

Minutes of Glan Clwyd Laryngectomy Club.

Faenol Fawr. 16/03/17

In attendance members of the Police Firearms and Dog Response unit.

Armed Response Unit: Their role is to deal with violent or potentially violent incidents – Knives, guns, wild animals (including domestic) or to ensure safe entry to locked premises.

Resolution is key – peacefully if possible. If not then use the normal Police tools first, handcuffs, ties, pepper spray, baton. Body worn video records all incidents from moment logged on a call.

TAZER – less lethal option - used in violent situations to avoid need to approach dangerous person – beware ‘excited delirium’ as risk of mortality. All Officers in unit regularly trained in advanced resuscitation.

Back up weapon – Glock handgun 9mm – fires a parabellum round, spreads out but doesn’t pass through victim – less risk to crowd.

Gun safe in vehicle – always protected. All weapons and rounds signed out and back in by individual Officer. Need to justify any round fired – accountability.

Other weapons – Baton gun (rubber bullets), Assault Rifle, Pump action shotgun (disassembles) – for use on wild animals if Vet unable to cope, Protective vests and plates and ballistic helmets. Shields – light or full length. They carry a full Medical pack. Method of entry equipment and ‘Singers’ for pursuit purposes.

There is also an advanced sniper section and a bodyguard/protection unit.

Dog section: train dogs and their handlers. Use German or Belgium Shepherds, Labradors or Spaniels. They seek out people by scent. Different elements to scent, airborne, or ground scent. Dogs search ‘into the wind’.

Used as a deterrent in ‘crowd control’ or to clear areas. Can be specifically trained to detect specific substances, Drugs, Explosives, etc. or to search for missing items, e.g. weapon.

There is body armour for dogs – used in building searches. The Officer must justify why the dog is deployed – seen as a lethal weapon. Needs reasonable cause to search or retain person
Dogs also used to retain person or hunt down and chase. Sense of smell much more developed than humans.
Dogs live with their handlers and trained in ‘recognition and indication techniques’.
Larger forces have breeding programmes.

Laryngectomy Members meeting:

Peter gave update on NALC. We use their charity number. Our membership is due and it was proposed that an additional donation of £100 be made. This was agreed. AGM of NALC is on 15th May 2017 in London.

The Club have bought a suction machine for a member from existing funds.

There will be a 3-course meal at Llandrillo College with a cookery demonstration. Cost £10.50 per member or family. Peter to confirm suitable dates.

It was proposed that non-attendees be informed in the next notification of meeting that we have now set up a website where information and minutes will be available. If they still wish to receive notification of meetings they will need to respond to the letter before the subsequent meeting or else their names will be removed from the mailing list.

Next meeting 27/04/17 11.30 am at the Faenol Fawr.

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