



## BRITISH TRANSPORT AND STRATHCLYDE POLICE JOINT OPERATION

Last weekend saw British Transport Police and Strathclyde Police unite in a joint operation targeting youth disorder and gang fighting near the railway in the north of Glasgow as part of the Safer Scotland campaign.

Between Thursday 8 and Saturday 10 June 2006, 15 people aged between 14 and 22 years were arrested and will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal - ten for drinking in the street, three for breach of the peace and two for being in possession of drugs.

Additional officers from both forces were also deployed to known trouble 'hot spots' in the Red Road, Germiston, Sighthill, Robroyston and Springburn Park areas and stopped and searched 27 people for offensive weapons using hand held metal detectors.

Chief Inspector Iain Miller, from British Transport Police, said; "The intention of this joint operation in the north of Glasgow was to work with Strathclyde Police under the auspices of Safer Scotland by deploying both uniform and plain clothes officers to minimise the possibility of violence, disorder and damage to property. This was certainly achieved and both Forces demonstrated the value in working together to achieve these aims."

Intelligence shows that youths of different factions use the area around the transport corridor in this part of Glasgow to cause trouble as well as trespass and commit acts of vandalism. To share their local knowledge of the area one officer from each force were paired together in patrol.

Superintendent Graham Cairns of Strathclyde Police said; "I would reinforce that we are still in the amnesty phase of a year long campaign to tackle the culture of violence in our communities and this type of joint working will become more commonplace. We will move shortly to the enforcement phase and the minority of people involved in this behaviour will be well aware of it."