

**NEW ENGLAND LOCAL AREA COMMAND  
MINUTES OF GLEN INNES/INVERELL/TENTERFIELD CSPC  
HELD AT TENTERFIELD SHIRE COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2010  
COMMENCING AT 1.30 PM**

**PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

**Present:** Supt Greg Martin, Mr Richard Torbay, Member for Northern Tablelands; Mr Steve Toms, Mayor Glen Innes/Severn Council; Mr Toby Smith, Mayor Tenterfield Council; Barry Johnston, Mayor Inverell Council; Mr Bill Monro, Glen Innes Business Rep; Mr Robert Ditchfield, Inverell Chamber; Insp Rowan O'Brien, Insp Garry Huard; A/Sgt Mick Eaton; S/C Amanda Waters CPO, Chris Milne Executive Officer

**APOLOGIES:** Mr Geoff Nye, Tenterfield Chamber of Commerce

**WELCOME:** Superintendent MARTIN welcomed all participants.

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING RATIFIED:** Insp Huard– seconded Insp O'Brien.

**BUSINESS ARISING:**

Nil.

**CRIME REPORTS**

PowerPoint, discussions.

**CURRENT AND EMERGING ISSUES**

Discussion particularly on break and enter spike particularly in Glen Innes and Tenterfield.

After hours call outs – Calls diverted to Armidale where shift supervisor makes a decision as to whether to call out officers. This is generally at Sgt level.

Mr Smith – stated that PR is bad in Tenterfield because officers cannot be contacted. Mayor wants on call officer. Idea not supported by Insp Huard due to the number of calls that would be received for minor matters. Discussion on decision making on calling officers out. Meeting advised of morning meetings where each sector is involved in a LAC briefing, plus daily briefing to all officers by Intelligence Officer on what is happening in the Command. Non 24 hour country police station phone diversions and recall to duty procedures explained to meeting by Commander.

Letter from Geoff Nye tabled regarding break and enters and anti social issues in Tenterfield – read out by Commander. Discussion re same.

Mayor Smith stated that he had no problems with the police in Tenterfield. He just has problems with the whole support system. Specific details of break and enters provided to the meeting. Target hardening suggested whereby business owners take responsibility for securing their valuables and their business premises.

Mr Toms – National Parks and search and rescue. Plea to use National Parks staff and resources when police called on rescues. National Parks has good local knowledge to assist as well as the assistance of SES and VRA. VKG Tamworth to be advised via report. Mr Toms will email to clarify these issues before contact.

Concerns regarding road closures for local triathlon events. Insp Huard mentioned that Region Traffic Coordinators are being stricter for OHS purposes as they are racing at the time so they can insist on closing roads.

Mr Johnston – CCTV Inverell. Progressing over the last 18 months. Local committee formed including the police who have contributed with local hot spot maps. Other local towns researched. Map of CBD prepared with priorities.

### **MATTERS OF INTEREST**

Already touched upon during the meeting.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

Meeting closed: 3.50pm.