

SCD7 Proactive Syndicates

Incorporating

- SCO7(2) Projects Team
- SCO7(4) Special Intelligence Section (SIS)
- SCO7(7) Central Taskforce East and West
- SCO7(8) Middle Market Drugs Partnership

The following guidance refers to firearms operations.

The SFC will normally be a Det Supt. from SCO7. It is normally expected that this role will be undertaken by the Det Supt responsible for the unit making the application.

Detective Inspectors within units have direct responsibility for a single proactive syndicate. Their involvement in their operation is such that they are likely to perform the role of IO/SIO in the investigations of their teams. As such in order to comply with the ACPO APP a proactive Det Inspector will normally not act as the Tactical Firearms Commander (TFC) for firearms operations conducted by their syndicate, this role must be fulfilled by another suitable Inspector.

Due to the self sufficient nature of the syndicates there is a limited crossover with the Detective Inspectors becoming involved in the work of other syndicates within their units, this would only occur in order to cover for a period of abstraction of the teams own Inspector. In such an absence other Inspectors will cover the requisite Inspector level functions with Detective Sergeants acting up to perform day to day supervision. In most cases this will **not** mean that the covering DI has become the SIO/IO.

The TFC and SFC must have regard to all the circumstances in order to make a judgment of when, and if the threshold of becoming the SIO/IO is met in which case separation of roles must be achieved with a new TFC appointed.

In summary

- Proactive Det Inspectors will normally not act as the Tactical Firearms Commander (TFC) for firearms operations conducted by their syndicate;
- The role of TFC will usually be undertaken by another Det Insp within the unit, provided they are not the SIO/IO.