short and subsequent locus protection measures and considerations with regards to the incident involving recording and

seizure of a knife believed to have been in possession of the male. The welfare of the officers concerned and identification of significant witnesses was also outlined.

The events relating to the deceased being conveyed to the hospital his treatment and subsequent PLE were outlined and thereafter the process in an effort to identify him.

The circumstances of the subsequent call from Collette Bell (deceased's partner) also summarised to provide details of an incident that occurred prior to police and involvement and which led to identification of male.

### 3. **Investigative process – (DCS Boal/Det Supt Campbell)**

Initial actions and investigation strategy outlined by D.Supt Campbell in respect of the following areas:

- Timeline of Movements
- Priority Actions – Statements from Martin Dick/Saeed Zaheed/Independent witness speaking to male with knife
- Loci – 4 loci identified and to be secured (Hayfield Road, [REDACTED] Collette Bell's home address, Arran Crescent, Deceased at Victoria Hospital, Home address of Martin Dick)
- FLO – Establish a working strategy
- CCTV – Initial survey to be carried out
- House to House – Established a strategy and identify parameters
- PF Fatalities – David Green informed
- PIRC notification – Informed by D.Supt Campbell
- CT considerations – Raised by ACC and to be reviewed by NIB
- Investigative Structure – SIO D.Supt Campbell and liaison with MIIT re support
- Police Officer statements – Federation Reps providing advice to officers concerned regarding this matter
- Forensic Considerations – Officers clothing and PPE to be taken possession of

### 4. **Review of policy/decision log – (All)**

Only Policy Decision made at that time was in relation to Chief Supt McEwan declaring the situation a critical incident at 0910hrs 3/5/15.

Also recognition that the circumstances would be investigation by the PIRC

### 5. **Family concerns – (Det Insp Robson)**

Circumstances discussed regarding Collette Bell contacting Police and being informed that male believed to be her partner (Sheku Bayoh) was deceased but subject to formal identification. She provided details of NOK, his sister who she did not have contact with her. Decision to be made re FLO deployment by MIIT officers.

### 6. **Community issues – (Safer Communities/CI Shepherd)**

Allocated to CI Shepherd who was to make local elected members aware and also liaise with Fife Migrant Forum and the independent advisory group.

Community Impact was to be considered including community reassurance.

[REDACTED] request to be submitted via SCD Internet Investigations re monitoring of social media.

7. **CIA review – (CI Shepherd)**

Discussed as above (6) but also to include review of [REDACTED] in event of media/public attendance

8. **Staff welfare – (CI Trickett)**

Allocated to CI Trickett and Police Federation Reps (PC Glvan)

Update required in respect of injury to PC Short

9. **Resources – (DCS Boal/CI Shepherd)**

[REDACTED] high-viz reassurance patrols

Also local staffing to be considered for business continuity

10. **Disclosure Issues – ()**

Considered but no actions at that time

11. **Media Strategy/Communications Plan – (Kate Finlay)**

If ask prepared and circulated.

Update that circumstances of incident were in public domain via social media including that an officer had been stabbed.

Media release to be considered to dispel this.

Form of words to be agreed with PIRC prior to any release.

Clarify also sought around potential use of PAVA given that it potentially may have been first deployment since being introduced. Could not be confirmed at that stage but considered going forward.

12. **Resilience In Command– (All)**

Considered but no actions

13. **AOB**

D.Supt Campbell to liase with CI Pickett to ensure welfare consideration of officers and for them to be kept up to date

14. **Date/Time of Next Meeting 4PM**