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Haringey Shooting – Critical Incident Meeting – 11 December 2015

NOTES / ACTIONS IN ATTENDANCE

Cindy Butts – Commissioner - CB
Annabelle McMillan – Senior Press Officer - AM
David Emery – Head of Legal Services - DE
Edmund Koerber – Parliamentary Officer - EK
Lorraine Moody – Commission Secretary - LM
David Knight – Director of Operations - DK
Catherine Hall – Operations Manager - CH
Mark Leech – Head of Communications - ML
Mark Hines – Strategy and Impact - MH
Andrew McGill – Press Officer – AM

TIMING – the group met by conference call, from 16:00 – 17:15, and from 17:45 – 18:35

AGENDA

1. Declaration of Conflicts

- a. None known at this time

2. Investigation update – NB this reflects information that came in at various points during the meeting. CH reported on the latest known position.

- a. The incident arose from a pre-planned surveillance to intercept a gang allegedly trying to spring one or two prisoners from a prison van on the way to Wood Green Crown Court. It was likely that there would be significant issues of sensitive intelligence. The suspect vehicle (black Audi) was parked near the court with 3 people in it. CO19 conducted a hard stop on the vehicle, which had been stationary for approx. 30 minutes.
- b. From the PIP the basic facts appeared to be:-
 - i. 1 officer reported that he had discharged his firearm.
 - ii. The ammunition count appeared to confirm 1 shot had been fired from his weapon. However, full count back had not yet been completed on all other weapons.
 - iii. In the rear footwell of the suspect vehicle there was a MACH 10 firearm or similar. It was not yet clear whether it had been dropped in this position or placed there prior to the incident.
- c. The further two suspects were arrested unharmed.
- d. About 30 officers have been involved in the PIP – it has proceeded without issue.
- e. 5 significant independent witnesses had been identified so far, two to be seen tonight.
- f. There was a provisional identification of the deceased – Jermaine Baker, dob 16/03/87 – he had not been fingerprinted, but he was one of the targets of the operation and his tattoos match the description on PNC. His ethnicity is given as black, although he appears quite light skinned, possibly mixed race. If it is him, he lives in Tottenham.
- g. IPCC ballistics expert was on his way from Warrington.
- h. An MPS team had been called to conduct 360 degree video of the scene.
- i. The suspect vehicle will be removed when everything has been photographed.
- j. Next of Kin have not yet been informed. FLM was on standby. In the course of the meeting, a number of updates were received. First it was confirmed that MPS had identified the mother and the sister. They wished the IPCC FLM

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to deliver the death message. In discussion it was agreed that this was not appropriate: it had never been done before, it was important to maintain the distinction between the police and the IPCC. In addition, practically, the FLM was in transit: it was vitally important that the death message was not delayed. Following further discussion with MPS it was decided that their officers would deliver the death message and confirm that the IPCC FLM was available to speak to the family if they wished. To manage any risk to the IPCC FLM, it was agreed that the MPS officers would remain at the premises.

- k. It subsequently transpired that the mother was no longer resident at the known address, the officers and the FLM having arrived there and made enquiries of neighbours. It was then decided to proceed to the sister's address in DPA
- l. MPS were very keen to get the message into the media about the firearm.
- m. The body was still in situ. There was extensive discussion about the sensitivities of this and the risks that the family, when informed, would wish to see the body and / or go to the scene. However, it was agreed that while everything should be done to remove with speed, preservation of the scene, forensics and visual evidence would be vital and could not be compromised. It was also noted that the body belongs to the coroner and can only be released by him / her. (It was noted that there had been some difficulty in getting hold of the coroner's officer)
- n. There was no body worn video because it is not issued to specialist firearms officers. A CCTV trawl has been done but this is a residential street and there is no council CCTV. Police vehicles did not have in car recordings.

3. Briefing on Community impact

- a. CB reported that she had already made contact with Reverend Nims Obunge and Shefik Mehmet of the local community, based on early reports that the deceased may be of Turkish origin. She also had made contact with Katharine West, MP for West Hornsey and Wood Green, and David Lammy, MP for Tottenham.
- b. Katharine West will be holding an additional surgery over the weekend. She had seen IPCC investigators at the scene and considered their presence reassuring.
- c. Mark Hines reported his contacts with Haringey council indicated some tension in the local community. His last contact with them had been at 1pm and at that time they had not started any planning. He noted that a draft email was being prepared to go to local councillors. He will collate further contact details for the local community.
- d. Pat Gannon had confirmed that the GOLD Commander was Peter Terry. It was understood that a Community Impact Assessment (CIA) would be sent to Cath Hall within the hour.
- e. It was noted that it was important also to manage communications with local residents near the scene in terms of disruption to their lives, especially as the scene might not be released for some time. CH confirmed that it was possible for people to access their homes.

4. Communication

- a. There was extensive discussion about what messages could be released, to whom and when. A number of factors were considered
 - i. We had to be absolutely sure of any facts that we put into the public domain.
 - ii. We were under significant pressure to make an early statement, ideally in time for the 6.00pm news.