

RETURN TO NORMALITY

officers may be re-introduced to the area as soon as possible to discover grievances and prevent the continued polarisation of the community.

12.6 Every effort should be made to prevent neighbourhood officers becoming engaged in any situation which may involve them in confrontation with their local community.

12.7 The period following public disorder is one in which all concerned will be left with a sense of bitterness because of personal injury or damage sustained. It is at such a time that the police service can make particular use of the long relationships with community leaders.

DEBRIEFING AND POST INCIDENT OBJECTIVES

12.8 As soon as circumstances permit all members involved in the operation should return to the base station to undergo a thorough debrief. When all relevant information has been obtained a factual report should be forwarded to Force Control and Information Centre.

12.9 Plans should be formulated to identify, arrest and prosecute those persons who were involved in any criminal activities and to collate details for criminal injury claims.

12.10 To further stability and engender the goodwill of the public the police service must be seen to act promptly to investigate complaints, provide assistance for the restoration of civil amenities and to co-operate with local representatives in seeking the underlying causes of community disorder with a view to preventing any repetition.

12.11 To this end police willingness to meet with the community and to discuss problems should in no way impede the arrest and prosecution of these persons earlier involved in criminal activities during the period of public disorder, nor must the creation of police 'no-go' areas be permitted.