

“ PPP ”
People for Proper Policing in North Wales

ACPO comment on Chief Officer Bonuses

January 26, 2009 An ACPO spokesperson said:

*“It is a matter of record that **ACPO president Sir Ken Jones has strongly and consistently criticised bonus payment to chief officers** among developments which position them as employees of an authority in the eyes of the public and our partners.*

*“Chiefs must only, in the final analysis, be answerable to the law and the law alone. They are **office holders under the Crown – not employees.***

*“This issue is a matter for individual chiefs and their authorities alone and not for ACPO, which is **not a staff association.**”*

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The PPP comments We agree with the ACPO president. Chiefs should not be beholden to shopkeepers who happen to be minor local politicians and Chairmen of Police Authorities and vice versa. Neither should they and ACPO react slavishly to every whim and daft initiative of every passing home secretary. The knock on effect is the cult of the controlling (including your pay, promotion & post pension perks!**) personality that pervades North Wales Police management culture.**