



**PENRITH LOCAL AREA COMMAND
MINUTES OF THE PENRITH/ST MARYS COMMUNITY SAFETY
PRECINCT COMMITTEE**

**Penrith Police Station
Doug Kelly Room
15 September 2010**

Meeting Opened: 10:14am, by Chair, Supt Z (Ben) Feszczuk APM

Attendees: Superintendent Ben Feszczuk APM, Commander, Penrith LAC
Superintendent Ray Filewood, Commander, St Marys LAC
Mrs Deanne Bell-Smith, Executive Officer, Penrith LAC
Detective Insp Grant Healey, Crime Manager, Penrith LAC
A/Insp Phil Buchardt, Crime Manager, St Marys LAC
Mr Mark Gold, Security, Westfield's
Mr Glenn Cooper, Operations manager, UWS
Ms Diane Beamer, Member for Mulgoa
Ms Jill Woods, Chief Executive Officer, Penrith Chamber of
Commerce
Ms Gladys Reed, Penrith City Centre Association
Mr Max Harrison, Kingswood Traders Association
Mr John McLean, General Manager, Panthers
Mr Stuart Ayres MP, Member for Penrith
Ms Olivia Kidon, Penrith City Council
Ms Sarah Lees, Wollondilly Shire Council

Apologies: Mr Allan Shearan MP, Member for Londonderry
Mr Antony Keenan, Westfield's
Ms Wendy Wearne
Insp Daryl Jobson, St Marys LAC
Ms Yvonne Perkins, Penrith City Council
Mr David Burns, Penrith City Council

**Adoption of previous
Minutes:**

Minutes accepted by Mr Max Harrison and seconded by Ms Gladys
Reed

**Business arising from
Previous CSPC minutes: NIL**

CPP: Insp Grant Healey advised that program was still stagnant at present due to cancellation of last meeting due to commitments of participants.

An agreement has been reached with partners to activate the area separating the Joan Sutherland Centre and Westfield's. The PCYC are covering this area of an evening with assistance from Mark and Antony (Westfield's) looking at funding through the Council. The Joan Sutherland centre has placed a bid for this area to be established for arts which will ensure the area is being utilised.


Other areas remain the same.

Correspondence In: Nil

Correspondence Out: minutes of previous minutes and Agenda

Representations to Deputy Commissioner, Field Operations – request to have the measure for Sexual Assault to reflect an increase in reporting rates. Compiled by Supt Z (Ben) Feszczuk APM obo CSPC and forwarded 15 Sept 2010.

Crime Review:

 **Penrith LAC – Presented by Supt Ben Feszczuk**
Compass crime data for the period June 1st 2010 to August 31st 2010 was reviewed.

Overall Results

Top Ten Crime Categories

A chart showing the top ten crime categories was tabled, with Stealing, Malicious Damage, and Assault being the three most frequently occurring crimes in the three months ending August 2010.

Crime by Suburb

A chart showing crime by suburb was tabled, with Penrith, Cranebrook and South Penrith being the stop three suburbs for crime.

- ◆ ALCOHOL – new premises to open at the site where “the Block” used to be located and also at O’Donoghues. It is expected that these premises will cause an increase in violence numbers with a “hot-spot” predicted to be 2 – 4am. This is due to the lack of public transport in the area. As a result, secure taxi ranks are to be implemented and owners of the premises are to engage in higher levels of security.

Trends

Assault

Assault (Alcohol and Non-DV) is trending slightly above last year’s actual level and is currently 2.8% above BP target. 20% of all Assault incidents are alcohol related. DV Related Assault is trending above last years’ actual level and is currently 23.5% above BP target. Sexual Assault is currently as per BP target.

- ◆ DV ASSAULT – persons are encouraged to report all incidents which is government back, however, in persons reporting the Commands show a greater number of records which is in conflict with expected Command results.
- ◆ Dianne Beamer believes that it is wrong that statistics should be required to show a decrease when reporting of these incidents should be escalated. The Attorney Generals are making court appearances easier for victims which in turn should have persons more comfortable in reporting. We should be expecting that statistics in this area are escalating not decreasing. Ms Beamer suggested the CSPC make representation on this issue.

Action: Relevant corro to be produced and forwarded to Deputy Commissioner, Field Operations obo CSPC.

Break and Enter

Break and Enter (Non-dwelling) is trending below last years’ actual level and is currently 10.5% below BP target. Break and Enter (Dwelling) is trending slightly below last year’s actual level and is currently 22.5% below BP target. A chart showing residential Break and Enter by suburb was tabled, with Penrith being the suburbs which accounts for over 50% of offences occurring in Penrith LAC.

Robbery

Robbery is trending above last years' actual level and is currently 37.5% over BP target. However the number of robberies continues very low.

Stolen Vehicles

Stolen Vehicles is trending below last years' actual level and is currently 23.4% below BP target.

Fraud

Fraud is trending above last years' actual level and is currently 30.0% above BP target.

Malicious Damage

Malicious Damage is trending below last years' actual level and is currently 2.2% below BP target.

Stealing (ex SFMV)

Steal from retail store (ex SFMV) is trending above last years' actual level and is currently 7.7% above BP target. 43% of Stealing is Steal From Retail Store, however the number of incidents year to date is 5.6% below BP target.

- ◆ GRAFFITTI – Council made comment that they are removing graffiti from a smaller area and there has been a general decline in damage.
- ◆ STEALING – Jill Woods questioned the efforts of individual businesses efforts to decrease stealing. Insp Healey advised that most businesses have not increased security, however, one major retailer is currently installing high level facial recognition cameras. Insp Healey commented on the high level of current cameras within Westfield's which results in a high percentage of conviction.

