



10 DOWNING STREET

Press Notice

PRIME MINISTER TO CHAIR CRIME PREVENTION MEETING

The Prime Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, FRS, MP, is to chair a meeting to be held at No 10 Downing Street on Wednesday, 8 January 1986, with the aim of intensifying the drive against crime.

The meeting will be attended by about 50 representatives of industry, including the CBI and TUC, commerce, motor manufacturers, transport undertakings, the energy industries, insurance companies, retail chains, local authorities and the police, as well as by Ministers and senior officials from major Departments. A list of all those invited is attached.

The meeting will consider four aspects of crime - auto-crime (the theft of and from cars); burglary of homes; crime in the workplace; and violent crime.

The Prime Minister said today:

"My objective is to step up the campaign against violent crime and crimes against property by making life much more difficult for the thief and burglar and intensifying the community's resistance to the criminal.

Crime costs all of us far too much in both economic and social terms. We, as individuals and organisations, can and must do more to fight it.

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The Government has strengthened our police forces and given them its full backing. We have also toughened up the law and the criminal justice system. We shall not hesitate to act if more is required as the public order legislation recently introduced into Parliament shows.

But the Government, the courts and the forces of law and order also need the help, support and close collaboration of the community in making crime much more difficult and much less likely to pay.

I am sure that as well as tackling the problem of violent crime about which there is so much public concern, the meeting will help us find new ways of preventing crime - for example, by building more anti-theft and anti-burglary devices and measures into products and buildings."

The meeting will build on the Government's existing "multi-agency" approach to crime prevention. It will provide an opportunity to raise crime prevention in the priorities of designers, manufacturers and commercial firms as well as the community as a whole. One encouraging sign is that there are now about 7,700 neighbourhood watch schemes in operation.

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Notes to Editors

The meeting was announced by the Home Secretary, the Rt Hon Douglas Hurd, CBE, MP, on 20 November 1985 in his address to the Standing Conference on Crime Prevention.

CRIME PREVENTION MEETING

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Chief Constable S. E. Bailey, C.B.E., Q.P.M.,
Northumbria Police and President of ACPO

Mr. R. C. W. Bardell,
Chief Executive, Association of British Insurers.

Mr. J. Telford Beasley,
Chairman and Managing Director, London Buses.

Sir Terence Beckett, C.B.E.,
Director General, Confederation of British Industry.

Professor A. Bottoms,
Criminology Institute.

Chief Constable J. M. Boyd, Q.P.M.,
Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary.

Mr. Miles Lucas Breeden,
Chairman, Wilmot-Breeden Limited.

Mr. A. Buchan,
Assistant Director of Education, Borough of Sunderland.

Mr. J. Burn,
Headmaster, Longbenton Community High School.

Mr. Cecil Burrows,
Director and General Manager, Cornhill Insurance Group.

Mr. R. Calderwood, LL.B.,
Chief Executive, Strathclyde Regional Council.

The Rt. Hon. Mark Carlisle, Q.C., M.P.

Mr. F. B. Corby,
Chief Executive, Prudential Corporation, plc.

Mr. P. G. Crossland,
Managing Director, Racal-Chubb, Ltd.

Mr. J. D. S. Curtis,
Director, British National Insurance Company Ltd.

Sir Edward Gardner, Q.C., M.P.
Chairman, Home Affairs Select Committee.

Mr. J. Greenwell,
Chief Executive of Northamptonshire County Council and
Honorary Secretary of SOLACE.

Mr. A. Growcott,
District General Manager, Cheshire Health Authority.

Mr. G. M. Hornsby,
Assistant Secretary, British Retailers Association.

Mr. R. Horrocks, C.B.E.,
Group Chief Executive - Cars, BL plc

Mr. A. A. Horsford,
Chief Executive, Royal Insurance Company Ltd.

Mr. I. Kelsall, O.B.E.,
Director, Confederation of British Industry, Wales.

Councillor Jack Layden,
Chairman, Association of Metropolitan Authorities.

Councillor John R. Lovill, C.B.E., D.L.,
Chairman of the Executive Council, Association of County
Councils.

Councillor J. Morgan, O.B.E.,
Chairman, Association of District Councils.

Sir Kenneth Newman, Q.P.M.,
Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis.

The Baroness Phillips, J.P.,
Director General, Association for the Prevention of Theft
in Shops.

Mr. A. Plumpton, C.B.E.,
Deputy Chairman, The Electricity Council

Ms. Anne Power
Outside consultant employed by Department of Environment

Mr. G. C. Pye,
President, House-builders Federation.

Chief Superintendent N. B. E. Ridd,
Director, Home Office Crime Prevention Centre.

Mr. L. A. L. Rolland,
President, Royal Institute of British Architects.

Sir Denis Rooke, C.B.E.,
Chairman, British Gas Corporation.

Mr. S. H. A. Shaw, J.P.,
Chairman, Barking, Havering and Brentwood Health
Authority.

Councillor Mrs. Lydia Simmons,
National Consumer Council.

Mr. D. G. Spickernell, C.B.,
Director General, British Standards Institution.

Ms. Vivien Stern,
Director, NACRO

Mr. A. W. Tait,
Chairman, National Housebuilding Council.

Mr. J. R. N. Thompson,
Corporate Director, Allied Breweries Ltd.

Mr. S. Toy,
Chairman and Managing Director, Ford Motor Company Ltd.

Chief Superintendent T. Wagstaff,
Metropolitan Police, New Scotland Yard.

Mr. John Wheeler, J.P., M.P.,
Director General, British Security Industry Association
Ltd.

Mr. Norman Willis,
General Secretary, Trades Union Congress.

Mr. D. B. J. Wolpert,
Chief Education Architect, Avon County Council.

MINISTERS AND OFFICIALS

Home Office:

Rt Hon Douglas Hurd, MP, Secretary of State
Mr Giles Shaw, MP, Minister of State
Sir Brian Cubbon, Permanent Secretary

Department of Trade and Industry:

Mr Michael Howard, MP, Under-Secretary of State
Sir Brian Hayes, Permanent Secretary

Department of Education and Science:

Mr Christopher Patten, MP, Minister of State
Mr Walter Ulrich, Deputy Secretary

Department of Energy:

Mr Alastair Goodlad, MP, Under-Secretary of State
Mr John Guinness, Deputy Secretary

Scottish Office:

Rt Hon George Younger, MP, Secretary of State
Mr William Reid, Deputy Secretary

Welsh Office:

Rt Hon Nicholas Edwards, MP, Secretary of State
Mr John Davies, Under Secretary

Department of Health and Social Security:

Mr Ray Whitney, MP, Under-Secretary of State
Sir Kenneth Stowe, Permanent Secretary

Department of Transport:

Rt Hon Nicholas Ridley, MP, Secretary of State
Mr William Knighton, Deputy Secretary

Department of the Environment:

Rt Hon Kenneth Baker, MP, Secretary of State
Mr Terence Heiser, Permanent Secretary

Northern Ireland Office:

Mr Nicholas Scott, MP, Under-Secretary of State
Mr Anthony Brennan, Deputy Secretary

Department of Employment:

Mr Peter Bottomley, MP, Under-Secretary of State
Mr John Rimmington (Director General, HSE).

A number of other officials will also attend.