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## People for Proper Policing in North Wales

Every policeman should have a degree because university of life is 'bull\*\*\*\*', says top officer ... Mail on Sunday By Rebecca Camber 19th November 2009

**Greater Manchester Police chief Peter Fahy, the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) lead on workforce development, has called for new police officers to have degree qualifications before they start on the beat.**

**The Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police, who has a degree in French and Spanish from the University of Hull and a masters in Human Resource Strategy, says police need to be better educated if they want greater status in society.**

Speaking at a Greater Manchester Police Federation meeting, the 50-year-old senior officer said he wanted to get away from the 'plod' image held by the public.

He said detectives who went to the 'university of life' weren't going to cut it. The married father-of-four, who has been a school governor for 12 years, has proposed a shake-up of officer training so that it leads to a degree qualification.

He told the **Police Federation** meeting: *'There is an issue here about status. If we want to be in a position to argue why you should get more money we do have to think about comparisons with other professions.*

*'I have concerns that the level of training we give is not up to standard. The system is not terribly different from the one I joined 29 years ago.*

*'My big concern is that we are sending out a lot of officers now into very complex world, with far higher levels of scrutiny and I am not sure we are equipping them.*

*'The trouble is that when people like me go into battle for policing they look at you and say you are just plod. They say we will listen to the lawyers because they are professionals. We get blown about by the latest political initiative because we [the police] as professionals do not stand up and say this is what works and why*

Read more: <http://www.mailonsunday.co.uk/news/article-1229304/Every-policeman-degree-university-life-bull---says-officer.html#ixzz0XUMxP5LW>

**The PPP comments ... Peter Fahy is a failure in reality as his priorities are not those of the people he fails to protect. His time in Cheshire was typical with a lack of response to street crimes and antisocial behaviour which blighted many areas. He is obsessed with diversity issues and his own attitudes and performance clearly disprove the case for his type of over 'educated' and distorted view of the world. His comments are incredibly insulting to the majority of officers who have learnt the job where it matters on the street amongst the 'customers'. These fine people have had to put up with the likes of Fahy slavishly following every daft initiative from his fellow fools in the Home Office. Just enter his name into google search to see where his priorities lie. Our supporters in Cheshire have graphic proof of his failings.**