

Northern Beaches Local Area Command
COMMUNITY SAFETY PRECINCT COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Wednesday 25th August 2010

Chairperson: Superintendent Cruickshank

Attendees:

Superintendent Cruickshank	Northern Beaches Police	Superintendent
Inspector Wonders	Northern Beaches Police	Crime Manager
A/Inspector Smith	Northern Beaches Police	Duty Officer
Sergeant Jones	Northern Beaches Police	Intelligence Sergeant
Senior Constable Riddle	Northern Beaches Police	Warrants and Summons
Harvey Rose	Pittwater Council	Mayor for Pittwater
Mark O'Connor	State Transit Authority	Security Coordinator STA
Lindsay Godfrey	Pittwater Council	Manager Pittwater Library
Mike Baird	Member of Parliament	State Member for Manly
Susan Gomola		MDECC
Brad Hazzard	Member of Parliament	State Member for Wakehurst

Apologies:

Rob Stokes	Member of Parliament	State Member for Pittwater
Amanda Watkins		MDECC
Senior Constable Goodwin	Northern Beaches Police	CPO
Senior Constable Jennings	Northern Beaches Police	YLO

Meeting Commenced at 9.15am.

1. Official Welcome:

Meeting opened and official welcome by Superintendent Cruickshank. Police staff introduced to attendees by Superintendent Cruickshank.

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes:

Minutes of previous meeting were moved by Lindsay Godfrey and seconded by Harvey Rose.

3. Matters arising from Previous Minutes

Nil matters arising from previous minutes.

4. Crime Overview

▪ **Assault – Non Domestic Related**

29% of these incidents are alcohol related.

Hotspots are Dee Why followed by Brookvale, Harbord, Forestville, Frenchs Forest and Mona Vale.

Hot times for assaults are 10pm and 2am.

Sunday is the predominant day

Occurring mainly in outdoor/public places 39% followed by residential 20%

*New type of reporting e.g. school yard fights and nursing home patient issues may influence future statistics upwardly.

- **Assault – Domestic Violence**

53% of these incidents are alcohol related.

Hotspots are. Dee Why, Brookvale, Frenchs Forest and Harbord

Hot times for assaults are.6pm followed by 9pm

0% result in AOABH and the main MO with 33% resulting in physical force.

67% occur in residences.

- **Break & Enter – Dwelling**

Hotspot locations are Narrabeen 13%, Dee Why 10%, Collaroy and Collaroy Plateau 8% and Frenchs Forest 7%

Hot times are 1am for night time and 9am and 1 pm for day time

Main point of entry is “Other” 16% followed by ground floor front door 11%

- **Break & Enter – Non Dwelling**

Hotspot locations are Brookvale 43%, Nth Narrabeen 14% and Avalon/Warriewood 10%

Business/Commercial premises are 24%.

Hot time is 11pm and 2am.

Main point of entry is ground floor front door.

- **Stealing**

Hotspot locations are Brookvale 42% for SFP, North Narrabeen 21% for SFD and Brookvale 64% for SFR

Hot time is 1pm – 3pm.

The predominant day for Stealing is Saturday

Main further classification is Steal from Retail 68%, Steal from Dwelling 17% and Steal from Person 15%

- **Steal from Motor Vehicle**

Hot spot locations are predominantly Frenchs Forest 9%, Avalon 8% and Belrose, Collaroy Plateau, Davidson, Harbord, Mona Vale & Nth Narrabeen all 7%

Hot time is 5pm to 11pm.

The predominant day for Steal from Motor Vehicle is Friday and Sunday

Most vehicles targeted are unlocked.

Police have had difficulty educating the community to lock their vehicles in order to reduce the steal from motor vehicle offences.

- **Robbery**

Total of 10. The number is quite low for the size of the community.

90% are street level.

Hot times are 6pm – 12.00am.

- **Stolen Vehicles**

Most vehicles stolen from this LAC are recovered locally.

Majority of vehicles are stolen from outdoor/public places

Hotspots are Dee Why followed by Brookvale / Mona Vale 10% and Beacon Hill / Frenchs Forest / Newport / Queenscliff 7%.

Hot time period is 6pm – 11pm.

- **Malicious Damage**

Hotspot locations are Dee Why, Avalon, Mona Vale and Nth Curl Curl.

Majority have occurred at outdoor/public spaces closely followed by Residential, Education and business/commercial premises

Hot time is 11pm.

Main days are Friday and Saturday.

- **Injury and Fatal Crash**

Dee Why is the main location followed by.

During the majority of accidents had no associated factor 91% and 5% were speed related.

Hot times are 12pm and 3pm.

Main day is Thursday.

Sgt Jones confirmed that there had been no fatal accidents.

- **Mona Vale and Collaroy CBD**

Sgt Jones stated there will always be some issues/incidents at Mona Vale due to it being a transport hub, with main roads, shops, licensed premises adjacent to parks/reserves.

Offences are mainly malicious damage, assaults and street offences.

Sgt Jones stated that incidents in Collaroy had subsided significantly.