Steal From Motor Vehicle (SFMV)

Steal From Motor Vehicle is trending below last years' actual level and is currently 23.9% below BP target.

- ◆ STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLES – the construction of fencing around the Jane St Car Park has had good results.

Injury/Fatal Crashes

Injury/Fatal Crashes are trending below last years' actual level and are currently 13.5% below BP target.

- ◆ MVA – Ms Jill Woods initiated discussion re mobile speed camera warnings which have reduced speeding on the M4, government strategies and individuals attitudes towards speeding.
- ◆ BRIDGES PROJECT – MP Stuart Ayres requested feedback from police re the effectiveness of the project. Insp Healey advised that the project provides police referral options and allows for people to receive relevant services and it has had a positive effect.

Proactive Policing

Charts for Proactive Policing were tabled showing tasking and deployment of police by crime category and by location.

St Marys LAC – Presented by Supt Ray Filewood

The following crime categories are over the business plan target for the year to date:

Assault DV, Sexual Assault, BES Dwelling, Steal from Person, Steal from Dwelling, Malicious Damage, Steal Motor Vehicle, Fraud and Steal from Motor Vehicle

The following crime categories are under the business plan target for the year to date:

Drug Detection, Alcohol related Assaults, Robbery, BES non Dwelling, Steal from Retail, Power Move on, Power person search, Traffic Incidents and Injury and Fatal Crashes.

By Suburb, the most amount of crime occurred in St Marys (29%), Kingswood (13%), Werrington (9%), St Clair (11%), Colyton (6%).

Assault

47% was domestic violence related. 14% was alcohol related.

Assault (Alcohol & Non DV) is 4 below BP target for year.
Assault (DV Related) is 24 below BP target for year.

- ◆ DV – Ms Dianne Beamer advised that she had been approached by constituent who gave praise to St Marys LAC for excellent assistance to her by police and advice and implementation of provisions to help stop repeat offences from occurring.

Hotspots for Alcohol & Non DV Related Assault are St Marys, Kingswood, North St Marys and Werrington near Licensed Premises.

Sexual Assault

2 above BP target year to date. Most are JIRT related jobs relating to child abuse and some historical assaults.

Robbery

4 below BP target year to date. 30% are armed robbery, 25% robbery no weapon and 35% robbery with aggravation (more than one offender). Hotspots are around the rail corridors of St Marys, Kingswood and Werrington.

Break and Enter Dwelling

5 below the BP target year to date. Werrington, Kingswood, North St Marys and St Marys had the most offences.

BES Non Dwelling

9 below the BP target year to date. St Marys had the most offences. Business premises and education premises accounted for the most.

Stolen Vehicles

3 over the BP target year to date. Most were stolen from residential premises. Hot times and days are over night Thursday to Sunday

Drug Detection Supply

9 below the BP target year to date.

Drug Detection Possession

3 below the BP target year to date

Fraud

4 over the BP year to date. 79% of the offences are Fail to Pay from service stations.

- ◆ FRAUD – Ms Olivia Kidon advised future dates for secure number plate fittings to be 30 October and 6 November.

Malicious Damage

13 above the BP target year to date. Graffiti is now at 14% and Damage to Property 85%.

Stealing (ex SFMV)

Hot Spot is St Marys CBD. Steal from Person 9%, Steal from Dwelling 17%, and Steal from Retail Store 11%. 43% Residential, 20% Business, 7% Outdoor/public place.

Steal from Retail Store

12 Below the BP target year to date.

Steal from Person

5 above the BP target year to date.

Steal from Dwelling

13 above BP target year to date.

Steal from Motor Vehicle

68 above BP target year to date. St Marys, Werrington, Kingswood and St Clair have the most offences. A majority of the offences occur in residential areas. Number plates are very commonly stolen.

Powers Move On

47 below the BP target year to date.

Powers Person Search

111 below the BP target year to date.

Injury/Fatal Collision

2 below BP target year to date

Contentious Issues:**Drug use in and around Westfield's – Mark Gold**

At previous CSPC meeting Mr Gold advised of a large number of syringes are currently being found in and around car park and toilets near the Westfield's Plaza. Antony Keenan advised he was meeting with the Chemist that dispenses withdrawal medications. Mr Gold now advises that the Chemist has permission to dispense but is working with police to reduce crime. Insp Healey advised that an environmental scan shows changes in the types of drugs being used and police strategies are altered as per need. Ie Heroin is on the rise and may contribute to methadone abuse.

Mr Gold advised of the placement of Camera outside toilet facilities to deter drug usage and Westfield's can report nil issues since installation. Additionally, "screamers" have been placed in stair wells which activate for approx 5 minutes prior to re-set. This has also resulted in less graffiti in these areas.

DEFQON1 – Insp Healey provided an overview of the event and deployment of police. Most accommodation in Penrith has booked out and a major drug operation will be conducted on the day.

**Community feedback
to committee members
re police activity:**

Mr Allan Shearan reported that people are complaining that when a juvenile is involved in crime police do not act. When police attend such incidents they tell the public they are unable to act as the offenders are minors

General Business:

Youth Program meeting to be held this Thursday evening by the "Mondo" committee. Father Chris Reilly will be guest speaker re kids of the street program

Supt Filewood advised of DAMFEST to be held on the 17 October 2010. Festival is to coincide with the 50yr opening of the dam and large crowds are expected.

Supt Filewood advised members of recent murder at Werrington and good work completed by police with three offenders arrested.

Next Meeting: 6 December 2010, St Marys LAC, 10:00am

Meeting Closed: 12:26pm

Actions

Corro Out: