



ANNUAL POLICING PLAN

2015-2016

DISTRICT MULTAN

INTRODUCTION:-

Multan is known as City of Saints because there are numerous shrines of Muslim saints including those of Hazrat Bahawal Haque, Shah-Rukan-e-Alam, Shah Shams Tabraiz and Musa-Pak Shaheed etc in the city. Multan is also a big commercial and industrial center with colorful bazars and home based small industries. Industries include fertilizer, soap, and glass factories; foundries; cotton, woolen mills; silk textile mills; flour, sugar and oil mills and a large thermal-power station. It is famous for its handicrafts (ceramics and camel-skin work), cottage industries and Sohan Halwa. Mangoes of Multan district are the best in the world. Multani khusas (shoes); embroidered clothes for ladies; embroidered Kurtas for men; earthenware pottery, painted potter, camel-skin lamps, carpets wooden products, especial lacquered wood are other specialties of Multan. District Multan borders with Muzaffargarh, Lodhran, Khanewal and Vehari districts¹. Earlier all these districts except Muzaffargarh were part of district Multan. District Multan presently consists of 3 Tehsils - Multan, Shujabad and Jalalpur Pirwala. The total area of district Multan is 3720 Square Kilometers. The District Headquarter, Multan city, is located at a distance of 355 kilometers from the provincial capital Lahore. It is situated just east of the Chenab River, about 966 km from Karachi and more or less at the same distance from Peshawar

The following websites carry information about Multan:

www.multancity.com

www.hamaramultan.com

www.apnamultan.com

www.multanpolice.gov.pk

HISTORY.

The city is old as Harrapa and Moinjo Daru. Its history traces back to 2500 BC. However the origin of the name of the city is difficult to ascertain. Hiven Taang the renowned Chinese traveler, who visited the city in 741, AD called it Mu-Lo-San-Po-Lu. Some historians maintain that name of the district evolved from Moolistan or Mooltan to Multan. During recent years Multan has attracted huge population influx from neighboring districts that have settled in the city to avail urban environment and facilities. Resultantly large, irregular suburbs have grown outside the old walled town. Hence Multan has become one of five major urban centers of Punjab.

RIVERS:

There is only one River Chenab in the district. It flows along the southern and western boundary of the district.

WEATHER:

The climate of the district is hot and dry. The summer season starts from April and continues till October. May, June and July are the hottest months. The maximum temperatures for these months are about 42 and 50 degree centigrade respectively. The winter lasts from November to March. December and January are the coldest months.

The maximum and minimum temperatures for this about 22 and 8 degree centigrade respectively. Dry, hot and dusty winds are common during summer.

Rain Fall:

Mostly rain fall during monsoon July to September. During winter season there is very little rain.

Boundaries:

District Multan borders with Muzaffargarh, Lodhran, Khanewal and Vehari districts.

Tehsils.

1. City Multan.
2. Saddar Multan.
3. Shujabad.
4. Jalalpur

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The duty of Police is to maintain Law & Order, Prevention & Detection of Crime, Implementation of Law/Rules and execute orders of the competent authorities. According to Police Order, 2002 police is also responsible to protect life, property and liberty of citizens.

The prevailing suicidal bombings in the country with particular reference to recent attacks in various parts of the country on the law enforcing agencies, has created an alarming situation. Therefore, it is high time to evolve a comprehensive strategy not only to prevent such occurrences but also to control crime effectively. Multan police is doing its level best to maintain law and order in the district which is most sensitive with sectarian point of view and remained hub of sectarian violence.

In line with the devolution of Power Plan the office of the District Magistrate was abolished in 2001 and a system of Public Safety Commissions was introduced. These changes were incorporated into a new Police Law which was promulgated in 2002. Apart from Public Safety Commissions, the Police Order 2002 also provided for a professional Police Complaints Authority, increased powers for the Inspector General of Police and separation of the watch & ward and the Investigation functions of the Police.

Administrative Set up:

District is divided into 04 Divisions, 11 Circles and 31 Police Stations.

