

Andrew Trotter, Chief Constable, British Transport Police



Andrew Trotter joined the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) in 1970 and served in London's West End. He transferred to Kent Police in 1972, rising to the rank of Chief Inspector specialising in operational and public order policing, and returned to the MPS in 1992 as a Superintendent, serving in busy operational posts in South London.

In 1995 he was selected for the Senior Command Course and was subsequently appointed Commander of Operations for South East London. He was appointed Deputy Assistant Commissioner in 1998, taking on responsibility for murder investigations and crime matters in South East and Central London. His last post with the MPS was DAC Territorial Operations responsible for Crime Operations, Traffic and Transport, and Public Order. He has considerable experience in dealing with serious crime and public order, industrial disputes and sporting events. Andrew was also the media spokesperson for the MPS on crime and public order.

In January 2004 Andrew was appointed Deputy Chief Constable of the British Transport Police (BTP). During the last five years, BTP has doubled its productivity in tackling crime, and has gone through a comprehensive reorganisation. Andrew has presided over a steep change in performance in BTP and has helped lead BTP to achieving all operational Policing Plan targets for the last four years. He led the media response to the terrorist attacks in July 2005. Andrew was appointed Chief Constable of BTP on 1 September 2009.

Andrew played an active role within the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO), and was elected Chair of the ACPO Media Advisory Group in 2007 and was the national lead for media and social media.

In the New Years Honours 2000 he was awarded the Queens Police Medal, and in the New Years Honours 2008 he was awarded the OBE. He also holds a BSc (Hons) degree from the London School of Economics.

Andrew led the 2014 Strategic Command Course for the College of Policing at Bramshill.

Andrew has spoken at conferences and training courses in many countries on a wide range of topics including managing major disasters, police and the media, social media, public order, crime operations, strategic leadership and performance management.

Andrew retires from the police at the end of August after 45 years' service.