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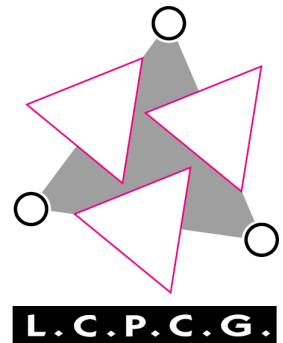
LEWISHAM COMMUNITY POLICE CONSULTATIVE GROUP

Working for a safer Lewisham for all

AGENDA

Date: Tuesday, 5 February 2013 at 7.00 pm

Venue: Rooms 1&2 Civic Suite, Lewisham Town Hall,
London SE6 4RU



Registration will open at 6.30 when Tea and Coffee will be available inside the meeting room. The meeting is anticipated to finish no later than 9.30pm.

This is a public meeting, residents and borough users from all communities are welcome. LCPCG member organisations are particularly called to attend.

The Civic Suite has disabled access. Reports can be made available in additional formats on request and can usually be provided within 3 days. There is also a reading machine at Catford Library. A portable induction loop is also available on request.

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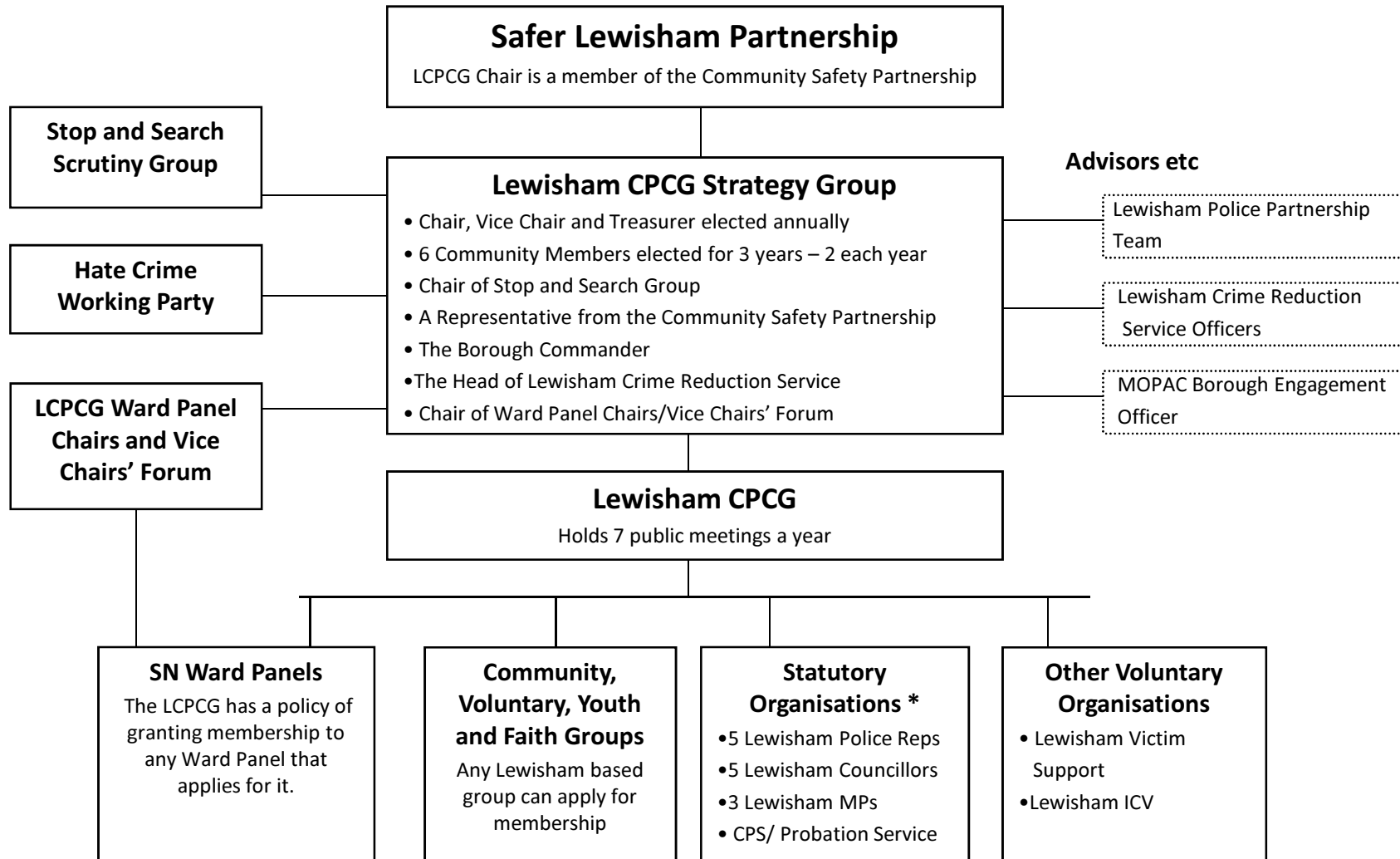
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5.	Wendy Kyrle-Pope Vice Chair London Community Policing Partnership (LCP2)	
6.	Lewisham Council - Update from Head of Community Safety Services Geeta Subramaniam-Mooney, Head of Lewisham Council's Crime Reduction Services and Supporting People, will update the meeting.	
7.	Lewisham Police - Update from the Borough Commander Chief Superintendent Russell Nyman will give a verbal update to the meeting and provide a presentation on recent crime figures.	7 - 14
8.	Question and Answer Session - Police and Crime Reduction Services Members of the audience will have the opportunity to put questions to Mr Nyman and Ms Subramaniam-Mooney.	
9.	Stop and Search Group update A brief update about the work of the Lewisham Stop and Search Scrutiny Group.	
10.	Any Other Business	

