

Deputy Chief Constable Wolfendale blogs whilst the HQ burns

This week's blog, as you can see, comes to you from Boston, Massachusetts. I'm here courtesy of a bursary from Public Service Management Wales (an arm of WAG) to study at the John F Kennedy School of Government Executive Education at Harvard University. The course is called "Driving Government Performance - Leadership Strategies That Produce Results". Course members are taken from all over the world and represent a wide cross section of public services including civic and national administration, health, housing and "homeland security".

It's a fantastic tribute to the Welsh Government that courses of this quality are on offer to public sector executives from Wales. I am intensely proud to have been selected.

I gained admission to the programme following a submission outlining the excellent results achieved by North Wales Police in recent years. The Boston Police Department also has a great reputation (it's where Bratton started) and, of course, is very proud of its **mounted unit**. Shortly after arrival in the city I got into conversation with one of the officers. "We wouldn't be without our horses", he said "and we haven't even got a league soccer club - just like you guys in North Wales".

The PPP comments... Wolfendale and his boss have delusions that they are Government executives and not just public servants and police officers. The reference to a soccer club is particularly disingenuous as the SIX all female PC members of the NWPF's mounted unit are NOT PERMITTED to attend the football matches.

A contractors blow torch is believed to have started a fire in the roof of the Police HQ in Colwyn Bay on Tuesday morning...as seen from Old Colwyn.



Policing across north Wales is said to be unaffected by both incidents.

Chief constable Richard Brunstrom, who was working out of the force area on Tuesday, said he was pleased everyone was evacuated safely. That leaves ACC lan Shannon as the Man in Charge at the time as DCC Wolfendale was on a jolie in Boston. The outcome of the HSE investigation into this costly cock up will be interesting.