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Matthew Scott Kent's Police and Crime Commissioner

Emergency services to join forces for jobs fayre in Dartford

Police, fire and ambulance staff are joining forces for a special event later this month to showcase various jobs opportunities with the emergency services.

The Bluelight Jobs Fayre during October half-term in Dartford is free and open to everyone. It has been organised by Matthew Scott, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent, who said:

'I encourage anyone – especially those out-of-work, studying, or considering a change in career – to drop in to North Kent College on Friday 26 October anytime between 10am and 4pm. Come and meet Kent's emergency services, learn more about the rewarding careers you can have and find out how to apply.

'Kent Police, for example, is currently in the middle of its [biggest recruitment drive for a generation](#). The force is looking for police officers and staff to help make us all safer in Kent.'

Superintendent Tracey Quiller from Kent Police said:

'This event is a great opportunity for people to come and find out more about an incredibly varied and rewarding career with the emergency services. It is an extremely exciting time to join Kent Police as we continue to recruit both police officers and police staff for a number of roles across the county.

'We will have representatives on hand to discuss the different roles available and how you can become part of the Kent Police family.'

Karen Irvine, Assistant Director of Human Resources and Learning at Kent Fire and Rescue Service, said:

'We are actively recruiting on-call firefighters at a number of stations around the county. The role is part-time and is done by all sorts of people and can be done alongside another job,

The PCC Matthew Scott invites you to his **Bluelight Jobs Fayre**

Come and meet Kent's emergency services, learn more about the rewarding careers you can have, and find out how to apply. There'll be representatives of:

- Kent Police and British Transport Police
- Kent Fire and Rescue Service
- South East Coast Ambulance Service
- Crown Prosecution Service
- Prisons and rehabilitation, and more!

You can also find out more about volunteering with:

Victim Support
Independent Custody Visitors
Appropriate Adults
Kent Special Constabulary
Restorative Justice

Use the hashtag #BluelightJobs
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When?

Friday 26 October
10am - 4pm

Where?

North Kent College,
Oakfield Lane
Dartford, DA1 2JT

college or around caring for children.'

She added: 'Firefighters aren't the only heroes we employ. Behind the scenes, there are many professionals working hard in essential roles the public doesn't see, including our fire and rescue control team, community safety, information systems, finance and more. We also have a range of apprenticeships and volunteering opportunities. Not all of us are frontline staff, but we all play a vital role in keeping people safe.'

South East Coast Ambulance Services' Paramedic and Operations Manager Phill Morris said:

'We have a number of careers to promote at SECAMB. There are opportunities to take up clinical and non-clinical roles and we'd encourage anyone who's interested in a career which saves lives to come and speak to us.

'The roles include Emergency Care Support Workers across our whole region and also roles working as 999 Call Handlers and NHS 111 Call Handlers at our locations in Ashford, Coxheath and Crawley. We're really looking forward to meeting everyone at the jobs fayre and showcasing the variety of career opportunities we have to offer.'

As well as the three main blue light services, the event will feature stands from partner

agencies including: British Transport Police, Crown Prosecution Service, Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust, Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service and Kent, Surrey and Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company

And there will be the chance to find out more about volunteering with groups like Kent's Special Constabulary, the fire service, Victim Support and the Young Lives Foundation which provides appropriate adults to help vulnerable people, including children, detained in police custody.

Nikki Franks, Curriculum Manager for Public Services at North Kent College, said:

'We are delighted to be hosting this event and working in conjunction with the blue light services who support our courses and students year after year.

'Public Services Courses at North Kent College are designed to prepare learners for a career improving and safeguarding the communities which they are a part of. The jobs fayre will give them the opportunity to learn more about the careers they wish to pursue.'

For more information about the event and to register your interest, please visit [our Facebook page](#).

