

Violence against the Police

Swedish Police Union questionnaire
A summary with conclusions



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The current situation in Sweden

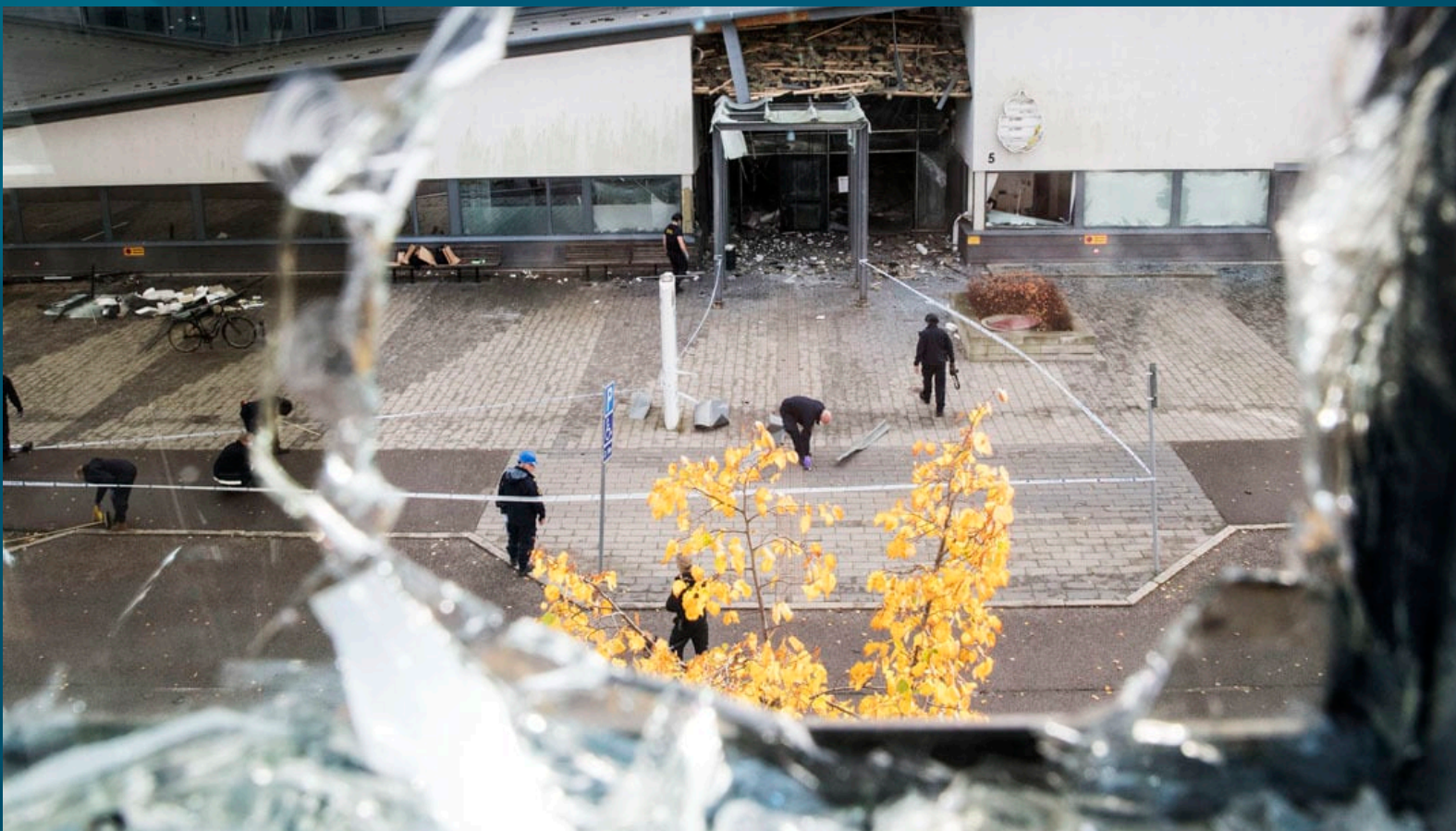
- Blast attack in entrance of Police station
- Hand grenade thrown over the fence of Police station
- Shooting into house of sleeping family of Police officer
- Police officer stabbed with a knife from the back



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Blast attack on a Police station in Helsingborg



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Shooting into house of Police officer in Västerås



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Long-term sustained work from the Police Union

- Lobby work on politicians
- Member survey
- Right of recourse
- Damage- and infringement compensation
- Police id-card with anonymous data
- Undue influence
- EuroCOP Questionnaire



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Survey conducted amongst our members

- 30% exposed to stones and bottles
- 26% exposed to pyrotechniques and fireworks
- 50% are not familiar with the routines at the workplace
- Survey led to a report presented to the politicians with demands from the Police Union
- Media coverage



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Government proposal new legislation

- Bluelight sabotage a new crime
- Harder punishments
- Also looking at recourse
- A good signal but will it make any difference in reality?



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Government demands intensified H&S work within the Police

- Government assignment
- We see it as a sign of failure
- Intensified H&S work and the protection of the Police officers



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Questionnaire EuroCOP

- A summary and conclusion
- 14 answers
- The full answers are available at the EuroCOP office



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Violence against the Police is a big problem

- Increased exposure of threats and violence
- The governments fail to take the problem seriously
- The punishments are too low
- Police officers don't get compensation the way they should
- Lack of protection for Police officers
- Lack of statistics and follow up systems
- Lack of respect for authority



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A Swedish reflection

- From the answers we noticed that a lot of police forces apply to an ethical framework or a code of conduct.
- We also see that this is more clearly defined than in Sweden.
- The Swedish Police Union is working for defined ethical guidelines. Our employer is not very interested.



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To conclude...

Common issues for EuroCOP

- Support from Governments
- Compensation shall be paid to the Police officer by the state
- Protection for Police officers
- Modern statistical and follow up IT-system
- Increased awareness training
- Relaunch the campaign *Violence against the Police?*



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Questions?



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