

**ROSEHILL LAC COMMUNITY SAFETY PRECINCT COMMITTEE MINUTES
20 January 2012, VENUE LEVEL 1, GRANVILLE POLICE STATION.**

Participating Agencies/Community members;

Name Position Agency/Organisation

Lorraine Wearne	Lord Mayor	Parramatta City Council
Robert Williams	Crime prevention Officer	Parramatta City Council
Robyn Preston	Chief of Staff	Tony Issa MP Office
Geoff McCallister	Inspector	NSW fire & Rescue
Verity Foley	Team Leader	Safety & Security UWS
Brett Gibson	Team Leader	Safety & Security UWS
Corey Edwards	Team Leader	Safety & Security UWS
Afagh Afaridan	Iranian Community Organis.	
Sheridan McGuinness	Department of Housing	
Michelle Parkinson	Department of Housing	
Graham Robinson	Dept Education&Community	
Shubha Kumar	India Club	
George Doumit	Chamber of Commerce	Granville CBD
Logessan Pillay	United Indian Association	
Supt Robert Barnett	Local Area Commander	Rosehill LAC
D/Insp Neil Hallinan	Crime Manager	Rosehill LAC
A/Insp Susan Goddard	Customer Service	Rosehill LAC
A/Insp John Fleming	Eyewatch	Rosehill LAC
Sgt Gary Spence	Crime Coordinator	Rosehill LAC
S/C Jen McCormack	DVLO	Rosehill LAC
S/C Michael Tory	Licensing Officer	Rosehill LAC
Cst Bobby Lezaja	YLO	Rosehill LAC
Cst Hany Botros	CPO	Rosehill LAC

Apologies;

Paula Chegwidan	Granville Multicultural Centre	
Craig Bennett	Security Coordinator	Shell Oil Refinery
Peter Ryan	Security Coordinator	Shell Oil Refinery

Meeting Opened: 11:00am

Superintendent Barnett opened the meeting and welcomed all participants. He then introduced the various Police officers in attendances that hold portfolios that deal with community safety. Each participant introduced themselves to the meeting.

Superintendent Barnett spoke of what the Community Safety Precinct Meeting is about – working together to address and reduce crime in the Rosehill Local Area Command.

Information provided on the strategies the Command has in place in an effort to reduce crime and to ensure Local Area Commanders are communicating to their local communities, the strategies were to;

Encourage community partnerships to reduce crime and fear of crime.

Develop local solutions to local crime in partnership with local stakeholders.

Improve public safety and reduce the fear of crime at local level.

Raise understanding of the relationship between policing and crime reduction.

Ensure Commanders take into account local community view of policing visibility, police deployment and crime hotspots when deciding police tasking and deployment.

What the Command is doing to meet these objectives;

Daily & weekly meetings regarding crime.
Improve coordination of visible authority (eg VIKINGS and Mobile Police Station)
Target antisocial behaviour, high profile and/or alcohol related events.
Traffic enforcement, intelligence driven taskings, identify hotspots, complaint areas, problematic offenders, disqualified drivers.
Increase communication, local media coverage of crimes, arrests, operations.

Proactive measures in place which is monitored at LAC, Region and State level by;

Drug Detections
Regular Person Searches
Move On's
Information Reports
Business & School Inspections
Charges
Traffic

Other proactive measures used daily include;

Releasee visits – RR's debriefed by officers, high risk offenders evaluated and nominated as Suspect Target Management Plan II (STMP II) targets.
STMP II – controlled approach to the assessment, targeting and management of repeat offenders.
Bail curfew checks, bail and AVO compliance operations.
Vikings funded High Visibility Policing (HVP) operations.

Tasking & deployment;

Fortnightly reviews, crime trends, strategies, what/why/where & who, major operations/events, operation Vikings & deployment of Rosehill 80 (mobile Police bus).

State Plan 2021;

Goals 10,13,16,17,18,23 and 28 addressed on a daily basis

Crime deployment briefings;

Daily review of overnight crime, Arrests & charges, Bail conditions, wanted persons, Intelligence and Warrants.

Crime Statistics;

A Power Point presentation was also show highlighting statistics for major crimes categories within the Command. They categories included Robbery, Stealing, Malicious Damage, Break Enter & Steal, Assault and Traffic. The statistics were measured over a period of three months (Oct-Dec2011). The number of charges (514) for these crimes for the last three months of 2011 was also shown in the presentation.

Address to meeting participants re “hot topic” of shootings in South West Sydney

Supt Barnett addressed the participants on the current occurrence of shootings with the South West Sydney Area. Supt Barnett advised that the crime is occurring under the cover of darkness, have been found to be drug related, targeted victims, with OMCG association (Hells Angels related in Rosehill LAC) which are organised acts to cause intimidation to those involved. The victims and witnesses have been found to be reluctant to cooperate with police, often non-disclosure of offences or limited / unhelpful information.

