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# Community Safety News



## MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership would like to wish all our readers a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous 2016.

There has been some great Partnership work over 2015, including our E-Safety Campaign, Speed Watch, visit from Ann Barnes (Police & Crime Commissioner), supporting repeat and vulnerable victims and actioning over 1,000 calls through the Community Safety Units Daily briefing.

The Partnership consists of a number of agencies including Police, Fire Service, housing associations, charities and voluntary groups, KCC and Sevenoaks District Council.

Sevenoaks is a safe and low crime area, currently second lowest in Kent and we will continue this positive work in 2016 with new projects to address crime and community safety issues. To report a concern call 01732 227000 or e-mail [community.safety@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:community.safety@sevenoaks.gov.uk)

## Working in Partnership to address Counter Terrorism

Recently, counter terrorism has featured been in the news a lot with a number of incidents at home and abroad. The District Council has a responsibility within the Counter Terrorism Act to address the "Prevent" part of the Act and to work with partner agencies to work with vulnerable people who maybe at risk of radicalisation by any extreme group.

We have recently held four training sessions on prevent and will be holding another four in February.

10am to 1pm | SDC Offices, Council Chamber  
Tuesday 2 February  
Thursday 4 February  
Friday 12 February

2pm-5pm  
Wednesday 10 February

To book you will need to go to <https://securityandprevent.eventbrite.co.uk> and register with event brite. If you are worried about someone or feel that someone is acting suspiciously, it is always best to report it and this can be done via Kent Police on 101 or by calling the UK's anti-terrorist hotline, in confidence, on 0800 789321.



## SEVENOAKS & SWANLEY

### IPAG - Independent Police Advisory Group

#### *Your Community - Your Issues!*

We are currently looking for new members to join us and attend three meetings a year at a location which is relevant to you.

This is an exciting opportunity to discuss community issues with Kent Police and the IPAG Chair who seek to work with the group to address them effectively.

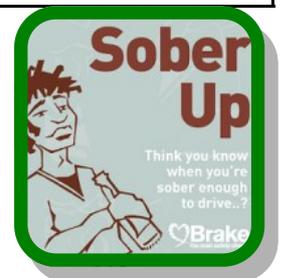
- We will discuss Kent Police priorities/objectives and would welcome your views.
- We would like to welcome members from a variety of different cultures with a view to providing tactical advice and support in relation to dealing with serious incidents involving victims and offenders from different backgrounds
- Members input will help with training new recruits & reviewing policies.

For a further insight into what the IPAG is and what is required from its members please click on the link below: -

[http://www.kent.police.uk/about\\_us/diversity/independent\\_advisory/Independent\\_Advisory.html](http://www.kent.police.uk/about_us/diversity/independent_advisory/Independent_Advisory.html)

Or please contact [Community.liaison@kent.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Community.liaison@kent.pnn.police.uk) – 01622 652444 / 652440

## Be safe over Christmas Information from the charity BRAKE



Even very small amounts of alcohol or drugs can affect your driving and could cause a devastating crash. To keep yourself and others safe, never drink any alcohol or take any illegal drugs before driving: “not a drop, not a drag”.

### **The morning after**

Make sure you've completely got rid of any alcohol or drugs from your system before driving. Many drink and drug drivers are caught the next day. Drinking coffee, sleeping, or having a shower don't help you sober up; only time will do this.

As a rough guide, it takes at least one hour for the body to process one unit of alcohol. You should count the hours from the time you finished your last drink, but over-estimate as it could take longer depending on a number of factors. If you have to drive the next morning, limit yourself to no more than one or two drinks and bear in mind that if you have a heavy night you could be impaired all of the next day. Go to BRAKES website [www.brake.org.uk](http://www.brake.org.uk) for more information.

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