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People for Proper Policing in North Wales

No smoking ad for police post... Smoking ban for police officers.

Officers wishing to apply for a job advertised within North Wales Police's road policing unit have been told not to apply if they smoke.

The internal advert was sent out on the day smokers in the force were told to end their nasty and dangerous habit at work or face disciplinary action.

North Wales Police have robustly defended the advertisement.

The Police Federation, which represents officers, has said it will seek legal advice over the advertisement.

Richard Eccles, secretary of the North Wales Police Federation told the BBC Wales news website that an advert for traffic officers went out on Thursday stating posts were open to “non-smokers only”.

Mr Eccles said: "We'll take legal advice on it. It isn't how you should be treating members of your staff."

The PPP comments...this response meant that Mr Eccles was a marked man...see below.... page 2!

North Wales Police now has a smoking policy which reflects a raft of medical and scientific evidence which proves that smoking is injurious to health

Chief Superintendent Geraint Anwyl said.....

In a written statement, North Wales Police said they were seeking legal advice alongside the Police Federation "on the wording of an advert for officers for the Western Division Roads Policing Unit which specifically excludes smokers from the application process".

The PPP comments...This incident again shows the weird and wonderful world of the senior officers in NWPF. Control freaks with a nasty streak...not the sort of people who we can trust with our safety and well being OR to have the control of dangerous and deadly weapons and explosives. They continuously bully and threaten their own and police authority staff....to quote Brunstrom (about the Home Office) the PPP believe they are totally unfit for purpose!!

Police officer disciplined for encouraging officers to sign petition against road-toll....By LUCY BALLINGER - Daily Mail 19/02/07

PC Richard Eccles, secretary of North Wales Police Federation, was reprimanded for ordering the email be sent to other officers in the force. It encouraged them to visit the petition against the Government's pay-as-you-drive proposals on the official Downing Street website, which has already been signed by more than 1.5million men and women.

But after PC Eccles, who is also head of the Welsh Police Federation, sanctioned the sending of the email, he was called into a meeting with the force's assistant chief constable and the head of professional standards.

He is believed to be the first policeman to be disciplined for promoting the site, after it emerged earlier this week officers in another force had been warned not to sign the petition at work.

PC Eccles said: *"I had been sent the link to the Downing Street website, as I think most people had, and decided to send it on as I thought it would be a good source of information for police as it will affect their finances. I was out of the office but told a colleague to send it to people on our Police Federation mailing list on Friday February 9 and didn't think anything more of it."*

But when PC Eccles returned to work the following Monday he was told the head of professional standards at the force was investigating. He said: *"I was called to headquarters for a meeting with the assistant chief constable Ian Shannon and head of professional standards Chief Inspector Fraser Jones. They thought it was inappropriate for me to have sent it out because there was a political message and I was disciplined for it at a minor level. **They said it was critical of the government and therefore inappropriate for a police officer to send.**"*

"If I had been supporting the legalisation of cannabis or something then I would expect to be pulled up on it, but this is a petition which is on a government website. It might have been because it mentioned speeding and that is something the force is known for being strict on."

A spokesman for North Wales Police said: "We never comment on internal disciplinary matters. The force does have a policy on personal use of computers and anyone who contravenes that may face disciplinary action." ... Why Don't blogs fall into this category!?

The PPP comments... If it wasn't so typical of this pathetic 'leadership' in NWPF it would be pythonesque. All the so called top team spend hours a week and use other resources to write their Blogs which are riddled with their own personal opinions both social and political. These views often appear to be distorted and abusive AND anti-Government. We should hold the PA member responsible for professional standards responsible for this over reaction and abuse of PC Eccles. He is Mr John Anderson OBE, DL, JP Caer Rhun Hall Conwy LL32 8HX, Phone: 01492 650012. What did it cost overall to drag PC Eccles into HQ for his 'telling off' ?

