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Commission on the Future of
Policing in Ireland



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Second Floor,
St Stephens Green House
Earlstown Terrace

Dear Sir/Madam,

These are my proposals on the future
of policing in Ireland.

1. Continuing Professional Education for Gardai. At least twenty four hours of CPE courses to be completed over a three year cycle. Areas that could be covered could include first aid, self defence and some legal areas as they relate to Gardai carrying out their duties, driver training, dealing with domestic violence. Templemore College to be run by an Independent Board of Directors.
2. A National Intelligence and Terrorism unit to be set up to be headed up by an Assistant GARDA Commissioner or high ranking member of the Defence forces. Positions in this body would be open to both GARDAI and Defence Forces personnel. The person in this unit would report directly to the Minister for Justice and a special committee of the cabinet.
3. The GARDA Fraud squad and the Independent Office Director of Corporate Enforcement should be combined to create Fraud and Corporate Enforcement. The head of this new organisation would not have to be a Guard.

4. GARDAI to be seconded to the Central Bank so that if the Central Bank comes across possible breaking of the Law in the financial services sector such issues could be referred to GARDAI in the Central Bank to investigate. These GARDAI would also work with the Central Bank to deal with Central Bank investigations into white collar crime/bank practices in the financial services sector e.g. interview witnesses etc.

5. Some GARDAI to swap with members of other police forces CANADA, U.S.A, Britain and Northern Ireland to give examples. They would swap for periods of six months to a year. This could be done for ranks from GARDAI to Deputy Commissioner. Police from other countries encouraged to apply for GARDAI positions.

6. Enhanced cooperation with the Defence forces. During the 1980's the Defence Forces would assist Gardai with GARDAI checkpoints, hostage and kidnappings and searches for guns/arms. Defence forces could also aid the GARDAI with VIP visits to the Republic of Ireland for example popes and President of the U.S.A. This would be done at the request of the GARDAI Commissioner.

7. Upgrade/replace of GARDAI Computer system Police. Look at other police force systems PSNI, ENGLAND, Scotland, WALES, USA etc to see if any of these Computer systems could be replicated in the Republic of Ireland.

8. Increased civility of the GARDAI in areas such as HR, Legal, Press office and office duties. Each GARDAI station to have a glass front separating the Guard / office person from the member of the public similar to post office. Civilians to be allowed to use GARDAI station stamp for routine paperwork for example passport applications.

9. All GARDAI to be issued with stab vests.

10 Road Safety authority to audit all Gardai breakdown figures.

Yours sincerely