- **General Business**

Crime Manager Inspector Wonders explained it had been a busy period for police due to an increase in proactivity, which had led to a search warrant being conducted in Gould St Narraweena and 3 hand guns and over 1000 items of stolen property being seized. As a result 2 offenders were arrested and charged. Ongoing investigations through the Task Force had identified another 2 offenders.

Crime Manager Inspector Wonders provided an overview of the murder of Eden Brown. Second offender has been charged and first offender is in custody awaiting his trial

Crime Manager Inspector Wonders provided an overview of the Armed Robbery at Dee Why RSL. Local staff had worked with Robbery and Serious Crime Unit, who have now taken over the investigation. 1 offender has already been arrested and charged for his involvement.

Crime Manager Inspector Wonders provided an overview of significant arrests and operations during the period:

- 28/7/10 a 37 year old local man was charged with steal from dwelling offences
- 28/7/10 A man was charged for aggravated indecent assault
- 31/7/10 LPO's (Loss prevention Officers) and Police ran a joint operation at Warringah Mall which resulted in 20 arrests for stealing offences – a lot were juveniles. He further explained that there are new security at Warringah Mall, and they are more visible on the premises, patrolling carparks and extending patrols to the bus stops and moving on trouble makers. They have identified stealing as a problem and the new staff are quite enthusiastic about targeting the issue. Security are trying to improve CCTV on the grounds.
- Warringah Mall security staff assisted in the arrest of a male for stealing and carjacking offence that occurred at the Mall
- In August there was a Kidnapping of a 17 year old female Chinese National Student. 2 Chinese nationals who were known to the Victim were charged. The incident related to the break down of a relationship.
- Northern Beaches Police are committing to ongoing Drug Dog Operations, approx 1 per month. On 19/08/10 there was a successful Op which resulted in 8 detections, with the main identified drug being cannabis, then ICE and amphetamines.
- A 22 year old male was arrested and charged for graffiti at a bus stop. This was interesting to identify an adult.
- Warringah Mall security identified a male offender filming school girls going up an escalator and this resulted in his arrest and charge.
- Vikings funding will continue and will increase over the summer months. Will be targeting drinking and anti-social behaviour in outdoor areas in particular
- Police recognise there is some issues on buses. As a result Northern Beaches have secured Commuter Crime Unit police and along with STA staff to conduct fortnightly patrols along with Vikings Police. They will be targeting people on buses and at bus stops. About 1 month ago there was a successful joint Operation with STA which resulted in 60 infringements being issued. There is another one of these operations being conducted this weekend. The ongoing Bus Operations in summer are additional to normal police staffing resources

▪ **Open Forum**

Superintendent Cruickshank reiterated that police are working hard to improve the transport related issues

Mike Baird asked if bus drivers noticed the difference after the bus operations. Was explained that it was found that drivers were under-reporting, and have since been educated to increase reporting, so it won't be until next quarter that an effect can accurately be assessed.

Harvey Rose appreciates the efforts being made to target crime on buses. Also expressed that Pittwater Council are very keen to work with Point Zero and midnights basketball programs to make them a success.

Lindsay Godfrey requested to have updates regularly (each meeting) on statistics for transport offences. The discrepancies in police and STA reporting figures were then discussed, in that what STA record as an incident are not necessarily criminal matters and therefore don't necessarily get reported to police.

ACTION: Superintendent Cruickshank and Sgt Jones agreed to supply police figures for transport related offences next meeting.

Mark O'Connor raised a suggestion for education/advertising posters to be used in Northern Beaches LAC. These posters provide information to potential victims about how to keep themselves safe, crime reporting, and transport offences. They are displayed through a montage of slides on bus TV systems inside the buses. This is already in place in Eastern Beaches LAC. Superintendent Cruickshank agreed this was a good idea and wants this to be followed up with STA. He also explained a new system STA have running targeting repeat transport offenders through the download of fare/pass details and CCTV footage. These offenders are then sent fines through the mail.

ACTION: Contact to be made with Mark O'Connor re implementing posters.

Lindsay Godfrey spoke about Midnight Basketball program. It will be running from late October 2010 until early December 2010 on Saturday nights at Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre. The program targets troubled youths and tries to engage them. It involves the youths being given a meal, then participating in an education program and then participating in 3 basketball games in a round robin style. There will be 60-80 youths in each 8 week program. The program will be supported by Youth Reach Brookvale. After the event the Youths will be bussed home or picked up by parents. If the trial program is successful it will be run in 2011. The Youth Reach workers will manage inside NBISC and they are exploring the possibility of user charges police to manage the external perimeters of NBISC.

C3 Church and St Marks Anglican Church Avalon with Mike Pawley and other community individuals have been working on an outreach program to be run at Avalon skate park on Thursday and Saturday nights. Training will be provided to support workers at the Rec Centre in the next few weeks, and program likely to start mid September. Further details and contact details for supports workers to be supplied at later date.

Mayor is supportive of the Point Zero program. The van will be rolled out in Northern Beaches mid November. Looking to work with point zero to get more parent education.

ACTION: See if Tony bates from Point Zero can attend the next meeting to explain the program.

Brad Hazzard thanked everyone for their efforts to support Youth Issues. Raised concern about how police would be/should be involved in the Midnight Basketball program.

Meeting Concluded at 10.20am.

Next meeting date to be advised.