

INTRODUCTION

20.1 Briefing is the issuing of instructions to personnel detailing arrangements prior to, and during, the policing of events. Proper briefing is essential to ensure that personnel involved in any public order/disorder situation know exactly what police action is to be taken, the reasons for it and how such action is to be implemented. Each individual officer involved should know his own particular role and how this fits into the overall plan. This may be amplified by a precise written instruction setting out the members duties. Sufficient time must be allowed to cater for briefing in respect of all operations.

CONSIDERATIONS

20.2 Briefing should be in two phases, the overall commander briefing all officers of or above the rank of inspector and the inspector in turn briefing his particular serial.

20.3 The Commander's briefing must take place a reasonable time before the event. Members of specialist branches should attend in addition to those mentioned in paragraph 20.2

20.4 The inspectors will arrange for detailed briefing of their respective serials and this should be done as close to the event as possible.

20.5 A suitable room or place, which is quiet with no distractions, should be used.

BRIEFING HINTS

20.6 The following points should prove useful:

(a) Early and detailed research so that proper planning will result. Personal survey of the area beforehand will prove useful.