

Teenager struck by police van responding to disorder in Liberton



A teenage boy was hit by a police van as officers responded to reports of vandalism and disorder in Moredunvale Park, Liberton, at 6.30pm last night.

Officers attended and a 16-year-old boy was struck by a police van as he fled from the scene.

The youth who was not injured was later arrested for an alleged breach of the peace and an outstanding warrant.

The circumstances are currently being investigated by the Professional Standards Unit.

Around 30 youths were involved in the disturbance.

Superintendent Mandy Paterson said: "From around 6.30pm on Monday, officers in the south east received numerous calls relating to youth disorder and antisocial behaviour within the Moredunvale Park area.

"Police were quickly dispatched and on arrival, the youths made off.

“Whilst in attendance, a 16-year-old male youth was arrested for a breach of the peace and outstanding warrant.

“We have confirmed this person collided with a police vehicle immediately prior to his arrest. He did not require medical attention as a result of this.”

“The full circumstances of this collision are being investigated and the Police Scotland Professional Standards Unit have been informed.

“Inquiries to identify those involved in the disturbance are continuing and I would like to thank all members of the local community who have supported us with information.

“Local officers are pro-actively identifying and visiting those involved last night with a view to preventing any repetition and would seek the support of local parents or guardians in ensuring knowledge of the whereabouts and activities of their children.

“We are committed to tackling antisocial behaviour and disorder across the city.”