Division	Circle	Police Station
City Division	Haram Gate	Haram Gate
		Pak Gate
		Kup
		Bohar Gate
	Delhi Gatew	Delhi Gate
		Lohari Gate
		Doulat Gate

Cant Division	Cantt	Cantt
		Chehliyak
		Jalilabad
	Muzaffarabad	Muzaffarabad
		Qutab Pur
	Mumtazabad	Mumtazabad
Shah Shams		
Gulgasht Division	Gulgasht	Gulgasht
		Baha-ud-Din Zakariya
		Old Kotwali
	Saddar Multan	Saddar Multan
		Alpa
	New Multan	New Multan
		Seetal Mari
Shah Rukn-e-Alam		
Saddar Division	Makhdoom Rasheed	Makhdoom Rasheed
		Basti Malook
		Qadir Pur Rawan
		Budhlasant
	Shujabad	City Shujabad
		Saddar Shujabad
		Raja Ram
	Jalalpur Peer Wala	City Jalalpur Peer Wala
		Saddar Jalalpur Peer Wala

DIG / CPO

SSP INVESTIGATION

SSP OPERATIONS

CTO

DSP/LEGAL

SP
GULGASHT

SP
CANTT

SP
CITY

SP
SADDAR

SP
CIA

DSP
GULGASHT

DSP
CANTT

DSP
DEHLI GATE

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HQRS

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M-ABAD

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HARAM GATE

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SHJUABAD

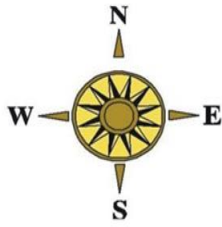
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JALALPUR

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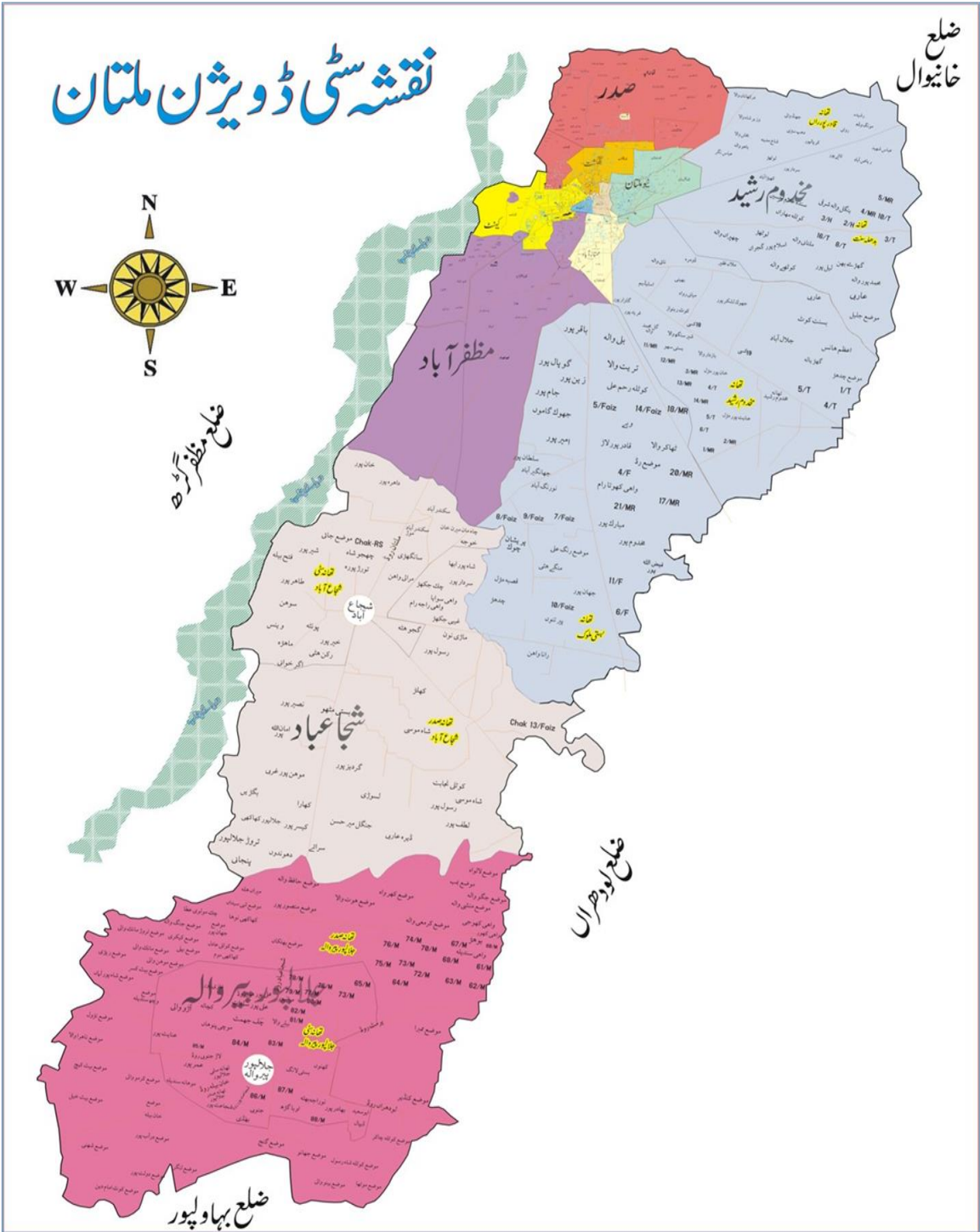
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ضلع لوہڑاں