The current community and police engagement structure in Lewisham

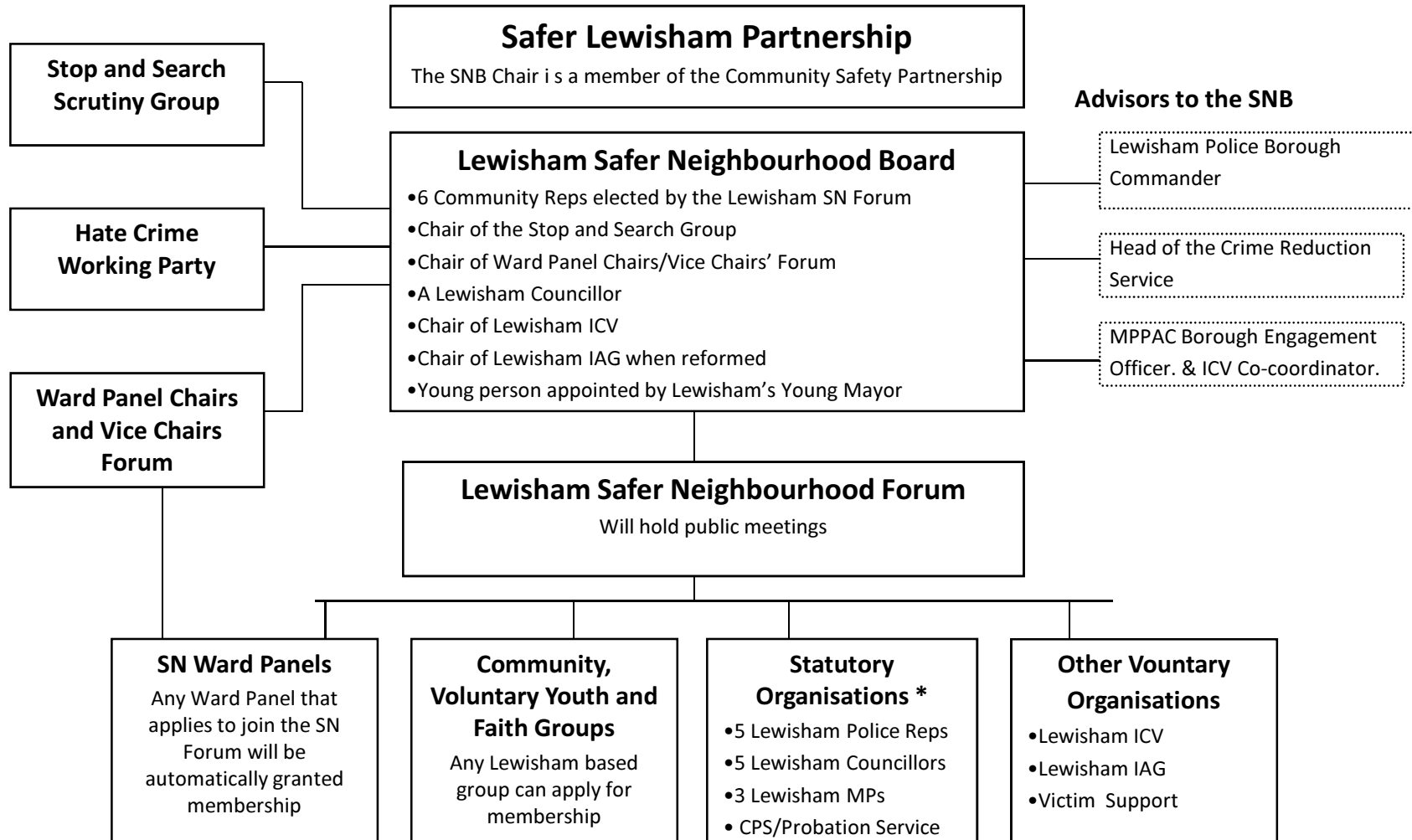
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*All Representatives from Statutory Organisations are voting members however, the Police chose not to exercise this right and this is written into the LCPCG Constitution.

Proposal for a new Lewisham community and police engagement structure

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* All Representatives from Statutory Organisations will be full voting members of the SN Forum, however, the Police will not exercise this right as was the case with the previous structure.

Proposal for transforming the Lewisham Community Police Consultative Group into the Lewisham Safer Neighbourhood Board.

Introduction

This report sets out a simple way of introducing a Lewisham Safer Neighbourhood Board using structures already in place thereby making the transition from CPEG to Board smooth and seamless.

Proposed composition of the Lewisham Safer Neighbourhood Board

All of the groups, except for the IAG, referred to in the MOPAC proposals are already LCPCG members and some already have representation on the LCPCG Strategy Group, which already takes on many of the functions of a proposed Safer Neighbourhood Board. It would therefore be an easy matter for the Board to replace the Strategy Group, taking over its functions along with the new responsibilities proposed by MOPAC as shown in the attached diagrams.

Community Representatives

At present all the LCPCG Strategy Group has nine Community Representatives- 3 Officers who are elected annually and 6 ordinary members, who are elected two per year, for a three year term of office thus allowing continuity. We propose that there should also be six Community Representatives on the Safer Neighbourhood Board, elected in a similar way i.e. two a year for three years by the Safer Neighbourhood Forum.

