



NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE FORCE

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Minutes – Community Safety Precinct Meeting, Wednesday 14/7/10. Start: 10:05am

Attendees:

Name	Organisation	Title
D/Insp. Brad Blanchard	NSWPF, Albury LAC	Crime Manager
Insp. Richard Harvey	NSWPF, Albury LAC	Duty Officer
Sgt Paul Gay	NSWPF, Albury LAC	Intelligence Unit – Team Leader
S/C Matthew Barnes	NSWPF, Albury LAC	Crime Prevention Officer
Mr Peter Prentice	NSWPF, Albury LAC	Intelligence Analyst
Ms Kay Whitehead	Tumbarumba Shire Council	General Manager
Mr Rodney Shaw	Tumbarumba Shire Council	Councillor
Ms Maralee Vogel	Albury City Council	Team Leader – Community Development
Mr Bruce Holmes	Greg Aplin's Office	Advisor
Mr Gary Poidevin	Corowa Shire	Mayor
Mr Peter Jones	Charles Stuart University	Manager Campus Services

Apologies: Supt Gary Commins, Ms Denise Osbourne (Greater Hume Shire), Ms Kerrie Arnold (Chamber of Commerce), Mr Greg Aplin (State Member), Mr Ian Chaffey (Tumbarumba Shire), Mrs Alice Glachan (Albury City Council)

Convenor: D/Insp. Brad Blanchard.

Welcome to attendees by D/Insp. Brad Blanchard.

Minutes of previous meeting (March 2010) adopted by Sgt Paul Gay and seconded by S/C Matthew Barnes.

Actions Arising:

- Roadblocks to be discussed at next Cross Border meeting (Supt. Commins).
- Information regarding trucks speeding through Jindera be disseminated to HWP, information disseminated via email to HWP Sgts 14:00, 15/7/10 by Mr Prentice.

Business arising from previous meeting:

- Nil.

Presentation by Sgt Paul Gay – Snapshot of business plan target compliance (year end targets)

- A comparison of actual incidents and target incidents indicates reasonable results in most of the 18 crime categories.
- Crime categories:
 - Stealing
 - Over target by 120 incidents (10%).
 - Failed to meet target 9 months of 12 months.
 - Spikes in December 2009 and March 2010. December spike thought to be due to increased retail theft but further analysis doesn't indicate this. Unable to fully explain causes of spikes.
 - Malicious damage
 - First 5 months (to November) over target, next 6 months under monthly target. Ended year 79 incidents over target of 1518 incidents.
 - 11% of incidents were graffiti, 30% involved smashing/kicking window and 18% involved thrown projectile.

- Crime prevention officer and intelligence unit to discuss possible ways to reduce incidence of smashed windows in command.
 - Drug Supply & Drug Possession
 - Good results due to several successful operation targeting drug suppliers.
 - Drug unit now fully staffed.
 - SFMV
 - Below target by 117 incidents, good result compared to last year.
 - SMV
 - Significantly below target (50 incidents), good result compared to last year.
- 2010 targets will be governed by NSW State Plan.
 - Targets have shifted; new crime types and other items have been added to Compass. Local are commands will now report on some legal action rates.
 - Traffic focus has increased significantly, PCA, helmet, speeding and licensing offences will now be reported on.
 - Legal action rates for DV offences, sexual assault and robbery will now be reported on. Discussion regarding DV assault and why they are classified as a proactive incident. Possible causes for lower than target results explained.
 - DCOP yet to disseminate LAC targets. LAC has submitted proposed targets.
- State Plan was to reduce crime in compliance with current State Plan. This was achieved by Southern Region in most categories.
- A lot of crime (retail theft and malicious damage is unreported or under reported. This is good for stats but doesn't assist analysis and control of future incidents.
- Discussion regarding causes of malicious damage. Angry, resulting from domestic dispute incidents or due to effects of alcohol. Domestic disputes may be direct or indirect cause of damage. Query from Ms Vogel regarding related factors for malicious damage incidents, notably alcohol.
- Liaison with VicPol, Wodonga has recently increased and formalised. Information is being shared regarding crime and common problems. VicPol recording systems significantly different to NSWPF systems. Intelligence submitted by Victorian officers is becoming available to NSWPF too late via current processes. Daily liaison between Police is increasing information flow.
- BOCSAR recognises border and doesn't consider the effects of Wodonga population on crime in Albury. In some respects Albury and Wodonga need to be considered one town. Any statistic that considers incidents per population amount need to be viewed with caution as Wodonga population is unlikely to be included. Criminals are crossing border to offend, vehicles are stolen in Albury and located in Wodonga, escapee also used as an example of need for cross border liaison.
- Cross border discussion
 - Special Constable status discussed.
 - Liaison is good; system differences are causing the problems.
 - Now having a formal meeting between NSWPF Albury and VicPol, Wodonga staff every month and informal discussions daily to exchange information.