ضلع بہاولپور



i) **GOALS/TARGETS TO BE ACHIEVED**

a. **Operational Targets and Key performance indicators to achieve these Goals/Targets.**

- Maintenance of public order.
- Drive against criminals.
- Combating terrorism.
- Security of key installations and foreigners.
- Free registration of cases.
- Fair and speedy investigation.
- Prevention of crime.
- Contingency plan for meetings emergencies and Annual events like Moharram.

b. **Administrative Targets and Key performance indicators to achieve these goals/targets.**

- Improvement of police image, thana culture, community policing, redressal of public complaints, monitoring and vigilance.
- Improving discipline and accountability.
- Merit based recruitment.
- Raising training standards,
- Welfare of the force and projects being implemented.
- Computerization.
- Financial discipline.

ii). **ACTION PLAN TO BE ADOPTED FOR ACHIEVING THESE GOALS/ARGETS.**

a) **Operational PLAN.**

b) **Administrative PLAN.**

2. **Operational plan may include areas as under:-**

- **Maintenance of Public Order, drive against criminals, combating terrorism.**

i. Peace Committees will be reconstituted and activated.

- ii. Close liaison will be kept with the Mohallah/Village Committees, notables/ respectables and elected representatives of the public and they will be associated in resolving the conflicts prevailing in the society.

- **Drive against Criminals.**

In order to control crime especially violent crime the following steps would be taken:

Reduce Violent Crime: **Murder/Attempted Murder, Hurt, Rape, Dacoities & Robberies**

It is our object to reduce violent crime by 100% and reduce house burglary by 50 %. In order to reduce violent crime, the following steps will be taken:-

- i. All the SDPOs and SHOs will be directed to keep a close liaison with the respectable and elected representatives of the public and associate them in crime prevention and conflict resolution.
- ii. Motivate the public through Lumberdars, notables and elected representatives for the “Theekeri Pehra” in the villages to check theft, burglaries and violent crime against property.
- iii. Collection of useful information through members of Mohallah/Village committees regarding activities of suspected persons in the area and follow up action.
- iv. Efforts will be made for reconciliation in cases of long standing enmities.

- v. Initiation of proceeding u/s 88 Cr.P.C against the P.Os and u/s 514 Cr.P.C against the sureties of the C.As.
- vi. Opening of sureties registers at every Police Stations.
- vii. Follow up of cases in courts till conviction.
- viii. Strict punishments for faulty investigation.
- ix. Reactivation of Detective foot constable and chowkidara system and collection of information regarding the activities of criminals visiting their villages.
- x. To implement Neighborhood watch Programme in the cities.
- xi. To prepare the list of persons residing in rented buildings with the help of owners, estate dealers and elected representatives to locate the criminals and persons of suspected characters.
- xii. All the incharges of Bus/ Wagon stands will be asked not to board any passenger on the way without his proper search.
- xiii. Coordination with the police of other districts through holding of monthly inter-district meetings and joint raids.
- xiv. In Hadood cases action will be initiated on false accusations under PPC and Qazaf Ord.
- xv. In Hadood Cases DNA test will be conducted especially in controversial cases.
- xvi. Non-Proliferation of arms.

