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SPFL Premiership Fixture  
Celtic Park, Glasgow

Celtic FC v Rangers FC

Sunday 02 September 2018

Kick Off: 1200 hrs

**Category: 'C-IR'**



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## Information

### Fixture

On Sunday 02 September 2018, an SPFL Premiership fixture is scheduled to take place at Celtic Park, Glasgow, between Celtic FC and Rangers FC. Kick-off will be at 1200hours. A crowd of approximately 60,000 is anticipated. This fixture has been classed as category 'C-IR'.

The Match Commander is Superintendent Carol McGuire S0002.

### Intelligence

A pre-match intelligence document has been prepared in respect of this fixture and any relevant intelligence will be provided during the briefing.

### UK National Threat Level

The current UK National Threat Level is **SEVERE** (an attack is highly likely or may occur without warning).

All officers are reminded of the need for extra vigilance in and around crowded places, transport hubs, iconic sites, premises with a connection to the US or Israel, mosques and synagogues.

All officers should display a heightened awareness of the potential for individuals or organised groups to attempt to cause disruption and/or attract adverse media attention to sporting fixtures and other major events. Consequently, all officers must display increased vigilance when conducting searches of persons, verifying personal particulars etc.

Whilst there is no specific intelligence of a threat to this operation from International Terrorism, the general threat from International Terrorism continues to be graded as **SEVERE**.

As of 1st March 2018, the Threat Level to the UK mainland from Northern Ireland Related Terrorism (NIRT) is **MODERATE** meaning an attack is possible, but not likely.

This is as a result of the ongoing threat to the UK mainland from Dissident Republican activity. There is no intelligence indicating a specific attack planned in Scotland, however Police Scotland officers and staff are reminded to maintain vigilance at all times both on and off duty. All staff are advised to refresh their awareness of the guidance and advice published on the Intranet to minimise risk and mitigate potential threats.

Any suspicious activity should be reported as per agreed processes and submitted to SID using the [REDACTED] marker.

All officers engaged in this operation must take cognisance of all current threat levels.

Police Officer Threat Level Increase Officer and Staff Safety Briefing.



## Intention

### Strategic Intentions

The overarching objective of the policing operation is to keep people safe. This applies not only to those attending or participating in the event but also the wider community within Greater Glasgow Division. The strategic intentions of the police operation are to:

- Maximise public safety and minimise disorder;
- Minimise the risk to police officers in the policing of the event;
- Provide an effective, proportionate and professional police response to the event, including the targeting of criminality and anti-social behaviour;
- Provide public reassurance and maintain community confidence by minimising the impact on the community and facilitating the return to normality as soon as is reasonably practicable at the conclusion of the event;
- To facilitate and protect the peaceful exercise of Freedom of Speech and of Assembly, and ensure that any police response balances the rights of those wishing to take part in any assembly or protest with the rights of others not taking part in such an assembly or protest.
- Minimise the impact on the road and transport network;
- Maximise the gathering and dissemination of intelligence;
- Where necessary, ensure the activation of any relevant contingency plan and coordinate the resulting emergency services response.

### Arrest Policy

Our interactions with the public must always reflect the force values of integrity, fairness and respect. We will engage positively with the public projecting the professional and re-assuring image of Police Scotland. We should always be aware of the need for heightened vigilance and be prepared to make proactive or reactive interventions when required.

Police officers will not eject persons from the venue but will, if required, support stewards undertaking this role. If a criminal offence is committed police officers will intervene and, if appropriate, arrest those responsible.

Any arrest must be legal and proportionate. The level of force used to execute an arrest must be no more than the minimum required in the circumstances to achieve that lawful objective and officers must be able to fully justify their actions.

In some circumstances it may be unsafe or otherwise inappropriate to make an arrest at the time of the offence. Officers must be aware that any action taken by them may cause a negative reaction and in some circumstances could destabilise the crowd. Where practical, event control should be advised prior to any arrest being made in order that an assessment can be made and advice given.

Nothing in this arrest policy prohibits or restricts an officer's power of arrest.

Any arrest will take account of the European Convention on Human Rights with the following articles having particular significance:

- Article 5 Right to liberty and security;**
- Article 9 Freedom of thought, conscience and religion;**
- Article 10 Freedom of expression;**
- Article 11 Freedom of assembly.**



## Administration

### Uniform and Appointments

All officers involved in the event will wear fluorescent outerwear with epaulettes and shoulder numbers clearly displayed. All officers will be in possession of personal protection equipment (including body armour and PAVA) and will be fully qualified in its use.

All officers with designated pre/post-match traffic points **MUST** wear long-sleeved fluorescent jackets to carry out these duties.

[REDACTED]  
officers should wear police issue uniformed hats, as per the section 6.1.1 of the Uniform and Appearance Standards (Police Officers) Standard Operating Procedures.

All officers deploying to this operation should dress according to weather conditions (snood / gloves etc if required).