Around Table

Mr Holmes:

- Special Constable arrangements may improve information exchange between NSWPF and VicPol. Special Constable arrangement still need to be legislated in both state parliaments to avoid legal technicalities in court.
- Queried progress on ACLO position. Insp Blanchard commented that Albury LAC on priority list, have been for 3-4 years.
- Trailbikes: Mr Aplin still trying to get bikes for Albury

Ms Vogel:

- CCTV report – Reviewing need for cameras.
 - Police / Council discussions have been upfront and transparent.
 - Report to be tabled to councillors in August.
- Community safety plan
 - Statistics presented to council. Currently on public exhibition.
 - Plan will be used as support for funding applications.
 - Focus on crime type causal factors.
- Discussion regarding actual and perceived levels of graffiti in Albury.
 - Groups will have sporadic activity, will be a spike of incidents and then group slows down or stops due to Police attention. Another group then starts up.

- Quick clean up has been shown to have a reducing effect on number of incidents occurring.
- Engaging offenders in legal art activities may divert persons from illegal behaviour.

Mr Jones:

- CSU Thurgoona campus has 250 beds, may be useable as temporary accommodation in event of disaster. Available during university holidays.
- Olive St campus is closed. Lights are left on and security still patrolling. Some loiterers have been moved on.
- Thurgoona campus:
 - Residents are leaving property in vehicles, security has been increased.
 - 3500 students are using campus.
- Thanks for increased police presence on campus.
- Wet bar to be opened after Christmas 2010. Will be open for Wednesday night function and Friday night function.
- CCTV installation being considered. Contractors have shown several possible options.
- On campus residents have fit well into community. Little militancy as observed at other CSU campuses.
- Campus will be a locus for anti-social behaviour, malicious damage and trespass in future as Thurgoona grows around site.

Mr Poidevin:

- Crime in Corowa ok.
- Aging assets: 1 condemned Police house and another that should be condemned.
- Mr Holmes commented that housing and alarms raised with Government.

Mr Shaw:

- 2 operational Police in Tumbarumba, sergeant on sick leave. When will operational numbers be restored? Insp. Blanchard commented that managing long term sick staff is causing problem, unable to backfill the position immediately.
- No problems in town.

Ms Whitehead:

- Queried whether roadblock issue had been raised at Cross Border meeting. Insp Blanchard unsure, matter will be raised at next meeting (**Action**). Ruling regarding Special Constable ability to establish roadblocks being reviewed.

S/C Barnes (on behalf of Ms Denise Osbourne):

- Trucks are speeding through Jindera township 60km zone daily. 6am-6.30am event for day. **Action:** Information regarding trucks speeding through Jindera be disseminated to HWP, information disseminated via email to HWP Sgts 14:00, 15/7/10 by Mr Prentice.

General Business

Mr Holmes: Letter of thanks received from cleaning contractor at Lavington Centro regarding Police patrols and the resulting reduction in hoodlum and anti-social behaviour.

Sgt Gay: Letters from residents of East Albury have been received by Police. Mr Holmes commented that Mr Greg Aplin's office had also received letters. Sgt Gay commented that requesting information before meeting would mean it could be presented at meeting.

Mr Poidevin: Truck show & shine planned for weekend in September. Emergency Services Expo has been moved to same weekend and venue.

Meeting end: 10:55

Next meeting: 8th September, 2010

Future Meetings: 8th December, 2010