- xvii. Crime free nights through general hold up.
- xviii. Monitoring of activities through video filming of important bazaars and A.C. Buses plying on road.
- xix. Installation of CC. T.V cameras at main chowks in urban areas.
- xx. Strict implementation of Shops & Security Establishment Ord.
- xxi. Encouragement of private security guards and their regulation after due verification.
- xxii. Availability of mobile lab equipped with modern scientific devices and experts to visit every scene of crime.

Reduce Cattle Theft:

In order to reduce cattle theft following measures will be adopted.

- i. Meetings will be held to educate people regarding security of cattle heads
- ii. Free registration of cases through announcement in the villages/rural areas.
- iii. Encouragement of complainants for immediate reporting of crime.
- iv. Strict action against persons involved in Bhunga, Murkhai and Billa.
- v. Campaign against Rassageers and Harbourers of cattle lifters.
- vi. Campaign will be launched for engraving numbers or safety marks on cattle heads.

- vii. Reorganization of Rahdari pass system and entry in the register kept at entry and exit points.
- viii. Interrogation of the cattle lifter confined in jail to get information regarding their accomplices.
- ix. Preparation of list of cattle mandies alongwith date and timing for the screening of cattle lifters and stolen cattle heads at “ Mandies” through CRO.
- x. Holding of regular inter district meetings for sharing information against the culprits.
- xi. Encouragement of foot trackers and owners of trained dog centers.
- xii. 100% safety marks on cattle heads.
- xiii. Updating history sheets and albums of cattle lifters.
- xiv. Reinvigoration of thikri pehra in villages and chowkidara system in city areas.

Reduce Organized Crime: Auto Snatching/ Thefts:

It is our target to reduce organized crimes as well as auto snatching/theft by 25% and for this purpose the following steps will be taken.

- i. Intensive patrolling on the Highways by Punjab Highway Patrol and the local police will be carried out.
- ii. Random checking of 1/1 and 2/2 hours on link roads and canal banks will be carried out to check auto snatching.
- iii. Strict checking of vehicles at entry / exit points of the district.
- iv. Frequent general holdups to check the vehicles having fictitious number plates or without

number plates with the assistance of Excise Department.

- v. Gangs involved in crime against property will be smashed on priority bases.
- vi. List of stolen vehicles / Motorcycles will be prepared and provided to the I.Os, officials deployed at Naka near Bus/Wagon stand, officials of patrolling post and traffic staff for the effective checking of suspected vehicles.
- vii. Sand blasting of registration number on front and back screen on the vehicles with official approval.
- viii. Orientation courses for the I.Os for the identification of kind and model of vehicles will be held.

Reduce Fatal Traffic Accidents:

- i. All the owners of Bus/ Wagon Stands will be asked to instruct their drivers to obey the traffic rules in order to avoid fatal accidents.
- ii. Traffic staff will be directed to check the speed limits on the highways and other traffic violation.
- iii. Reflectors will be fixed on the vehicles especially slow moving ones to avert accidents at night and during foggy hours.
- iv. Condition of vehicles will be checked with the coordination of Motor Vehicle Examiner to discourage fragile, old and risky vehicles.

- v. To create road awareness through lectures and seminars.

Improve Intelligence Collections:

- i. Chowkidara system will be reactivated to collect information regarding the activities of criminals residing and visiting their villages.
- ii. Reactivation of Detective Foot Constables System in the rural Police Stations.
- iii. Zail Officers and DFCs will be directed to visit the areas of their responsibility and encourage the criminals and their activities.
- iv. Close liaison and healthy interaction will be established with intelligence.
- v. Holding of regular meetings by the SDPOs/SHOs with the members of Mohallah/village committees for collection of effective intelligence.

Recovery of Illicit Weapons:

- i. Criminal pockets will be identified and planned raids will be conducted for the recovery of illicit arms to make the society arms- free.
- ii. Collection of information regarding persons who indulge in trafficking of illicit arms.
- iii. All out efforts will be made for the recovery of illicit arms in collaboration

with intelligence agencies and public representatives.

