Policy Document



COLLEGE OF POLICING

Version 4

1. Policy statement

The Police Federation of England and Wales welcomes the creation of the College of Policing. The College will safeguard the public and support the fight against crime by setting a framework for ensuring national standards and professionalism in policing. However, it is important that the needs of the service reflect the operational direction and priorities, not the other way around, in which the College directs or dictates what it thinks its service needs are.

It is essential that PFEW is represented by at least one officer on the College of Policing Board.

2. Responsibility

The National Board is responsible for all policy formation.

3. Summary

The establishment of the College of Policing has been a significant change that will have major implications for the future of policing.

The Police Federation of England and Wales fully supports and encourages the development of skills and leadership which has been inadequate across several key areas for some time.

However, the PFEW believes that membership of the College of Policing and fees should not be compulsory and that the licence to practice for police officers already exists through the royal warrant.¹

4. Procedures/implementation

PFEW will ensure it remains an active member of the College of Policing Board of Governance and will campaign for increased representation.

PFEW will represent the views of officers at meetings of the College of Policing including the Professional Committee and will actively respond to College consultation exercises including the development of national Codes and Authorised Professional Practice.

PFEW will press Chief Officers to ensure that national standards developed by the College are implemented consistently across England and Wales.

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¹ PFEW JCC meeting October 2013

Responsibility is delegated to the National Secretary and/or appropriate sub-committee.

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Signed by:

National Chair

National Secretary