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Commander's Bulletin

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Mountain Rescue Team – Countryside Safety

Over the past few weeks, our Police Scotland Mountain Rescue Officers and their wonderful volunteer colleagues from Tayside Mountain Rescue Team have been called out on numerous occasions to help those in need across Perthshire and Angus. In that short period, 5 of those incidents have involved technical rope rescues at rivers and gorges where people have slipped from paths and become injured after falling considerable distances.

Following another rescue at The Hermitage in Perthshire, where MRT were assisted by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Scottish Ambulance Service Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance - SCAA, Tayside's Police MRT Leader Constable Morgan said:

"We are blessed to have so many wonderful beauty spots around both Perthshire and Angus where people can come to enjoy the trails near the likes of the River Isla, River Ericht and River Braan, to name but a few. With many river walks being easily accessible and on well-trodden paths, the last thing anyone expects is to have a simple slip and then end up falling down an embankment or over a cliff-edge, but these things can and do happen.



Following our recent flurry of technical rescues in such places, and in advance of the summer months, this is a great opportunity to highlight the risks around our river walks. So, whilst out enjoying the trails, just be mindful of your environment, keep an eye out for any slip/trip hazards near embankments or cliffs and take care on narrow paths near water.

Finally, everyone at Police MRT (Tayside) and Tayside MRT would like to wish all of the people we have helped recently our very best wishes for a speedy recovery."

Appeal for Information – Theft of Power Tools

Officers are appealing for information following a theft of several power tools from within a van in Blairgowrie. The incident happened between 5.40pm on Wednesday, 16 April, 2025, and 6am on Thursday, 17 April, 2025, on Newton Street, Blairgowrie.

Constable Ronan Mackay said: "Our enquiries are ongoing and we are appealing to anyone who may have witnessed anything suspicious or who has any other information to contact us.

"We also ask anyone with private CCTV or dash-cam footage of the area at the time to come forward."

Anyone with information is asked to contact police on 101 quoting incident 0405 of 17th April, 2025. Alternatively, Crimestoppers can be contacted on 0800 555 111, where anonymity can be maintained.

Keeping people safe



VE80 – Perth and Kinross

Thursday, 8 May, 2025, marked the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day (VE Day) and the end of World War II in Europe.

Officers and staff remembered and honoured the brave men and women of the Second World War who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. This includes the many police officers from across Scotland and the UK who lost their lives serving in the armed forces or on the home front.

Locally, flags marking the 80th anniversary of VE Day were raised in Perth. Ceremonies to mark the end of the conflict in Europe took place at the Veterans' Memorial on St John Street and the 51st Highland Division Memorial at the North Inch. Officers attended to pay respect at the ceremony.



Local News and Updates

Two people have been arrested and charged in connection with high-value thefts in Perthshire. The first theft occurred on Saturday, 6th April, 2025 at a distillery near the village of Blackford.

The second took place on Saturday, 12th April, 2025 at a distillery in Crieff. On Monday, 5th May, officers executed a warrant at a property in Kelvin Gardens, Hamilton where a significant quantity of alcohol was recovered. A 35-year-old man and 37-year-old woman were subsequently arrested and charged in connection. Both appeared at Perth Sheriff Court on Tuesday, 6th May.

A 36-year-old man has been arrested and charged following an assault and robbery in Perth. The incident happened around 10.10am on Thursday, 1 May, near to Vasart Court. A report will be sent to the Procurator Fiscal.

A vehicle parked in Brahan Terrace, Perth had wheel trims stolen whilst parked up between 24th and 26th April 2025. This is being treated as a theft.

A rudder was stolen from a boat moored at Loch Earn sailing club some time during April 2025. This is considered to be a theft and is under investigation.

A 30-year-old female will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal after she was found to be driving without insurance on the A85 on 12th May 2025. The vehicle being driven was seized by Police.

The grass at Dunkeld Cathedral was damaged sometime in early May – believed to be due to persons using disposable barbecues at the locus. This is being investigated as a vandalism.

A 47-year-old female will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal after she was found to be speeding at 104mph whilst on the M90 on 12th May 2025.

A 38-year-old male will be reported for a number of driving offences after he was found to be riding an unregistered e-scooter in Balhousie Street, Perth on 11th May 2025. The e-scooter was seized by Police.

A 49-year-old male will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal after he was found to be driving at 52mph in a 30mph zone in Dundee Road, Perth on 28th April 2025

A 36-year-old female will be reported for riding an e-scooter on a pavement with no insurance after being stopped by Police in Perth City Centre on 14th April 2025. The e-scooter has been seized.



Links and Further Information

As we receive reports of crime, the information is shared on

<https://www.pkcommunitywatch.co.uk/>

I would encourage you to sign up for notifications.

Guidance on how to protect your property is available via Community Watch as well as on the Police Scotland Website, just click or copy and paste the following link:-

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/>

Keep up to date with everything we are doing and all appeals by visiting the following sites:-

<https://twitter.com/policescotland>

<https://www.facebook.com/PoliceScotland>

<http://www.scotland.police.uk>

<http://www.pkcommunitywatch.co.uk>

Your Community Policing Teams

Locality Inspectors

PERTH CITY CENTRE -

PERTH CITY NORTH -

PERTH CITY SOUTH - PI Kristopher McCall

NORTH - PI James Longden

Blairgowrie & Glens, Highland, Strathtay, Strathmore, Carse of Gowrie

SOUTH - PI Peter Duncan

Strathearn, Strathallan, Almond & Earn, Kinross-shire

Your Community Policing Teams

If you wish to make contact with your local community Officer please use the following e-mail addresses:

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Regards,

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Local Area Commander

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