Recovery of Narcotics:

- i. Narcotics dens and storage points will be identified and planned raids will be conducted for the recovery of drugs.
- ii. Collection of information regarding persons who indulge in trafficking of narcotics.
- iii. Awareness in the public will be created against this menace to put social pressure on the drug users and trafficking.
- iv. The entry and exit points of the district will be plugged to check the trafficking of drugs.
- v. Preparation of list of drug users with the help of Excise and Health Departments.
- vi. Proper investigation of narcotics cases will be carried out to dig out the source.

Arrest of POs/ CAs:

- i. Special efforts will be made to arrest the fugitives of law and to keep the total numbers of POs/ CAs at possible lower ebb.
- ii. Vigorous campaign will be launched for the arrest of Pos/CAs/ MDs.

- iii. Incentives will be given to police officers for the arrest of hardened criminals and POs of category "A".
- iv. Intelligence collection regarding the P.Os/C.As will be ensured with the help of elected representatives, lumberdars, notables of the locality, police intelligence and other intelligence agencies.

- **Combating against terrorism.**

In order to curb terrorism and maintenance of public order, the following steps would be taken:

1. Banned Jehadi Organization has started re-organizing their units at District/Tehsil vis-à-vis U.C level under the new name of "Ghulam-e-Sahaba. They are working discreetly with the object of establishing new force/worker to promote their nefarious cause. Therefore, they would be kept under close surveillance.
2. Some elements are promoting hatred amongst Deo Bandi, Ahl-e-Tashi and Brailvies to create enmity amongst these sects which could be fatal and dangerous. Therefore, an effective vigilance would be maintained to tackle this burning issue.
3. Terrorists are planning to attack the Government/vital installations and Educational institutions and then to black mail the Government for their nefarious demands i.e. release of their associates/activists confined in various Jails and to get stop the execution of sentence to death. Therefore, a detailed SOP has been prepared and circulated in field units to avoid any such act of sabotage from the terrorists.

4. Terrorists can also kidnap Government officers/stock Holders, Foreigners and other important personalities including hostage of children etc to fulfillment of their demands and challenge the writ of the state.
5. Armed forces, members of law enforcing agencies including important business centers and schools could be their main targets.
6. Following New Laws are being implemented and the cases are being registered against the violators.
 - i. The Punjab Information of Temporary Residents Ordinance 2015.
 - ii. The Punjab Security of Vulnerable Establishment Ordinance 2015
 - iii. The Punjab Arms (Amendment) Ordinance 2015
 - iv. The Punjab Prohibition of Expressing Matters on Walls (Amendment) Ordinance 2015.
 - v. The Punjab Sound Systems (Regulations) Ordinance 2015.

Remedial Measures:-

Keeping in view the present scenario of terrorism identified through source reports of various activists of Jehadi Organizations, the following security measures are made:-

1. Government buildings like Police Stations, Courts, Jails, Offices, Educational Institutions, Airports, Banks and Railway Stations, Shopping Malls etc have been provided with proper security.
2. Sensitive installations like Bridges, Microwave Towers and Grid Stations are also not left free.

3. Installations of CCTV Cameras at Educational Institutions, Airport, Jails, important buildings, Shopping Plazas, important Bazaars and Chowks etc.
4. Erection of Nakas at all sensitive points.
5. Deployment of special duties during Majalis, Mehfil-e-Naat and on other religious gatherings.
6. Holding of meetings with Ulema-e-Karam of all sects.
7. Network of activists is being watched in a scientific way so that they could not succeed in their nefarious designs.
8. Close liaison is being observed with all intelligence agencies. They are provided with suitable security cover. They are not only provided police contingent as and when required but constant patrolling is being conducted near and around their offices also.
9. Proper security cover is ensured during the movement of VVIPs/VIPs.
10. Maintenance of record of rented building through mass cooperation/Mohallah/Village Committees and JTT.
11. Checking of Sarais/Hotels and monitoring of activities of the persons staying therein.
12. All the 4th Schedule, ATBs, RAPs, LMEs have been identified and their activities are being monitored closely.
13. Fund generating elements would also be identified and be dealt accordingly.
14. Objectionable speeches, hatred material are the root cause of the sectarian conflict. Stern legal action is being taken against those involved in these activities with out discrimination and in uniformity.
15. Activists involved in sabotage and sectarian activities would be treated through psychiatrist at the time of their arrest. Like wise

other elements who have sympathies for them also require to be treated psychologically.

