



# Northamptonshire PFCC

## January 2019 Newsletter



## Fire transfers to Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner

**Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold has now taken on the governance of Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service, creating the Office of Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner.**

The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner will now be responsible for the performance of the Fire and Rescue Service and will hold the Chief Fire Officer to account in the same way he does the Chief Constable for the performance of the police.

The day-to-day business of the Fire Service will carry on as it is, with its own Chief Officers retaining operational independence.

Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold said that the transfer of governance will help bring stability to Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service and allow the two emergency services to work more closely together where that improves their performance and the service provided to the public.

Ways to bring together enabling services such as vehicle maintenance, IT, HR and finance and the sharing of buildings are already being explored to help both organisations to make savings and ensure that the maximum amount of money is available to focus on frontline services.

You'll now see the precept – the part of the council tax that goes towards funding the fire service – separately on the council tax bills. And the budget for the Fire Service will now be ring-fenced - it can only be used for Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service and not for any other purpose.

Stephen Mold, Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner said: "I am excited that my team will be taking on the governance of Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service that will bring much-needed stability to the service and enable it to plan for the future. I also believe that the effectiveness of both organisations can be enhanced through working more closely together."

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# Major trauma packs deployed to frontline police officers

**Every police response vehicle in Northamptonshire is to be equipped with a special trauma response kit and every frontline police officer will be trained to deal with major traumatic injuries in a move that will improve both public and officer safety.**

The specialist packs contain essential equipment needed to allow a response officer who is first on the scene of an incident to treat major injuries and administer potentially life-saving emergency first aid.



Trauma response kit

It is believed that Northamptonshire Police are first in the country to deploy the trauma kits and train frontline officers to use them, giving an additional level of first aid skill and enabling officer to treat serious wounds or other trauma.

The trauma kits have been funded by Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold. The kits contain a tourniquet, emergency bandages and special gauze that will create a clot and staunch major bleeding – all equipment that trained officers will be able to use to give vital treatment in the critical moments until medical responders arrive.

Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold said: “Frontline officers are often first on the scene of any incident and they are trained and ready to tackle any emergency head on. I am proud of the way our officers respond to emergencies, without any thought for the risks they often face and I am pleased that with these kits, we can give them the tools to better protect both the public and themselves.”

## More officers to be equipped with Taser

**Fifty neighbourhood and rural policing officers are set to be trained and equipped with Taser in a first for neighbourhood and rural policing teams in Northamptonshire.**

Historically, Taser capability in Northamptonshire has been provided by officers in the East Midlands Operational Support Services unit, which provides specialist services including armed police officers.

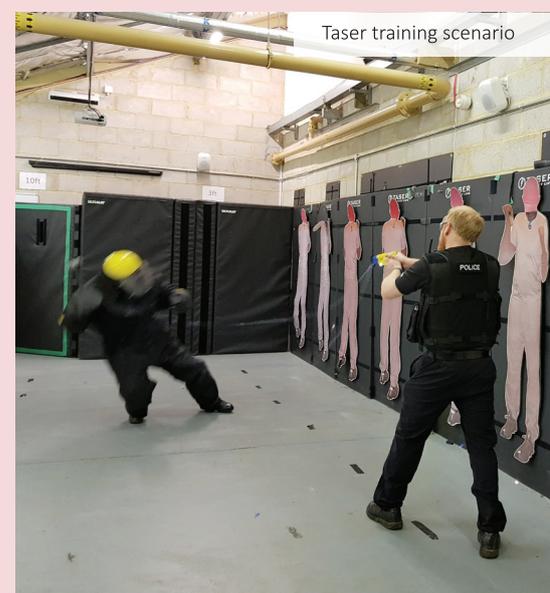
Last year, 100 additional officers in frontline and proactive teams were trained and equipped with Taser: now officers from neighbourhood teams will join the list of those trained to deploy Taser.

Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold has invested £67,000 to pay for the increased capability.

Chief Constable Nick Adderley said: “Nationally and locally there has been an increase in knife-related crime, so it makes complete sense that the officers out in the communities are equipped and able to respond to incidents quickly and effectively. Extending Taser capability allows us to do that.”

The Chief Constable added that 380 officers were assaulted in Northamptonshire last year – at least one every day.

Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner said: “Our police officers must be able to protect the public and also keep themselves safe from anyone intent on causing harm.”



# Hub for victims now opened



Opening ceremony of Walker House, Northampton

**Warwick House in Northampton has been formally opened by Stephen Mold, Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, and Chief Constable Nick Adderley as a hub for services for victims of crime in the county.**

Close to Northampton town centre and the general hospital, Warwick House is the base for Voice for Victims and Witnesses,

the Sunflower Centre and Northamptonshire Rape Crisis Centre – all of whom provide a full range of complementary services to provide a full range of support.

Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold said “In Northamptonshire, we are working hard to ensure that we put victims at the heart of

the criminal justice system. I brought support for victims and witnesses together as Voice, so that the services provided were the best that they could be.

“Now I am delighted that we are able to accommodate complementary services, rent free, alongside Voice at Warwick House, which helps them to be more sustainable and provides a seamless service for clients.”

## More Government funding for policing and fire next year

**Policing Minister Nick Hurd recently announced an increase in the national grant funding for policing, which will rise by £161 million across the country, as well as an increase for fire services.**

Funding for policing and fire comes from two sources, Government grants and money raised locally through a precept, which is part of the council tax. The Government has also given Police, Fire and Crime Commissioners the ability to increase council tax to raise more to invest in police and fire services.

What does this mean for Northamptonshire? The full details of the settlement are still being looked at so it is too early to say for certain how much more money will be available for policing and fire in this county next year.

But the increase in the Government grant will be taken into account by the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, along with the feedback from the recent public consultation, so that he can prepare a draft budget for 2019/20 and decide how much to ask local people to contribute to policing through their council tax next year.

Stephen Mold said: “I welcome the Government’s announcement that the funding available for policing and fire will be increasing. I have said many times that Northamptonshire does not receive a fair level of funding through the central government grant and while I welcome the increase, it only gives money for the coming year and I am working with the Home Office and with other Forces on the Comprehensive Spending Review to further press for a new funding formula that is fair to all.”

# New fund helps officers and staff support communities

**Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold has set up a new fund to enable police officers and staff across the organisation to carry out initiatives that will benefit the public in the communities they serve and to make Northamptonshire safer.**

The fund is up to £50,000 this year, and will pay out small grants to help officers and staff in their day job, solving problems and fighting crime and anti-social behaviour.



Mobile police station at Wellingborough day of action

Projects that have been supported so far include:

- Kit for a community football team providing constructive activities for young people in St David's, Northampton
- A day of action to tackle crime, take enforcement action and offer prevention advice and support in Wellingborough
- A creative writing competition for year 10 pupils at schools in Kettering to raise awareness of the issues of gangs and drug misuse
- A gardening project to encourage engagement and community feeling and tackle fear and isolation at three residential blocks in Northampton town centre

Stephen Mold said: "Our officers and staff are great problem solvers and are full of ideas that would help promote safety in the communities they serve. This fund has empowered them to put these brilliant ideas into practice and I am proud to be able to support them."



## New Deputy Chief Constable

**Simon Nickless has been appointed as Deputy Chief Constable of Northamptonshire Police, replacing the current Deputy, Rachel Swann, who leaves to join Derbyshire Constabulary in February.**

Simon's policing career began in 1992 in Nottinghamshire. He took first command as Neighbourhood Inspector in 2002, the learning from which has played a significant role throughout the rest of his career, in particular the roll out of Neighbourhood Policing across Nottinghamshire.

Chief Constable Nick Adderley led the interview process which involved a series of panels with representatives from the local community, different police associations including the Police Federation and Unison, and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

## Join us at our barn events

**Farmers and landowners are being invited to two free barn events to learn about and discuss with police officers action being taken against rural crime.**

Northamptonshire Police is organising the events with partners including the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, South Northamptonshire Council, Daventry District Council, and rural organisations the NFU and Northamptonshire ACRE.

Join us

**Monday, January 14, 6-9pm**  
**Station Farm, Denton Rd, Horton NN7 2BG**

Sign up here:  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rural-crime-awareness-barn-event-14-january-2019-tickets-53856363834>

**Tuesday, January 15, 6-9pm**  
**Crow's Nest Farm, Clopton, Kettering NN14 3DZ**

Sign up here:  
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