



COMMUNITY SAFETY PRECINCT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wellington

Date: 7th February 2011

Location: Wellington Council Chambers

Time: 11.10am

Members/Attendees	Organisation	Position	Contact	Attend
Superintendent Stan Single	Orana LAC	Commander		Yes
Detective Inspector Rod Blackman	Orana LAC	Crime Manager		Yes
Inspector Chris Sammut	Orana LAC	Duty Officer		Yes
Senior Constable Ian Burns	Orana LAC	C.P.O		Yes
Anne Jones	Wellington Council	Mayor		Yes
Mike Mugee	Wellington Council	Deputy Mayor		Yes
Allan Dive	Wellington Council	General manager		Yes
Clarrie Dries	NSW Corrective Services	General Manager		Yes
Ross Godfrey		Clergy		Yes
A/Senior Sergeant Rod Buhr	Wellington Police	Sector Supervisor		Yes

Apologies



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Welcome by Inspector Chris Sammut.

Committee members introduced themselves.

Apologies – None.

Motion that the minutes from the previous meeting be accepted by GM – Clarrie Dries.
Second Anne JONES – passed.

Crime Category – discussion

1) Increase the reporting of crime

Mayor Jones expressed concern over some slow response to certain incidents. An incident took 3 days to be reported.

Insp Sammut reply: Encouraged all present that if an unreasonably slow response happens to ring Dubbo direct and speak to a Supervisor or Duty Officer.

2) Strengthen relationships between Police & community

Weekly article in the local paper has been successful and will continue along with positive good news stories. **A/S/Sgt Buhr to continue with article.**

Wellington Council to investigate any possible funding for crime prevention via Local Newspaper.

3) Decrease issues with homes and vehicle being left open unsecured

Target hardening information to be sort in conjunction with CPO, YLO, SLO

ACLO Jason Nolan is aligned to Wellington and will be asked to attend further meetings. **A/S/Sgt BUHR to liaise with ALCO.**

4) Fill vacant Constable and Detective positions at Wellington

Wellington is currently operating at full strength 1 position been back filled by Dubbo. (Vacant Yeoval position) **An officer has accepted the Yeoval position.** Still 2

Detectives positions vacant and will again be advertised as hard to fill positions.

Commander Single reply – The numbers are always maintained, even if it has to been filled by Dubbo.

5) Increase in proactively targeting B/E offenders.

Pro-activity for Wellington is going really well. No issues.

GM Augee informed the committee he is continuing with researching funding and types of CCTV. Have had good interaction with Moree and their type of system.

Crime Presentation – presented by Detective Inspector Blackman

Categories of Assault Non DV, Assault DV, Assault are all tracking well, with 44 for Wellington and 24 for the Wellington Correctional Centre.

Det Insp Blackman explained – Assaults at the goal are mandatory reports but not necessarily attended by Police.

Break and enters (B/E) has dramatically **decreased** from the BP (Business Plan) of 12 to 5. B/E none dwelling has recorded a slight increase.

Malicious damage is tracking within the BP. Minor damage at Mt Arthur is not been reported. **Mayor Anne Jones wants all incidents of M/D to be reported.**

Sgt Buhr to speak to Housing Department re the same.

(11.45am GM Wellington Correctional Service Clarrie Dries leaves meeting)

Nil robberies, Steal from dwelling / M/V tracking steady. Steal from person / retail / M/V low. Calls for service graphs show the normal peaks on weekends and during the evening.

Inspector Sammut explained – Staffing from Wellington mainly but from Dubbo when rostering permits allowing 2 vehicles to be on in Wellington on Friday and Saturday nights.

Mayor Anne Jones expressed her delight in seeing local police walking the CBD.

General Business

Pro-activity in Wellington is excellent in most categories.

Work rate - LAC summary shows Wellington work rate per officer is high.

Insp Sammut comments – Wellington staff are interactive and combined with local and state operation resources have been utilised in Wellington. Some recent operation have been Drink drive 2, drug dog, compliance, unite, light fingers 1, safe arrival and safe return. Extra staff rostered for Wellington Vintage Fair and there is always funding for staff using Vikings as crime depicts.

Mayor Anne Jones inquires about the high level of events in Wellington.

Insp Sammut explained – High number of events due to motivated staff and well run station, also correlates with high pro-active events.

Discussion about OMCG attending Wellington.

Insp Sammut explained – Police rely on police intelligence and the wider community to provide information about the activity of any criminal organisation.

Ross Godfrey echoed the committee's appreciation to A/Senior Sergeant Buhr and LSC Tolhurst on a job well done and dedication to Wellington.

Discussion about parental responsibility.

Superintendent Single reiterated that police are fulfilling their role and that the community needs to take up the challenge and demand the Government organisations such as DOCS and Juvenile Justice do their's.

Deputy Mayor Mike Mugee inquired about the working relationship between Police and Rangers.

Det Insp Blackman explained that Council could utilise their Ranger in areas and times that incidents such as graffiti and malicious damage occur to be a presence of authority. Although Rangers have no real powers in relation to alcohol, but can report incidents to Police and be part of the intelligence gathering process.

Minutes prepared by S/C Ian BURNS, Orana Crime Prevention Officer.

Meeting closed - 12.22pm

Next meeting – 11am 9th May 2011, Wellington Council Chambers.