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Dear Partners

We are often requested to assist with a range of community events such as carnivals, parades, fun runs and so on and whilst we continue to receive such request I wanted to clarify our position in terms of what you can expect from us.

When we receive notification of an event we will conduct a risk assessment of whether we feel a police presence is required, and what that presence should look like. This assessment will be very much based upon what we consider to be the prevailing areas of risk and threat at the time, and may not only include local but wider and potentially national issues. If a decision is then made to dedicate resources to an event this will be in a normal policing role and our presence will be to reassure those members of the public attending. Responsibility for public safety at events however rests with the event organiser, not the police, and stewards/marshals should be engaged to this end.

What I'm afraid we can't become involved in is activities that are integral to the running of the event. A good example being a reliance on the police to implement road closures in line with a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order – where I'm afraid what we have to say is that this is for the organisers to manage and not the police. In this area in particular it is worth noting the powers for police officers to regulate traffic at pre-planned events are limited and designed for the protection of life and property in emergency situations. Any planned road closures must be executed correctly using the appropriate legislation granted through the local authority.

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Of course with some events, some of which will be larger in nature, there may be the need for a multi-agency response to the planning of the event which we will consider being a part of.

Event organisers retain the option to request special policing services for an event which sees police provided on a cost recovery basis – any such requests would be considered on the same basis and this approach would still not guarantee the provision of resources.

Hopefully this clarifies our position so that as an event organiser you can plan ahead and not plan to rely on police resources that ultimately may not be provided. Should you have any queries or would like some early advice before planning an event then please contact us through our online portal ([www.derbyshire.police.uk](http://www.derbyshire.police.uk)) and ask for operations planning to review your request.

I wish you the best of luck for your event.

Yours sincerely



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