Community Monitoring Group

Lewisham's Community Monitoring Group, known as the Stop and Search Group, is a subgroup of the LCPCG and presents a report at every LCPCG public meeting. The Stop and Search Group Chair is a Strategy Group member. We propose that this arrangement be continued in that the Chair becomes a member of the Safer Neighbourhood Board.

Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panels

The LCPCG has provided support for Ward Panels from their inception, helping local residents to ensure that they were set up correctly with Chairs from the local community, who are elected annually, with constitutions and a membership that reflects the demographical makeup of the ward. We also have a policy that LCPCG membership will automatically be granted to every Ward Panel that applies for it.

We continue to monitor and support all ward panels via a Forum for Ward Panel Chairs and Vice Chairs which we set up in 2008. This provides an opportunity for ward panel members, whether they are LCPCG members or not, to be updated on current policy issues that might not come to their panel meetings in the normal way and to share their experiences and good practice.

The LCPCG Ward Panel Forum meets three times a year and members have been on training arranged by the LCPCG. Meetings are attended by the Chief Inspector for Neighbourhood Policing which gives him/her and the Forum members regular opportunities to discuss areas of borough-wide or strategic concern. The Chair of the LCPCG Ward Panel Forum is a member of the LCPCG Strategy Group and we propose that he/she becomes a member of the Safer Neighbourhood Board.

Councillors

Lewisham Council has five Member Representatives on the LCPCG, who are entitled to stand for election as LCPCG Officers or to the Strategy Group. For the past fifteen years a councillor has taken this opportunity and the present LCPCG Chair is a Lewisham Councillor. We propose that Lewisham Council should be asked to select a councillor to become a Safer Neighbourhood Board Member.

Youth Representative

In this borough we have the Young Mayor of Lewisham who is elected annually by all the young people of secondary school age. The Young Mayor and the group of Young Advisors have worked with the LCPCG on projects and events. We have asked the Young Mayor and his/her Advisors if they are willing to nominate a young person as the Youth Representative on the Safer Neighbourhood Board.

Independent Custody Visitors

Lewisham ICV are long standing LCPCG members and have reported on their work at our public meetings and in the LCPCG Annual Report. We propose that the ICV Chair becomes a member of the Safer Neighbourhood Board.

Independent Advisory Group

The Lewisham IAG never applied for LCPCG membership though there has always been an overlap in membership between the IAG and our Strategy Group. The past two Borough Commanders have allowed the Lewisham IAG to lapse and Lewisham no longer has a functioning IAG. We understand that the new recently appointed Borough Commander plans to reinstate an IAG so we propose that, once appointed, the new IAG Chair becomes a member of the Safer Neighbourhood Board.

Board Responsibilities (not referred to above).

Complaints

The LCPCG monitors complaints from members of the public when information is provided by the police. Our Stop and Search Group is meeting with the police to look how Stop and Search complaints are processed and handled and how they could develop a method of supporting people, and particularly young people, in this area. We would therefore be well equipped to take on any variation of this role that MOPAC need.

Monitoring Performance

The LCPCG monitor the performance of both the Police and the Community Safety Partnership. We have negotiated a list of statistical information, covering a two year period, to be given as a power point presentation at each of our public meetings. Our Community Monitoring Group monitors Stop and Searches, Stop and Accounts, Section 60 Authorisations and Tazer deployments and has also negotiated for specific information to be available at its meetings. Every year we host a public consultation meeting for the Community Safety Partnership to gather information for their Strategic Assessment.

Communication and Community Engagement

The LCPCG has a comprehensive Communication Policy, which was revised in the last year,. The policy aims to set up and maintain simple, efficient and accessible two-way channels of communication that allow the spread of information and feedback between the LCPCG and its members and the wider community, key partners and organisations within the Criminal Justice System. The LCPCG Stop and Search Group will be launching a stand alone web-site in February 2013 and the main group already has webpage detailing the work and meetings of the group, as well as a separate Facebook Group and a popular Twitter account.

Our public meetings are usually themed, with presentations aimed to inform the public of different aspects of policing. They regularly attract substantial numbers of people and those attending value the opportunity to directly question the police and council officers. We also hold outreach meetings for groups like pensioners and young people, who have difficulty attending these evening meetings and run workshop sessions in youth clubs and schools. A Lewisham Safer Neighbourhood Forum (see attached chart) would take over this valuable work.

Conclusion

With over 25 years of experience of providing an Independent Forum where Lewisham's communities can meet the police, the local authority and other partners to discuss local policing and other aspects of community safety, around 100 membership groups and a substantial supporters mailing list. We have the expertise, the infrastructure and the contacts to facilitate the introduction of a Lewisham Safer Neighbourhood Board and ensure that it succeeds in its aim to be MOPAC's Primary Engagement Mechanism.

Jackie Addison
LCPCG Chair

Background Information on Safer Neighbourhood Boards

In his election manifesto '*Fighting Crime in London*' the Mayor of London, Boris Johnson proposed to abolish Community Engagement Groups, which we know as Community Police Consultative Groups, and with the £1 million pounds saved replace them with Safer Neighbourhood Boards.

These would be created by merging each borough's Community Engagement Group with its Independent Advisory Group (IAG). Board members would serve for three years and places would be set aside for councillors and young people. .

