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**Police's efforts in engaging the district community in crime prevention**

This paper provides background information on the Police's efforts in engaging the district community in crime prevention.

District Fight Crime Committee

2. The District Fight Crime Committees ("DFCCs") were established in September 1976, mainly for the purpose of promoting public awareness of the Fight Crime Campaign through organising activities at district level. Since then, DFCCs have developed into a focal point for community efforts to fight crime and their terms of reference are as follows -

- (a) monitoring the state of crime and law enforcement in the district;
- (b) co-ordinating district campaign activities;
- (c) promoting good relationship between the Police and members of the public; and
- (d) advising the Fight Crime Committee on administrative and community involvement measures to combat crimes.

3. There are 18 DFCCs based on the same geographical boundaries as the District Councils. DFCCs have an average size of 38 members. Chaired by local community leaders, DFCCs comprise non-official members drawn from all sectors of the local community and representatives from key local government offices. Each DFCC meets every two or three months to discuss law and order

issues in the district. They keep under constant review the state of crime and significant trends reveal in district crime statistics.

4. DFCCs launch district fight crime publicity campaigns with funds from the District Councils and other sponsorship.

#### Household Policing Plan

5. On 2 June 2010, the Tin Shui Wai Police Division and the Yuen Long District Fight Crime Committee ("YLDFCC") jointly launched the Household Policing Plan in Tin Shui Wai with an aim to reinforcing police-community partnership, dialogue, interaction and trust as well as fostering neighborhood relations, and ultimately achieving crime prevention. Under the Plan, a sergeant and two police constables together with members of YLDFCC and volunteer workers would randomly select some households resided in 91 buildings of 11 public housing estates in Tin Shui Wai for making door-to-door visits from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm everyday.

6. During the visits, the residents would be briefed on the Plan and invited to raise their concerns about the public order in the district and their residence. According to the Police's webpage, as at 8 August 2010, the Tin Shui Wai Police Division received about 130 complaints. Most of the cases related to youth problems, and disturbance arising from littering and family affairs. About 70 such cases were referred to the Housing Department and the Social Welfare Department for follow-up actions. Evaluation would be conducted to assess the effectiveness of the Plan upon completion in September 2010 and consider the way forward.