Newsletter September / October 2018

News in Brief

Excellence in Policing Conference speech

Matthew attended and spoke at the Excellence in Policing Conference in September. He spoke as the APCC national leads for performance and Mental Health, highlighting the work PCCs have done in these areas and the future work and support that is necessary going forward. The full speech can be read [here](#)



Annual Policing Survey: Tell the PCC how safe you feel where you live

Matthew Scott would like to hear from you about what matters to you in your local area, where Kent Police can improve and what priorities Kent Police should be focusing on. [Please do so by completing his short survey here.](#)



The latest episode of the **Police and Crime Podcast** is here. You can hear an excerpt of Matthew holding Kent Police's Chief Constable to account; he reports back on the mental health Conference he attended and he makes an exciting announcement: [Please click here](#)



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First officers from Kent Police recruitment campaign begin service

The first batch of new officers appointed under Kent Police's biggest ever recruitment campaign are set to start their duties.



The 34 officers took part in a ceremonial Passing Out Parade on Friday 28 September in front of their friends and families who were joined by the Chief Constable of Kent Alan Pughsley QPM and the Kent Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Scott.

The new recruits are part of an uplift in the number of officers keeping the county safe. In February, Mr Scott increased the 2018/19 council tax precept, meaning a Band D household pays an extra £1 a month, funding an additional 200 Kent officers to support local policing.

There will be a further planned recruitment of 240 officers to maintain existing numbers, while an additional 80 staff will also be employed.

Chief Constable Alan Pughsley said:

'It was a privilege to attend the Passing Out Parade for our newest officers and welcome them into a police force that has been graded as 'outstanding' for the way it treats the public and the people who work for it.

'It was fantastic to see the officers showing a great deal of pride in their achievements during the pa-

rade and they will now begin protecting our communities and putting victims at the heart of everything we do as a police force.'

Kent Police's will be recruiting into the New Year and applicants should visit [the force website](#) for more details. Successful applicants will be placed on a training programme which will include physical fitness, legal training and tutoring with local policing teams.

Mr Scott said:

'Residents across Kent consistently tell me they want to see more police officers, being more visible, in their communities.

'I've used council tax to invest in up to 200 more police officers this year. I am sure residents will join me in wishing the latest recruits all the best for their future careers. We all look forward to seeing them on our streets soon.'

Kent Police is also open for the recruitment of volunteer officers to join its award winning Special Constabulary, where they can receive training to the same standard as a regular full-time police officer in support of their community.

Matthew's engagements

Last month saw Matthew engage with the communities in Ashford and Swale. He handed out his annual policing surveys to members of the public and listened to views on policing and crime in their local areas. Matthew attended a Morrison's in the Isle of Sheppey, the Forum Shopping Centre in Sittingbourne and spoke on SFM radio during a live interview. Additionally, Matthew visited a coffee morning in the rural area of High Halden, Ashford and the County Square Shopping Centre to gauge the different views across rural, urban and coastal areas around the county.



£800 for Heart Research UK and local charity the Young Lives Foundation.

Matthew Scott, who also took part in the event on Sunday 16 September said:

'It was a pleasure to run alongside the young cadets and lend them my support. They give up their time for their communities and I couldn't be more proud of them.'

Matthew also joined 16 of Kent's Volunteer Police Cadets for a fundraising run at Mote Park, Maidstone.

All the cadets completed the Subway Helping Hearts Family 5km course in under an hour and in doing so raised more than



What is a Police and Crime Commissioner?

Matthew Scott was elected Kent's Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) in May 2016.

His role is to set policing priorities for the county, by consulting with the public and putting together a Police and Crime Plan.

He then holds the Chief Constable of Kent Police to account for the delivery of that plan. He sets the council tax precept for policing, is responsible for the overall policing budget, and com-

missions services for victims of crime and funds community safety projects.

Mr Scott also serves as the national Association of Police and Crime Commissioners' portfolio holder for Performance, and also as the portfolio holder for Mental Health.

He lives in Swanley with his wife and young daughter, is a fan of cricket and football, enjoys real ale and is a keen musician who has played in cover bands across the South East.

Get in touch

To raise an issue with Mr Scott or to invite him to a meeting or event please visit the OPCC website: www.kent-pcc.gov.uk/contact-us

Please note that the PCC cannot interfere in operational policing or demand that the Chief Constable changes how he uses his policing resources. Equally, his office (the OPCC) cannot provide updates on how a crime is being investigated.