

TERROR CASE



SPECIALIST PUBLIC ORDER TRAINING

Metropolitan Police officers (left) part in a joint training exercise at the Met's dedicated training centre at Brentford in West London with officers from the Metropolitan Police's Specialist Public Order Unit.

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The Metropolitan Police has announced that it will be investing significantly in public order training, a key area of the force's budget.

The force's budget for 2007-08 will be £1.1 billion, a 1.5% increase on 2006-07.

The extra money will be spent on strengthening the Met's capacity to handle the potential threat.

Assistant Commissioner Andy Harrison, head of Specialist Operations, said:

"This funding will significantly enhance our capacity to respond to incidents to make London safer."

"It will enable us to respond to our society and neighbourhoods, putting them at heart of our strategy and through to tackling the most serious forms of crime in a way we have never been able to do before."

The budget showed the force has made further savings of £100 million in the last financial year, bringing a total saving of £1.1 billion since 2000.

Effective

Metropolitan Police Authority (MPA) chairman Ian Donald said: "The MPA will ensure that effective financial management remains a priority and we will continue to work with the Met to cut crime and enhance community safety."

The extra resources money is in addition to the extra funding provided by Mayor Ken Livingstone for the rollout of Safe Neighbourhoods across the capital.

Mr Donald said: "The increase in the Mayor's



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