16. Close coordination meeting of intelligence agencies with police are inevitable to discuss the network and their activists in different areas.
17. Devise strategy to discourage the unhealthy competition amongst the intelligence agencies which ultimately give advantage to the terrorists.
18. The Madaris in which extremism is being taught, would be identified immediately and sources planned discretely to keep close eye on their activities.
19. Checking of illegal sale of SIMs and legal action under the provisions of security & Shops and Establishments Act 1997 PTA 1996.
20. Crack down against Chanda collection by the proscribed organization and detaining the activists of banned Jehadi Organizations under 3 MPO.
21. Crackdown against illegal stay of Foreign Nationals especially Afghan Nationals is being carried out.
22. A security survey is being conducted. During the security survey of 05 police stations as many as 17080 persons including students, house/hotel/saray owners, house rentees and property dealers etc. The will be continued in all remaining police stations of the district.

Campaign against Religious Intolerance and Extremism:

- i. A sharp eye will be kept over the sectarian activists/elements and persons placed at 4th Schedule.

- ii. Action against misuse of loudspeaker, publication and distribution of hate material and chanda collection.
- iii. Action against Khateeb's fanning religious hatred.
- iv. Strict watch over the activities of ATBs, RAPs and others.
- v. Effective monitoring of sectarian cases pending in the courts and protection of witnesses of these cases.

- **Security of key installations and foreigners.**

- i. Security against sabotage of all key installations categorized as A and B by the Special Branch.
- ii. Security of government functionaries and buildings against suicide attacks and bomb blasts.
- iii. Security of all foreigners, including Chinese nationals, involved in development projects in the province.
- iv. Security according to Blue Book for all visiting dignitaries, VIPs and diplomats etc.
- v. Coordination on security matters by CCPOs/RPOs with Corps, Armed Forces and Intelligence Agencies.
- vi. Security of all public and private educational institutions.

- **Free registration of cases.**

- i. All criminal cases, particularly against property, will be registered freely and promptly.
- ii. The cases would preferably be registered on written statements to be signed by the complainants.
- iii. Reporting Rooms in all police stations in Multan to be upgraded with the help of Access to Justice Programme.

- iv. All the SDPOs and SHOs will specially focus on prompt and helpful response to victims.
- v. Strict departmental action would be taken against those police officials who found guilty in burking in minimizing the offences.
- **Fair and speedy investigation.**
 - i. SDPOs/SHOs will ensure fair and prompt investigations.
 - ii. Investigation of Special Report cases will be accorded the highest priority.
 - iii. SHOs will hold weekly meetings. SP Investigation/DSP Investigation will hold two meetings in a month while the undersigned will hold monthly meeting to review and monitor investigations.
 - iv. Interim/incomplete challans will be submitted before trial courts within two weeks.
 - v. Investigation teams will be constituted in each investigation section of the police station in accordance with volume of crime based on average statistics of year.
 - vi. SP/DSP investigation will be personally responsible to monitor the investigations of all the cases.
- **Prevention of Crime.**
 - i. Intensive patrolling on the Highways by Punjab Highway Patrol and the local police will be carried out.
 - ii. Random checking of 1/1 and 2/2 hours on link roads and canal banks will be carried out to check auto snatching.
 - iii. Strict checking of vehicles at entry / exit points of the district.

- iv. Raising of Muhafiz Squads, Tiger and night hawks to prevent crime against property especially street crime.
- v. Frequent general holdups to check the vehicles having fictitious number plates or without number plates with the assistance of Excise Department.
- vi. Gangs involved in crime against property will be smashed on priority bases.
- vii. List of stolen vehicles / Motorcycles will be prepared and provided to the I.Os, officials deployed at Naka near Bus/Wagon stand, officials of patrolling post and traffic staff for the effective checking of suspected vehicles.
- viii. Sand blasting of registration number on front and back screen on the vehicles with official approval.
- ix. Orientation courses for the I.Os for the identification of kind and model of vehicles will be held.
- x. Thikri para would be arranged in all the villages to control theft / burglary.
- xi. Effective preventive action would be initiated against the parties to control crime against persons.

