



Minutes

Community Safety Precinct Committee CAMPSIE LOCAL AREA COMMAND

Meeting Monday 6th of June 2011

5:30pm - 6:35pm

Venue:

Canterbury City Council

Chairperson: Superintendent Ian DICKSON, Commander, Campsie LAC

1. ATTENDEES

NAME	ORGAINSATION
Superintendent Ian Dickson	Commander, Campsie LAC
Detective Inspector John Betell	Crime Manager, Campsie LAC
Inspector David McCloskey	Duty officer, Campsie LAC
Constable Nicholas Kousoulos	Crime Prevention Officer, Campsie LAC
Peter Ashcroft	Belfield Chamber of Commerce
Pauline Gallagher	Riverwood Community Centre
Ziad Ghamraoui	Lebanese Moslem Association
Liz Messih	Canterbury City Community Centre
Rev. Jacob Leleimalefaga	Somoan Christian Minister
Khaled Jebara	State Rail
Brian Robson	Canterbury Council
Andy Summut	Canterbury Council
Sarah McKean	Canterbury Council
Leigh Galvin	Centro Roselands
Nenos David	Centro Roselands
Tony Robertson	Centro Roselands
Martin Quigg	NSW Fire Brigade
Veronica Kapsimali	School Education

2. APOLOGIES

The Honourable Robert Furolo - State Member for Lakemba
Mayor, Canterbury City Council

3. COMMANDER'S REPORT

Superintendent Dickson welcomed all parties to the meeting and advised that the Community Safety Precinct Committees will be held every third month. Superintendent Dickson explained the role and purpose of the Community Safety Precinct Committee and expressed how by working together, the police along with each department can address issues within the community.

4. STRATEGIC CRIME ASSESSMENT

Detective Inspector Betell displayed and discussed on an overhead Power Point presentation of the controlled maps of crime categories and statistics for:

- Break and Enter
- Stolen Vehicles
- Assault – non domestic related
- Domestic Violence – strategies
- Robbery – Has reduced due to successful operations and planning
- Assaults – non DV related

Detective Inspector Betell went on to explain how implementations and operations are put in place should incidents be ongoing or adversely high for any given category.

5. GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Regarding the robberies at and around the train stations Superintendent Dickson stated that police are focusing on and strategies are being put in place. Operations are being conducted and the transit police are continually patrolling the train stations. Khaled Jebara from State Rail suggested handing out pamphlets at both Wiley Park and Lakemba railway stations regarding robberies and strategies to avoid them. Superintendent Dickson supported this idea stated implementations will be put in place to do a joint operation with State Rail and Campsie Police.
- Brian Robson from Canterbury Council enquired about the result from Operation Tabella (security screws for licence plates) and asked if it was going

- Mr Peter Asquith, President Belfield Chamber of Commerce commented that there are no problems in the Belfield area and the Chamber of Commerce is becoming more active.
- Pauline Gallagher from Riverwood Community Centre raised an issue regarding rumours of a possible “drug war” about to escalate in Riverwood. Both Superintendent Dickson and Inspector Betell advised that Police were not aware of this problem however they are more than willing to look into the issue.
- Pauline Gallagher then raised a truancy issue in particular within the Riverwood Shopping Centre. Superintendent Dickson advised that the Campsie Youth Liaison Officer conducts regular operations regarding this issue. Veronica Kapsimali from School Education stated that they can be contacted any time to help with truancy related issues.
- Superintendent Dickson spoke with Nenos David about shop lifting operations held in Centro Roselands and how there will be more than one major operation per year.
- Superintendent Dickson raised the issue of CCTV and how it is a valuable source in the solving of crime. Superintendent Dickson went on to say how he and Detective Inspector Betell are actively looking at obtaining grants from the Federal Government along with the assistance of Canterbury Council. The camera system Superintendent Dickson is enquiring about would be a portable system which can be moved from location to location. Brian Robson stated that Council has looked at the prospect of stationary camera systems in the past however cost was an issue, but that Council will be more than willing to help with getting grants. Superintendent Dickson suggested even if council placed signs such as “This area may be monitored” would be a great aid in reducing crime. Nenos David added that he will look into portable CCTV cameras too.
- Khaled Jebara stated that Railcorp has designated transit officer teams along the Bankstown line, which includes plain clothes officers working along side with the Rail Vandalism Taskforce. Mr Jebara stated that there will be more combined operations on the Bankstown line in the near future.
- Pauline Gallagher raised the issue wanting to identify if there is a problem with young people in relation to racial violence and if it is the case, is there something the committee can do to rectify the issue. Superintendent Dickson stressed that the majority of crimes have nothing to do with race however acknowledge that young people do congregate within their respective races however believes this is more to do with peer pressure. Superintendent

Meeting closed at 6:35pm
Next Meeting Monday 5th of September 2011.