### Arrests

Where practicable, Parkhead Control should be informed of any officer's intention to make an arrest prior to that arrest being made. Where transportation is required **Prisoner Transport** will be utilised;

### Football Banning Orders

The Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006 now provides that Football Banning Orders (FBOs) can be sought in relation to football related offences. Any request for an FBO will require approval by the match commander and should only be made in circumstances where the severity or nature of the offence would justify such restrictions on a persons' liberty and where, should an order be granted, it would prevent further violence or disorder at future football matches.

### Hate Crime

Hate crime is a crime motivated by malice or ill-will towards a social group. Police Scotland will continue to challenge those individuals who engage in hate crime and through robust investigation will bring offenders to justice. Officers with the capability to film supporters will only do so on the express permission of the match commander. If a situation arises where immediate filming is required then the match commander should be notified as soon as is practicable.

### Legislation

All officers must ensure they are fully aware of all relevant legislation in relation to this event. A legislation aide memoir can be found at the following link. [Legislation Aide Memoire](#)

### Pyrotechnics

All officers must ensure they are fully aware of the legislation in relation to pyrotechnics.

COPFS have requested that all seized pyrotechnics have to be photographed.

Officers MUST raise a CR for ALL pyrotechnic incidents.



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### Standing Order & Risk Assessment

This operational order must be read in conjunction with the Standing Order for Celtic Park. The risk assessment document for this fixture can be viewed here.

### Transport

The following vehicles will be utilised as part of the football operation and will be available and fully fuelled at the respective offices:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Keys for these vehicles will be available, on conclusion of briefings from the following officers who will be positioned in the noted locations. **On conclusion of duty vehicles must be tidy, fully fuelled and keys returned to the Sergeants room.**

Logistics (0800-1600)			
Officers	ISSI	Duties	

### Welfare Vehicle

The following officer will attend at London Road Police Station at 0800 hours and uplift PAVA. The officer will thereafter be positioned within an unmarked vehicle and will patrol the external perimeter of the stadium. This officer can be contacted directly if required.

Welfare Car (0800-1600)			
Call Sign	Officers	ISSI	Duties
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Will provide water/confectionery to officers as required



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### Private Vehicles

There is limited parking at London Road Police Station and as such officers **are not permitted** to park their private vehicles within the rear yard. Officers can drop off kit at the front door of London Road Police Station prior to parking their private vehicles (see appendix 5). To facilitate this, officers will be positioned within the front foyer area of the station.

The following officers will report to London Road Police Station at **0700 hours** where they will uplift their PAVA.

Call Sign	Officers	Duties
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

The following officers will report to London Road Police Station at **0900 hours** where they will uplift their PAVA.

Call Sign	Officers	Duties
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

### Emergency Rendezvous Point

[REDACTED]

### European Convention on Human Rights

This order is compliant with the European Convention on Human Rights, providing a proportionate, legal, appropriate, necessary and ethical means to achieve the legitimate aims of the operation. All officers engaged in this operation will ensure their actions align to these principles, our values of integrity, fairness and respect, and our objective of keeping people safe.

### Overtime

Any overtime incurred as a result of this operation will be claimed under

'Sport - 001 Football'



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**PAVA Spray**

The statement regarding the use of PAVA spray must be read aloud to officers at all briefings prior to carrying out duties and can be accessed via this [link](#).

All divisional mutual aid officers will report to their local stations where they will collect PAVA and be transported to their briefing locations.

Officers reporting to [REDACTED] for deployment will report to the following location for PAVA. Officers listed below will ensure that all canisters are returned. PAVA spray must be issued by a supervisory officer.

Officers	Location
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Officers reporting to [REDACTED] for deployment will report to the following location for PAVA. Officers listed below will ensure that all canisters are returned. PAVA spray must be issued by a supervisory officer.

Officers	Location
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Prior to deploying to the stadium, all supervisors are responsible for ensuring that their officers are in possession of all PPE. Supervisors will be required to account to the match commander for any deviation from this instruction.

**Refreshments**

Refreshments will be provided to all officers on the operational order.

[REDACTED] will attend the Police room for 0830 hours and oversee refreshments being handed out to all supervisors.

Stadium, Cordon and Reserve 1 & 2 Supervisors should attend and uplift sufficient refreshments from the Police room at the stadium for their contingent and take them to their briefing location.

Disorder, Reserve 3, Prisoner Transport & Licensing Supervisors will attend the Operations Planning room at [REDACTED] and uplift enough refreshments for their contingent. They will also ensure parking officers and CCTV Officers are provided refreshments.

Spotter & HVD Supervisors will attend the refreshment room at [REDACTED] and uplift refreshments for their contingent.

Only one refreshment will be available per officer.

Supervisors will ensure adequate comfort breaks for their staff during the course of the operation. Water will be available at catering outlets and from the welfare vehicle.

**Debrief**

Supervisors will complete and forward the attached de-brief form to Greater Glasgow Operations Planning prior to going off duty.