Police as a result are being even more proactive, targeting drug related offences and offenders. Assistant Commissioner Mennilli is in charge of Operation Spartan, which is a metropolitan run proactive operation. With the support of the Crime Commission, with powers for non-disclosure, NSWPF is attacking the problem. The Onus of Proof on police is high and due to the reluctance of those involved, it is difficult for police due to the lack of evidence available. NSWPF is aware of the problem and dedicated to resolving it.

Lord Mayor Wearne “What do you think may be helpful in stopping this happening? Change of gun laws?”

Supt Barnett responded that due to intimidated victims, the closed circle of protection of offenders involved and the fact that we live in a free society causes issues. We are looking to America, who has suffered from Drive bys for many more years than us, and researching the strategies that are in place. The fact that the Crime Commission has more coercive powers is helpful. High Court dismissed Government Legislation regarding OMCG, maybe the legislation has to be re-written.

Crime Manager, Detective Inspector Hallinan; As discussed by Lord Mayor Wearne, we can request and hope for an increase in penalties but we can work on the way it is dealt with at Court. We arrest these offenders, charge them, they get bail and released on serious offences. An example of this is an offender charged by Rosehill for possession of a pistol or shortened firearm.

Lord Mayor Wearne asked “Is it a particular drug?”

Supt Barnett responded that it is powder and green. We are working on breaking up the associations / groups to remove the power of the groups and individuals.

Lord Mayor Wearne stated that in Parramatta Mall there is constant drug dealing and everyone appears to stand and watch it happen. Why don't police focus on busting the individuals rather than waiting for the big catch because that appears what is happening.

Supt Barnett stated that that is occurring in Parramatta LAC and it should be raised with them and that we are focusing on drugs and getting good results at Rosehill.

Preston stated that due to displacement, it is difficult to address.

Supt Barnett raised the example of Cabramatta 10 years ago, when drug problem was rife and how it has been displaced to surrounding suburbs.

Williams asked regarding the stabbings at Telopea in past week. Supt Barnett spoke of how the matters are associated with drugs, previous shooting, targeted offences.

Brief Overview of Portfolios;

Crime Coordinator, Sergeant Gary Spence;

Clarified what makes a robbery a robbery regarding use of force, threat of violence, property stolen. To clarify that a Break and enter is not a robbery, for when victims state "I've been robbed" for when it is a break and enter.

Constable Hany Botros;

Currently working on the park safe audit – writing letters to the owners of vehicles who have visible property within their vehicles, completing risk assessments on businesses, assisting Parramatta Council with DA applications due to review of 'safer by design', liaise with community members, assisting with eye watch and International Students Days.

Domestic Violence Liaison Officer, Jen McCormack;

The DV act is currently being reviewed, especially in regards to aged care and community living arrangements (University dorms etc).

There are approximately 100 Domestic Violence incidents every month.

Rosehill LAC are showing the DVD "Play Your Cards Right" to victims and each DV incident ensure that a 'yellow card' with support services recorded on them is completed. Please advise if there are any services which you have knowledge of that police can pass information onto victims for you. S/C McCormack has recently completed the DVLO course.

Detective Inspector Neil Hallinan;

As discussed previously, there has been a spike in Break and enters for us with dwellings and non-dwelling. Would like to clarify that the robberies shown on the maps are street level robberies (teen on teen) and we haven't had a robbery on a business so far this year. The Steal from Motor Vehicle is something that we are continuing to work on, especially in relation to the missing number plates. Our results for Steal Motor Vehicle is pleasing due to the great work done by our police, especially the Highway Patrol, cracking an on-going stealing operation with the use of tow trucks, also due to the improvement of vehicle security and initiative of "lock-up and be secure'. In relation to the issues raised by Lord Mayor Wearne, our proactive team are working hard, running plain clothed operation, working with local businesses to identify cars involved and deals occurring. The positive thing which has come out of the shooting incidents are that it was a South West problem, but has now become a State problem, resulting in resources to help fix it.

General Business;

Superintendent Barnett invited comments from the attending participants to raise any issues of concern. Nil participants raised any issue.

A/Insp John Fleming:

Overview power point regarding Eyewatch. Goal to re-engage back with the community as the 1st century neighbourhood watch. The difference is real-time

information exchange, based on Facebook with over 800 million users in the world. Recently conducted a presentation at Harris Park and as a result a Harris Park Precinct is being formed. NSWPF is leading the way and is the first law enforcement agency to be utilising the program. The program allows empowerment of community members. The program promotes the formation of precincts, with real time information exchange and allow the precinct group to talk to experts. The Rosehill Eyewatch page was shown and points explained.

Follow-up Actions;

Formation of Community Safety Precinct Group on Eyewatch, with the goal of next CSPM being held on line 27th April 2012 at 10am. Letters will be sent to each participant from each past meeting requesting that each member complete the registration form and return to A/Insp Fleming or Cst Botros requesting they be included in the group.

Further contact with UWS staff, Department of Housing and Department of Education to establish precinct groups to be completed by A/Insp Fleming.

Meeting closed 12.28pm

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY 27th January 2012 on line as Eyewatch Meeting.