Police Scotland open their own Fringe venue 999

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'Unofficial' Fringe Venue 999 will be open to the public throughout the Festival where officers can provide a range of crime prevention advice and public safety information.

The portacabin in Princes Street Gardens just in the shadow of the Scott Monument was shown off by Superintendent Lesley Clark and other officers from the mounted police division and the cycling division earlier today. The venue is open between 11am and 10 pm seven days a week during the festival for any member of the public looking for advice on personal safety, crime prevention and other policing matters.

The police will use mounted officers as well as those on bicycles to get around the city more easily. We met Lauder and Stirling two police horses who are here in the city to help out.

The Edinburgh Reporter asked Supt Clark what service the police will provide from their venue.

We spoke to Supt Lesley Clark earlier about the approach to policing Edinburgh during the Festival @EdinburghPolice pic.twitter.com/A3nq4I4BjB

- Edinburgh Reporter (@EdinReporter) <u>August 5, 2016</u>

In addition to the new venue, the Police Information Centre on the High Street will also be open throughout August, with officers working within to provide assistance to anyone in need.

High-visibility patrols will be deployed across the city

centre and other busy areas during the Festival where police will deter crime, engage with the public and address any issues that arise.