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Summary	This policy aims to provide clear guidance to police officers and staff when dealing with filming in London.
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Introduction

This is a new policy dealing with filming in London and police involvement.

Application

This policy applies with immediate effect

All police officers and police staff, including the extended police family and those working voluntarily or under contract to the MPA must be aware of, and are required to comply with, all relevant MPS policy and associated procedures.

However, this policy applies in particular to officers and staff in the following roles:

BOCU response officers
Police Community Support officers
BOCU Operations office staff
Station reception officers

N.B. This list is not intended to be exhaustive.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide clear guidance to police officers and staff when dealing with filming in London.

London is the UK centre and a global leader in the film and media sector, which employs more than 100,000 people and generates substantial amounts of income for the capitals economy

The Mayor of London, Ken Livingstone, has stated, "London must become a more film friendly city to compete with other major film-making cities around the world. Film brings economic benefits, boosts employment and helps attract tourists to the Capital."

The organization 'Film London' has been set up to facilitate filming in the Capital.

Whilst recognizing the importance of the working relationship between BOCUs and film companies, due to the constantly increasing amount of filming that takes place in London, it has become apparent that there is a need for a separate unit to oversee MPS involvement.

To this end, the Metropolitan Police Service Film Unit has been set up. This unit sits within CO15 (Central Operations). Its role is as follows:

- Act as a single point of contact for filming matters and offer guidance and expertise in relation to the police role / interest in filming events.
- Maintain and facilitate liaison between internal and external agencies.
- Represent the MPS at London Film Partnership meetings.
- Give briefings and offer advice and guidance to police managers, other police forces, Association of Chief Police Officers and other agencies on filming issues.
- Maintain a pan-London database of all filming events involving MPS services.
- Develop new working practices.
- To develop a center of excellence re filming in London.

As well as the MPS Film Unit, there are several other departments within the MPS that are involved with filming. They are the Events and Income Development Unit, Directorate of Public Affairs, Property Services Department and the Operations offices on each of the London Boroughs.

The MPS supports and encourages film making in London and this policy sets out the procedures for dealing with applications to carry out filming.

Scope

This policy applies to all filming in London involving the Metropolitan Police.

Policy Statement

The Metropolitan Police Service supports and encourages filming in London. Operating within the law and our resource envelope, we will endeavour to provide all reasonable assistance to film-makers and to 'Film London'.

Benefits

This policy will ensure that all MPS involvement in filming in London will be dealt with in a fair and consistent manner. It will provide police officers and staff with clear guidance on how to progress such undertakings.

By engaging with film-makers and employing set processes, disruption and danger to Londoners will be minimised, and protection will be afforded to film crews and police officers.

It will also help to make London a world centre for filming.

Responsibilities

- Roads Policing Strategic Committee owns this policy
- MPS Film Unit is responsible for implementing the policy
- MPS Film Unit is responsible for monitoring and reviewing the policy.

Associated Documents and Policies

Standard Operating Procedures – Policing in London