Safer Neighbourhoods Boards would also have duties that would include:

- Hearing and monitoring complaints from victims of crime,
- Monitoring public complaints against Lewisham Police Officers
- Establishing Lewisham Policing Priorities
- Monitoring crime performance and community confidence
- Ensuring the system of custody visiting is delivered – originally it was expected “to undertake the role of Independent Custody Visitors ie responsible for visiting local offenders after their arrest”
- Playing a significant role in Community Payback – which is suggested as setting the tasks that Lewisham offenders will undertake.
- Ensuring that all wards have a Ward Panel of residents
- Overseeing the borough's IAG
- Supporting Neighbourhood Watch
- Delivering the Stop and Search Community Monitoring function.

The £1 million saved from funding Community Engagement Groups will be put into a fund and all the 32 London boards will be able to bid for crime prevention projects in their boroughs.

Timescales or how the Mayor proposes to introduce Safer Neighbourhoods Boards are not mentioned in the manifesto nor how the members of Safer Neighbourhoods Boards would be selected. However, the most significant omission, in anything we have seen or read since, is any reference to the delivery by these boards of any activity that could remotely be recognised as Community Engagement.

In the months that have past since the London Mayoral Election we have tried to get some clarity with regards to this and in particular how it affects our funding, as our grant finishes at the end of March. Every time we are given a date it moves on a few months. The latest information is that MOPAC will consult on the proposals “in March with a view to identifying the way forward by September 2013”. The form and length of the consultation is not known nor when the final decision will be taken.

Wendy Kyrle-Pope from London Communities Policing Partnership (LCP2), has been meeting with Stephen Greenhalgh, the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, to press the case for Community Engagement and **local** management of the boards. Wendy is the Guest Speaker at the LCPCG Public Meeting on Tuesday 5th February and will update the meeting as to the progress she had made and be able to answer your questions.

Those attending will also be able to hear how we think we can adapt the structure of the LCPCG to incorporate the proposed functions of a Safer Neighbourhood Board.

Jackie Addison
LCPCG Chair
22 January 2013



Lewisham Borough Commander
Chief Superintendent Russell Nyman
(LCPCG – February 2013)

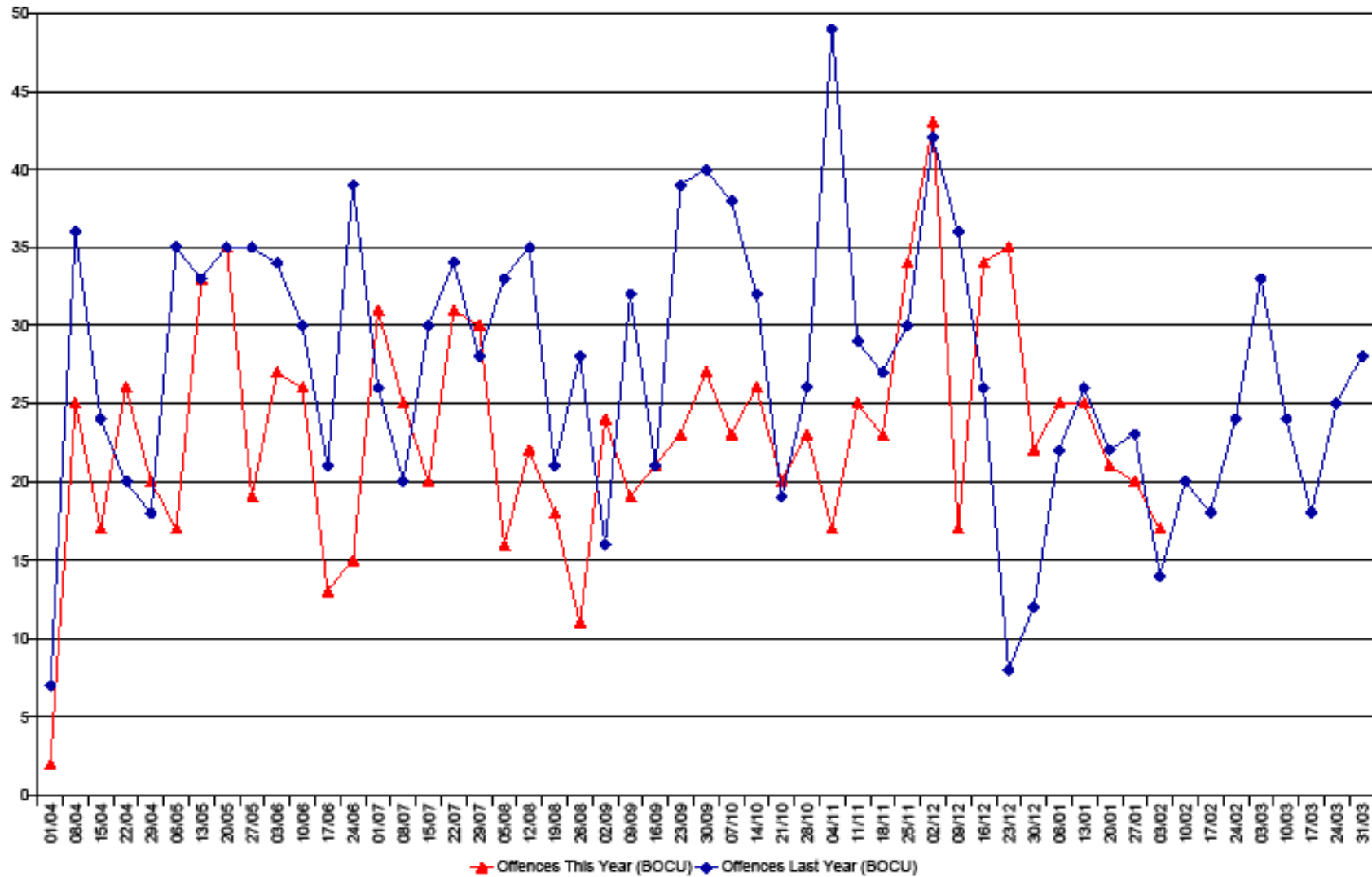


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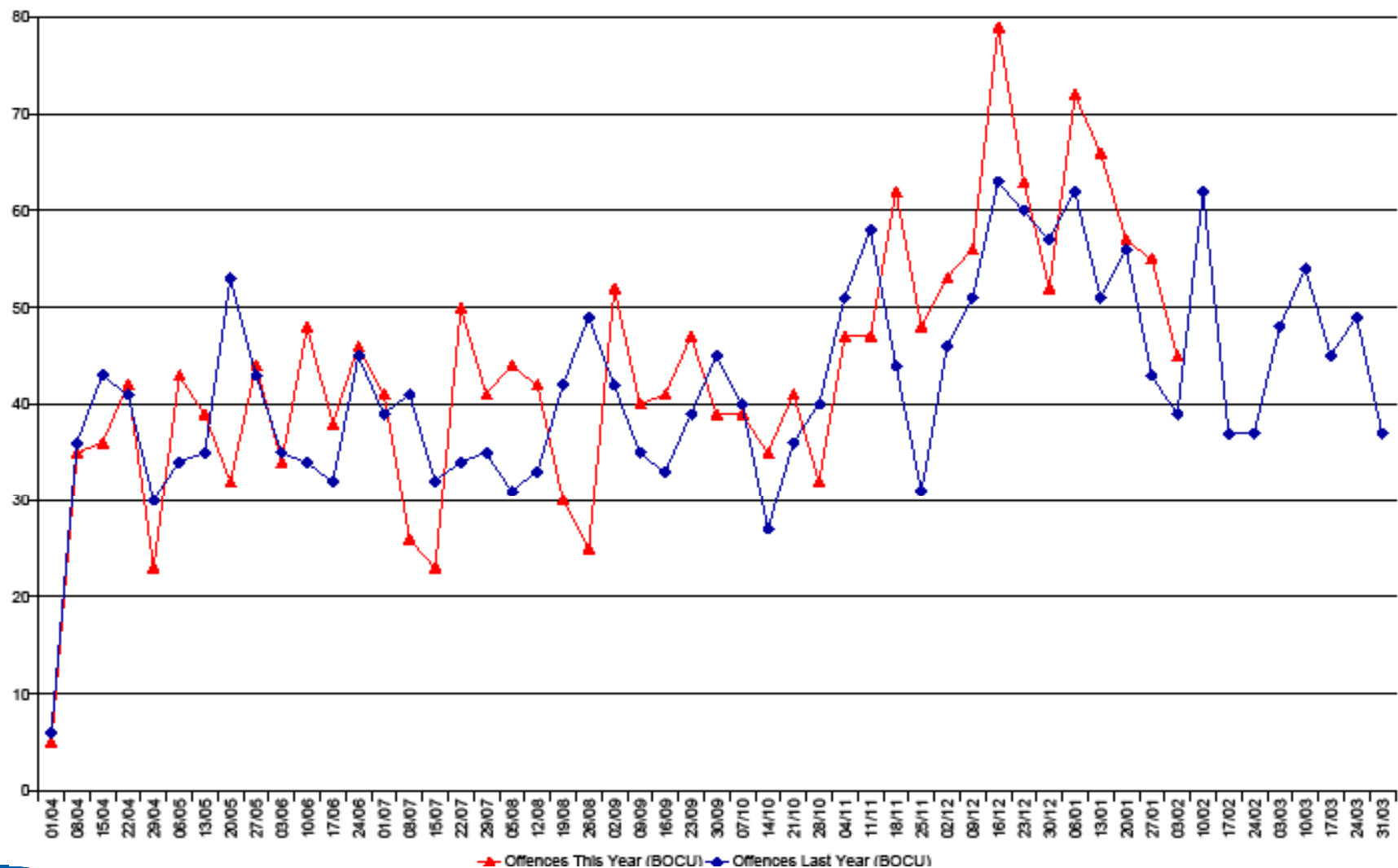


