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Title of Submission:	Positive Policing to get the public onside
Comments:	<p>In essence the police cannot do their job without the help and cooperation of the general public. The police are like priests in that most peoples' experience of dealing with priests is a negative one, speeding fine, break ins, stolen goods. there is a need to accentuate any positive interaction with the general public. Leave a reminder that we're on the same side here.</p> <p>Gards handing out speeding fines, checking for tax and insurance ... they never end positively when the discussion is longer than 10seconds. there is no positive meaningful interaction there. Take that enforcement of those laws off the gardai and given to a force that has no shared branding with the gardai who chase down criminals (granted that breaking the speed limit is a crime but are they criminals??) It ends up giving normally law abiding citizens a negative interaction with the Garda brand.</p> <p>Have a community gard allocated to a set of primary, and possibly secondary schools, Call in once a term and show a friendly side to the force. One gard on a motorbike calling into a primary school.....Let the kids sit on the bike, turn on the siren, pretend to catch some "baddies", kids play cops and robbers, why not use that to make sure they want to be on the "cops" side...there may be some games that they could play to educate the kids about the positive role the gards play and also have some fun.</p>