



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

**Penrith Police Station
High St, Penrith
1 March 2010**

Meeting Opened: 10:05am, 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
Insp Anthony Holton, Crime Manager, St Marys LAC
Snr Constable Daniel Mott, Intelligence, Penrith LAC
Mr David Burns, Penrith City Council
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

Apologies: Ms Yvonne Perkins, Penrith City Council,
Ms Melissa Dransfield, CEO, Centre Management, Westfield
Mr Allan Shearan MP, Member for Londonderry
Mr Phil Costa, MP Wollondilly Shire Council
Wendy Horne, St Clair/Erskine Park Community Safety Assoc.

**Adoption of previous
Minutes:**

Minutes accepted by Diane Beamer and seconded by Max Harrison

**Business arising from
Previous CSPC minutes:**

 **Plate Safe Initiative – David Burns**

Attorney Generals Office have approved utilisation of new screw type to affix plates to vehicles and Council in turn have met with the contractors.

It has been proposed that the launch date for implantation will be 24 April between the hours of 9am – 12pm at the Penrith City Council Car Park.

An additional two public fittings will be conducted on the 22 May at the St Marys Car Park and on the 19 June at the Penrith Swim Centre Car Park.

Volunteers have been sought from the local University to install.

CPP: Insp Grant Healey advised that program was progressing well. Members of the CPP will soon be able to access results through the internet. There was no meeting during month of January due to commitments of members. CPP have altered some priorities with multiple areas addressed.

Correspondence In: Nil

Correspondence Out: minutes of previous minutes and Agenda

Crime Review:

 **Penrith LAC – Presented by Supt Ben Feszczuk**

Insp Healey advised members of current sexual assault program where expert statements are obtained direct from the hospital. The gathering of evidence under this programme has led to better prosecutions and in some situation successful prosecutions without the victim in attendance at court. Further funding for this programme is to be sought through the Attorney General's department.

Diane Beamer recommended contact be made to both herself and Karyn Palluzano who will also make representations for approval to funding.

Discussion initiated by Diane Beamer re number of Juveniles incarcerated and relevant crime figures.

Crime: Penrith LAC

Compass crime data for the period July 2009 to January 2010 was reviewed.

Overall Results

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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 current financial year to end January 2010.

Crime by Suburb

A chart showing crime by suburb was tabled, with Penrith, Emu Plains, Emu Heights and Cranebrook being the suburbs which together account for 68% of the crime occurring in Penrith LAC.

Trends

Assault

Assault (Non-DV) is trending slightly below last years' actual level and is currently 4.7% below BP target. 24% of all Assault incidents are alcohol related. Alcohol Related Assault is trending above last years' actual level and is currently 9.7% above BP target. While DV Related Assault is now trending above last years' actual level it is currently 27.8% below BP target. Sexual Assault is trending above last years' actual levels and is currently 100.0% above BP target.

Break and Enter

Break and Enter (Non-dwelling) is trending below last years' actual level and is currently 12.8% below BP target. Break and Enter (Dwelling) is trending below last years' actual level and is currently 14.2% below BP target. A chart showing Break and Enter by suburb was tabled, with Penrith Emu Heights, Emu Plains and Glenmore Park being the suburbs which together account for 65% of the crime occurring in Penrith LAC. In the year to date

Robbery

Robbery is trending above last years' actual level and is currently 14.7% below BP target.

Stolen Vehicles

Stolen Vehicles is trending well below last years' actual level and is currently 17.6% below BP target.

Fraud

Fraud is trending below last years' actual level and is currently 4.6% below BP target.

Malicious Damage

Malicious Damage is trending below last years' actual level and is currently 10.4% below BP target.

Stealing (ex SFMV)

Stealing (ex SFMV) is trending above last years' actual level and is currently 4.7% above BP target. 48% of Stealing is Steal From Retail Store.

Steal From Motor Vehicle (SFMV)

Steal From Motor Vehicle is trending below last years' actual level and is currently 0,7% below BP target. FY 2010

Traffic Incidents

Traffic Incidents are trending below last years' actual level and is currently 0,7% below BP target. FY 2010

Injury/Fatal Crashes

Traffic Incidents are trending below last years' actual level and is currently 27,2% below BP target. FY 2010

Proactive Policing

Charts for year to date 2010 were tabled showing tasking and deployment of police by crime category and by location.

 **St Marys LAC – Presented by Supt Ray Filewood****CRIME:**

Crime categories for Compass are performing quite well with most just above or below target levels. There appears to be an increasing trend with Break Enter and Steal.

PROACTIVITY:

Drug Detection, Move ons and Person Searches increased for this Quarter which helps reduce crime levels.

CRIME HOTSPOTS:

In order of the highest percentage of crime within the Command are the suburbs of St Marys (22.06%), St Clair (15.65%), Kingswood (13.38%), and Werrington (9.98%).

CRIME CATEGORIES:

Assault Non DV- above target
Assault Alcohol Related – below target – still occurring in St Marys CBD especially at licensed premises.
Assault DV Related – below target
Robbery – above
Sexual Assault – above target.
BES Dwelling – below target
Stolen Vehicles – above target
BES Non Dwelling – below target.
Drug Detection Supply & Possession – above target. On going Operations within the LAC.
Fraud – above target. Majority are Fail to Pay (84.91%).
Malicious Damage –below target
Steal from MV – below target
Stealing (excluding SFMV) – below target
Drug Detection Possession – above target a growing increase compared to previous years.
Move On – beginning the quarter below target and increasing with proactivity to above target for final 2 months.
Person Search – maintaining well above target
Fatal /Injury Accidents – below target
Traffic Accidents – below target

Contentious Issues:

Gladys Reed: forty speakers are to be erected in High St, between Woodriff and Stations streets. Music will be played on a 24hr basis to increase ambience in the area and deter loiterers. The system will be monitored over a four week period and re-evaluated.

Gladys Reed: PCCA has negotiated with Heart Land Holden and have been successful in obtaining their premises located in Henry street for commuter parking. Due to public liability the area will be opened to the public between the hours of 6:30am – 6:30pm. Any vehicle locked in the premises can be removed after hours for a fee.

David Burns: Three months of figures have been obtained as to the amount of alcohol bottles found in the area located between the Joan Sutherland Centre and the Plaza. Additional statistics were also obtained for Woodriff Gardens. It has found that the area is being utilised for drinking and council will propose the area be an Alcohol Free Area.

General Business:

David Burns: Council rangers have received Union advice not to participate in move ons of persons, however, will assist police where appropriate. Supt Feszczuk has requested written clarification with persons authorised to assist be obtained from the Council's General Manger and forwarded to Police.

Max Harrison: questioned raised as to re defining of Kingswood area. Ie North and South. Questioned based on high crime figures in selected areas of Kingswood. It was advised that high populated areas would always have a higher crime rate and boundaries within geographic areas could not be changes for the purpose of crime rates.

Next Meeting: Monday 7th June, 10:00am, St Marys LAC
Meeting Closed: 12:18pm

Actions

David Burns to request written advice for Commander, Penrith LAC, re Authorised rangers to assist police in move on directions to public.