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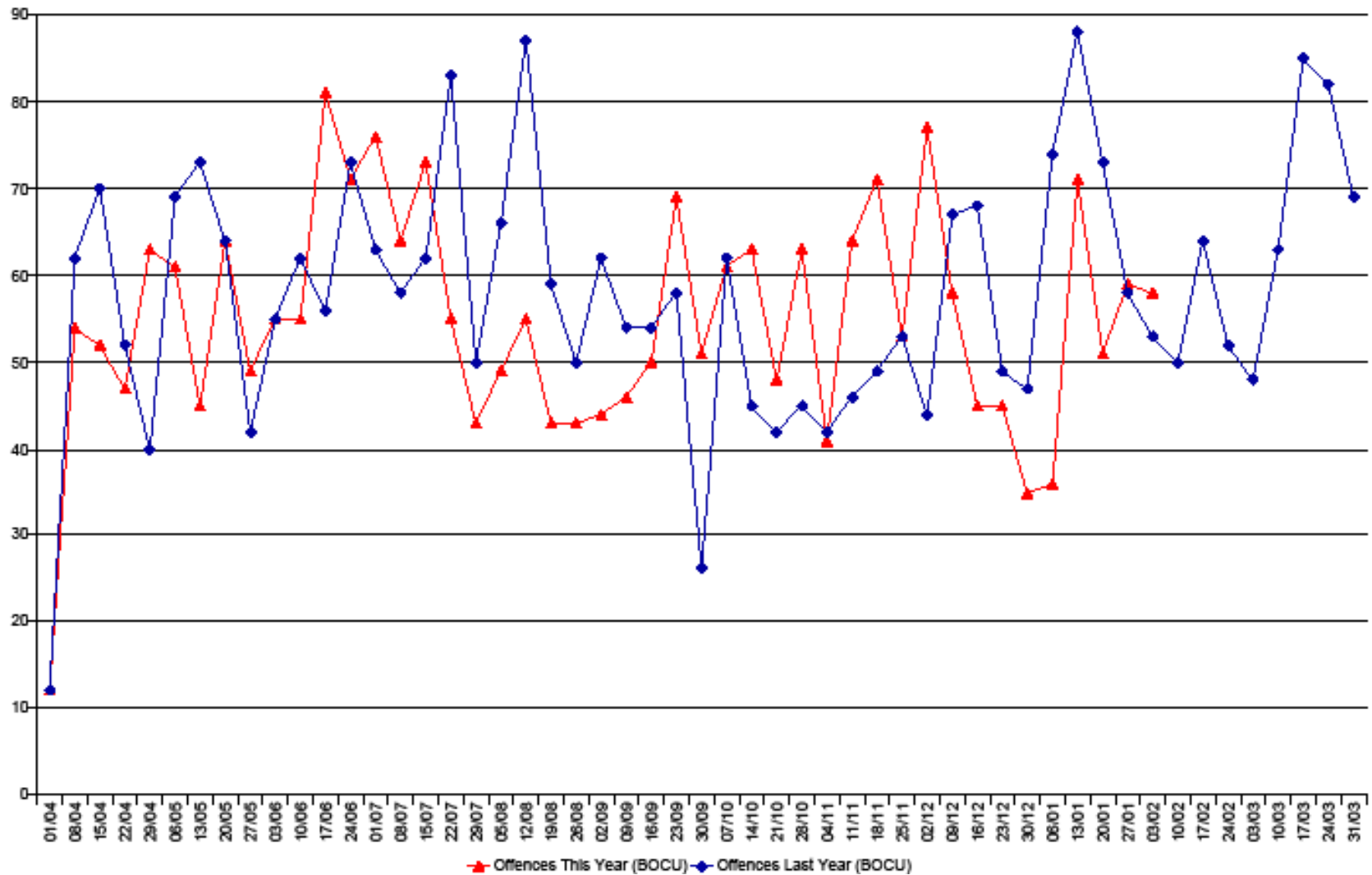
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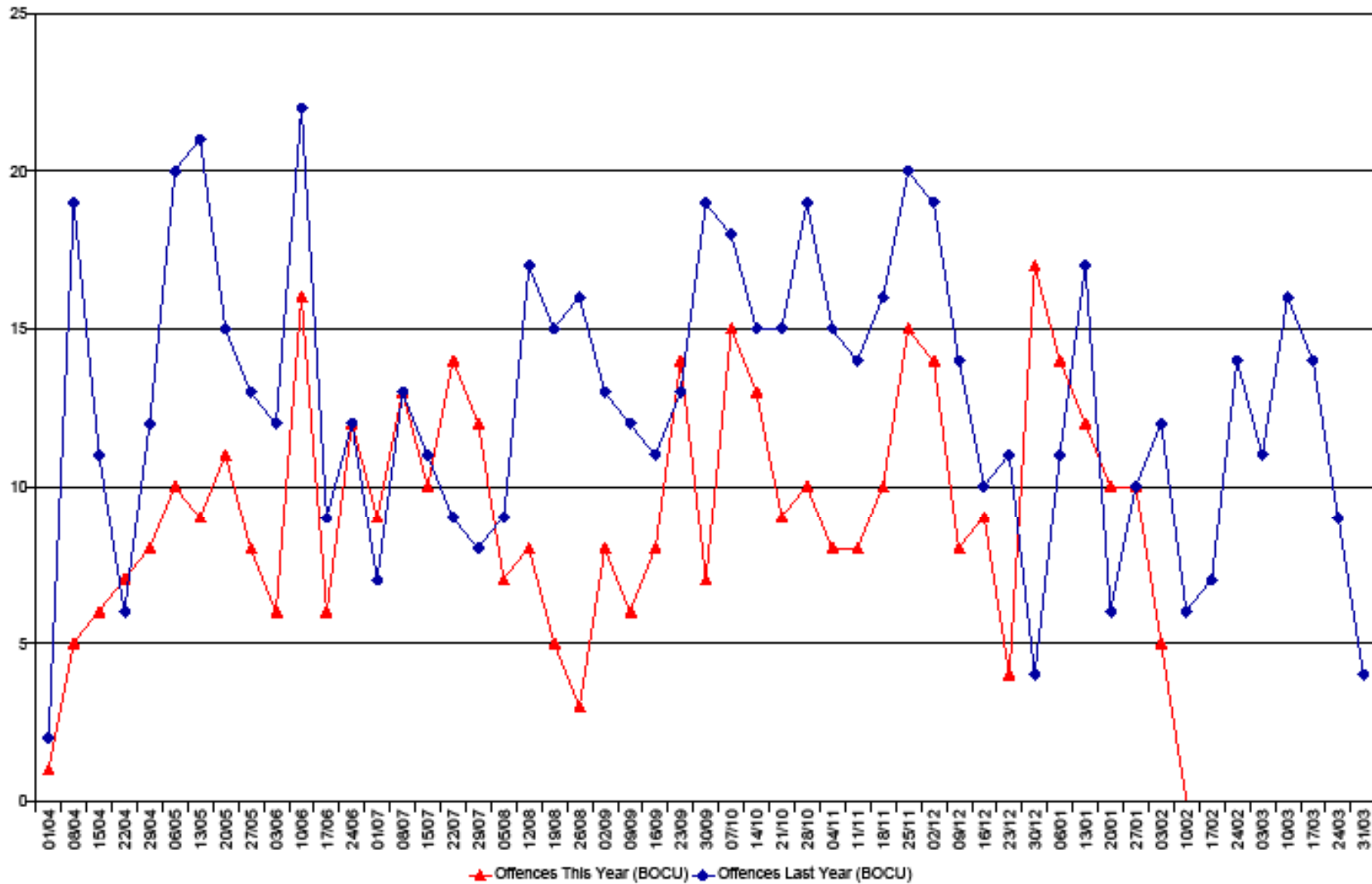
Residential Burglary between 01/04/2012 and 03/02/2013 by Week for PL