- **Contingency Plan for meetings emergencies and Annual events like Moharram.**

In order to ensure peaceful passage of important events like Moharram-ul-Haram, Eid-ul-Fitr and to meet other emergencies SOPs/contingency plan are prepared and got implemented through the field staff.

3. Administrative plan may include areas as below:-

- Improvement of police image, thana culture, community policing, regress of public complaints, monitoring and vigilance.

To achieve the elusive target of improvement in police Image the following steps will be taken: -

- I. Establishment of Model Police Stations to restore the public confidence on police.
- II. Establishment of Reporting Rooms at the police stations.
- III. Improvement in the performance of Duty Officers at the Police Stations.
- IV. Presence of SHOs at Police Stations at specified hours to address the problems of public.
- V. Establishment of crime control committees at Police Stations level.
- VI. Free registration of cases.
- VII. Establishment of FIR complaint cells at CPO Office and SDPOs offices.
- VIII. Discouragement of torture and illegal detention.
- IX. Discouragement of repeat victimization.
- X. Selection of police personnel before deployment of duty at Nakabandi and proper briefing to them.
- XI. Improvement in Thana culture by way of courteous attitude with the general public at police stations.
- XII. Improve the behavior of police officers through lectures at Police Lines School.

- **Improving discipline and accountability.**

To maintain a check and balance system over the performance/working of police officers/officials, punishments i.e. dismissal from service, compulsory retirement, reduction in rank, stoppage of increment etc. will be awarded to the delinquents keeping in view gravity of their misconducts.

- **Merit based recruitment.**

All the recruitment will be made purely on merit through NTS, so that encourage the qualified persons.

- **Raising Training standards:**

Short smart courses will be arranged regularly in the police lines regarding weapon handling, field craft, drill investigation and firing to raise standards of Police performance.

- **WELFARE OF THE FORCE AND PROJECTS BEING IMPLEMENTED:**

- i Construction of Buildings:-**

The construction of Police Station Basti Malook has been completed whereas, PSs Alpa, City Shujabad and New Multan are under construction. The same will be completed in the current Financial year.

- ii.** Rough Cost of 07 Police Stations and 02 SDPO Offices have been sent to the Inspector General of Police, Punjab Lahore and a letter has also been moved to the Building Department for rough

cost estimate of 03 police stations. A letter has also been sent to Commissioner, Multan Division, Multan for transfer of land for construction of 09 Police Stations. The same has been sent to Revenue Department for further necessary action. The land is also being purchased for the 05 Police Stations..

ii. **Educational facilities:**

The children of Police officials are suffering great educational problems. There should be a police High School at district level at least.

iii. **Health / medical facilities:**

The good health and physical fitness are very important for better working. A police hospital at district headquarter is the need of the day. Police officials during duty suffer some time great problems for their treatment. Qualified staff should be appointed in the hospital and the doctors should visit at police station level for better health of the personals.

• **Computerization:**

- i. Computer training to the maximum police personnel has been made as desired by the Worthy IGP, Punjab Lahore in three phases to 10% police personnel.
- ii. Computerization of CRO record.
- iii. Installation of PROMIS software at all the PSs of the district as per instruction of the CPO.
- iv. Starting of NADRA Verification system at CRO.

- **FINANCIAL DISCIPLINE**

Strict financial discipline would be enforced while utilizing the funds.

In the end, we express our determination to set a high standard of Policing by better performance. In the past Multan police has achieved great successes in fight against sectarian terrorism. A large number of terrorists met their end in encounters with Multan Police and a large number of terrorists were arrested. Multan Police has also notable success against notorious criminals. District Police Multan is fully aware of its duties and responsibilities. To maintain public Law & Order and to provide security to residents of District Multan against terrorists and criminals is our mission. We are also determined to achieve our objective according to priorities. Earnest and sustained efforts will be made to achieve our targets and address our priorities to attain our core objectives with a missionary zeal to come up to the expectations of the people. Multan Police has made effective arrangements for the security of schools, key Installations and foreigners. We are ready to serve the public at any cost. In the end we beseech the Almighty ALLAH that he may succeed us in our noble aim and guide us in right direction. (AA MEEN)

**City Police Officer,
Multan.**