



Latest news from the PFCC – 22nd April 2022

Deputy Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner attends Commendation Ceremony

Essex Police officers and a member of the public have been awarded special Commendations in a ceremony which took place at Essex police headquarters.

On the 14th of April, officers and a member of the public were recognised and celebrated for their exemplary contribution to the community and the force, through acts of bravery and commitment in their policing work. They were handed a commendation certificate from the Chief-Constable, BJ Harrington and were applauded by their incredibly proud friends and family.



Deputy Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, Jane Gardner attended the event and said: “In my role I am very fortunate to be able to attend events like this today and commend you all on the outstanding work that you do. Hearing about how you have personally contributed to tackling serious crimes and protecting vulnerable people in Essex makes me incredibly grateful and your family and friends very proud. It isn’t only police officers recognised for their bravery, but also a courageous member of the public who witnessed a violent attack and later helped bring the perpetrators to justice. You are all being celebrated here today for your dedication, incredibly bravery and commitment to protecting us – this is an amazing achievement and I want to congratulate you all.”

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New firefighters take up roles across Essex

Following their successful completion of 15 weeks of intensive training, Essex County Fire and Rescue Service welcomed ten new firefighters at a pass out parade at Witham Fire Training Centre, on Thursday 14th April 2022.

The newest trainees paraded and performed drills in front of friends, family and senior officers before receiving their certificates.

The day signified an important milestone for the trainee firefighters, as it was the culmination of weeks of hard work during which they completed a comprehensive learning programme that included theoretical and practical training and procedures. The trainees also took part in a more specialised programmes incorporating breathing apparatus, road traffic collisions, fire protection, decontamination and trauma.

Now ready to take on the next stage of their careers, the new firefighters will be deployed at stations across Essex including Brentwood, Harlow, Loughton and Grays.

We wish them good luck in their careers as they go on to help make Essex a safer place to live, work and travel.

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Essex Police secures first conviction following aggravated trespass during fuel protests

Essex Police have secured the first conviction in the country following an incident of aggravated trespass during the fuel

protest in Thurrock.

Catherine MacLean, 64, from West Sussex was charged at Chelmsford Magistrates' Court on the 17th of April and has been ordered to pay a total of £409. She appeared alongside James Skeet, 35, from Manchester and Stephanie Aylett, 27, from St Albans, who were also charged with aggravated trespass and breach of bail conditions.

Assistant Chief Constable Rachel Nolan said: "To have achieved the first conviction in relation to the disruption that parts of the country have experienced over the last 17 days is a real testament to the investigative team we have in place here at Essex Police.

"There is no doubt that this has proved to be a challenging investigation which has required a great deal of time and work from officers, and I want to place on record my thanks to them.

"Sadly, Ms Maclean's actions means she now has a criminal record. No one – least of all my officers – wants to see this happen but it is a timely reminder that if you come to Essex to engage in trespass, even though you may see it as protest, you will be arrested, you will be charged and that is likely to lead to a criminal conviction.

"We are not anti-protest in any way; individuals have a protected right to protest but these incidents have unfortunately crossed into criminality and we have been left with no other option but act and seek authorisation from the Crown Prosecution Service to charge people."

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The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex is seeking an exceptional candidate to join a small and enthusiastic team. We are seeking someone who is both diplomatic and astute, with an ability to communicate clearly, effectively and confidently.

You will work with the Strategic Head to fulfill the Commissioner's statutory function in relation to reviews of complaints made against the Constabulary. You will undertake reviews in accordance with legislation, assessing the validity of complaints, identifying appropriate actions to be taken, and making recommendations on outcomes to the PFCC.

If you are interested in the role, we would love to hear from you!

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Epping Forest PFCC Public Meeting - 12th May 2022 @7pm

Maldon PFCC Public Meeting - 16th May 2022 @7pm

Tendring PFCC Public Meeting - 14th June 2022 @7pm

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