Vehicle Crime between 01/04/2012 and 03/02/2013 by Week for PL



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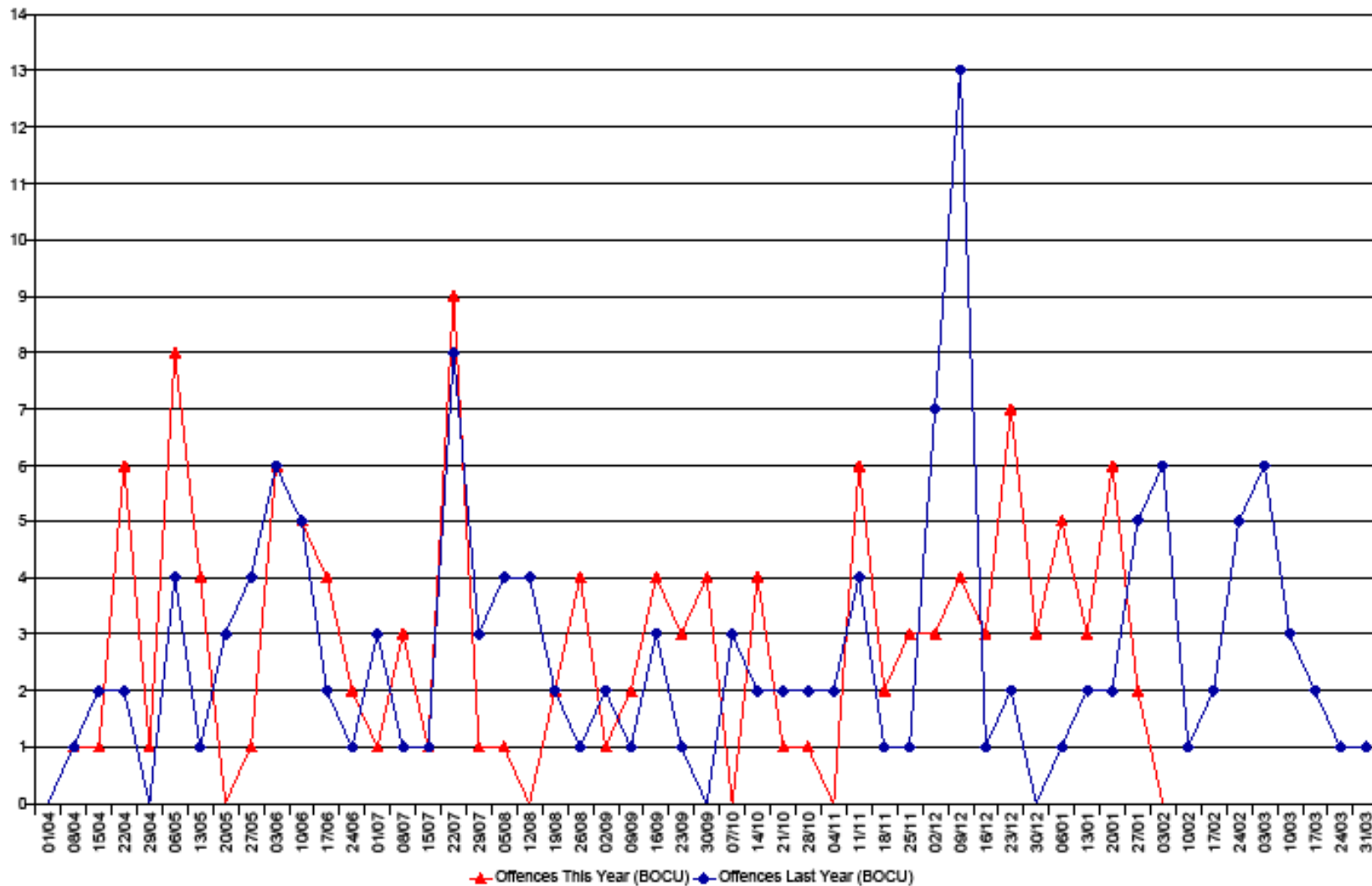


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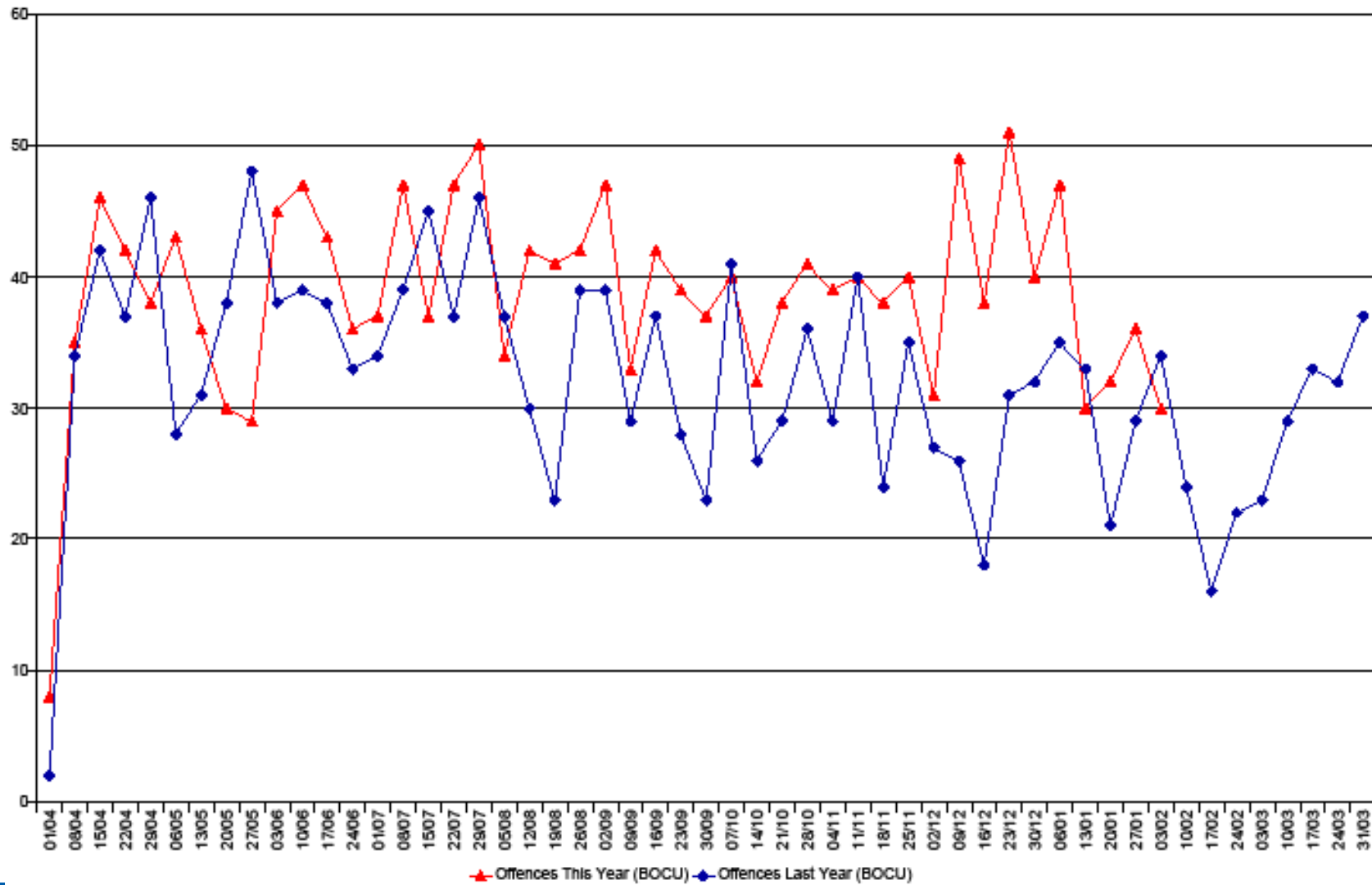
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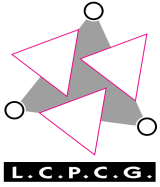




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Lewisham Community Police Consultative Group invite you to a public meeting

What is the future for Community Police Engagement? LCPCG want *your views* to count

to discuss policing and community safety in the borough.

Civic Suite, Catford, London SE6 4RU

Tuesday 5 February 2013

7 pm -9.30pm Please arrive early

Tea & coffee will be available from 6.30pm

Speakers:

Jackie Addison

Lewisham Community
Police Consultative
Group Chair

James Sewell

Lewisham & Greenwich
Independent
Custody Visitors

Wendy Kyrle-Pope

London Communities
Policing Partnership
(LCP2)

And local updates from:

Chief Supt Russell Nyman

Borough Commander
Lewisham Police

Geeta Subramaniam-Mooney

Lewisham Council Head of
Community Safety

There will be opportunities to ask questions. Meeting papers and any presentations will be online via <http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=280&MId=2351>

The LCPCG is an independent community forum which meets to discuss aspects of policing and community safety which matter to local people. www.lewisham.gov.uk/LCPCG

All communities are welcome to our meetings, but if you have any special communication or access requirements please contact us in advance Daisy Cairns, LCPCG Co-ordinator on 020 8314 8975 or by email to cpcg@lewisham.gov.uk