

RECORD OF MEETING

Hurstville Police Accountability Community Team Meeting
Hurstville Police Station 36-38 Ormonde Parade Hurstville
200pm Friday 8 February, 2008

Event No:32550224

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 - Operations
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 - Other Issues
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Minutes

The meeting opened at:
1405 hours.

Welcome

Detective Inspector Terry O'Neill, Crime Manager

Introductions & Apologies

(See attendance sheet)

Business arising from previous meeting

Mr. Kevin Greene raised the issue of support for victims of crime. Additional information provided to members.

Police have certain obligations to victims of crime under the Charter of Victims Rights. First response police are able to advise and help victims in 90 per cent of cases. Police are obliged to respond in a compassionate and caring way.

Police may refer victims to specially trained police working as domestic violence, ethnic, youth, Aboriginal community or gay and lesbian liaison officers in local commands.

Police will provide and explain the use of the Victim's Card as a contact record of the crime for future reference. It outlines a victim's rights and provides phone numbers for a 24-hour telephone counselling, information and referral service. This service is provided by the Government's Victims of Crime Bureau and can be reached on the following numbers: Victims Support line no: 9374 3000 or 1800 633 063

Information about the investigation of crime

As a victim of crime in NSW under the Charter of Victims Rights you have a right to information about the investigation of the crime, unless the disclosure might jeopardise the investigation.

The Charter of Victims Rights No. 4 states, 'a victim should, on request, be informed of the progress of the investigation of the crime, unless the disclosure might jeopardise the investigation. In that case, the victim should be informed accordingly.

Process for investigation

An investigation of a crime by police involves interviews with victims, witnesses and alleged offenders, recording, collecting physical evidence and facilitating scientific analysis and initiating appropriate court action when required.

Who is involved in the investigation?

When the police are called to a crime scene, 'first response officers' attend.

It's their duty to ensure your safety, arrange medical treatment if required and arrange for an ambulance if required.

Collecting evidence - The first response officer will collect your personal details; description of the perpetrator, scene of the crime is preserved (very serious cases) and any other information that could assist with the investigation.

In many instances, the matter will be handed over to detectives to investigate, such as in sexual assault cases.

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Detectives are likely to question you again, visit the crime scene; they usually take photographs and arrange for fingerprints, and search for any further evidence.

Who should I contact?

You have the right to contact the 'Officer in Charge' (OIC) of the investigation and you should be informed of the name of this person.

If the OIC is unavailable, you have the right to contact the police officer(s) or detectives who initially investigated the crime who should have provided you with a Victims Card.

This card identifies the officer's name, contact phone number, name of police station and COPS Event Number.

The other side of this card also contains the Charter of Victims Rights.

If these police officers are unavailable you have the right to contact the 'Duty Officer' at the Local Area Command.

How long does an investigation generally last?

Many cases can take up to five weeks to investigate. It depends on the amount of evidence available to the police investigators. Some cases can take six months and others occasionally longer.

There are specialist units within Local Area Commands to provide specific services such as Ethnic Community Liaison Officers, Youth Liaison Officers and Domestic Violence Liaison Officers.

Volunteers in Policing (VIP) help police officers and civilian staff in the station, provide victim support and assist in delivering crime prevention information at schools, community groups/events.

Other assistance that may be available from police

At any time you may ask a support person to assist you when making inquiries about your case. You can also ask for an interpreter if you are from a non-English speaking background.

You can also contact the Victims of Crime Bureau to find out what, if any, other assistance can be given to you under the Charter of Victims Rights. The Victims of Crime Bureau may assist you to liaise with the police department if you have any concerns or believe you are not being appropriately informed.

As a victim of crime in New South Wales, under the Charter of Victims Rights you have a right to information about the investigation of the crime, unless the disclosure might jeopardise the investigation.

The Charter of Victims Rights Number 4, states: A victim should, on request, be informed of the progress of the investigation of the crime, unless the disclosure might jeopardise the investigation. In that case, the victim should be informed accordingly.

Additional information can be obtained from the NSW Attorney Generals Website:

<http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au>

Business

Presentation by Senior Sergeant Rick Simpson Crime Prevention Officer, Hurstville LAC

Crime Trends & Hotspots

Assault down from previous months.

54% of assaults were domestic violence related offences.

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An Operation was conducted which carried out checks on Persons of Interest to ensure compliance with court requirements.

Legal action was taken against Persons of Interest for failure to comply with legal requirements. 30% of assaults were alcohol related offences.

A number of Operations have been conducted targeting anti-social & alcohol related behaviour in and around licensed premises.

Operation Consequence is a overt/convert operation using police from across the Central Metropolitan Region targeting anti-social & alcohol related behaviour & compliance with legislation in & around licensed premises.

These operations will continue to reduce opportunities for this type of activity.

Break, enter & steal down slightly from previous months.

Police are tasked each week to target hotspot locations & Persons of Interest (POIs) involved in this crime.

In recent months joint operations have been conducted with St. George LAC to target Persons of Interest involved in break, enter & steal offences.

Malicious damage down slightly from previous months.

Police have been tasked to carry out patrols of hotspot locations targeting Persons of Interest involved in this crime.

As education institutions are often the target of this type of crime, police have conducted a number of school inspections.

Robbery down slightly from previous months.

Police are tasked on a weekly basis to target hotspot locations & Persons of Interest (POIs) involved in these crimes.

A number of Persons of Interest (POIs) have been arrested and charged for this type of crime in recent months.

These POIs have been involved in similar incidents in other LACs.

Stealing down slightly from previous months.

This is still a concern and police have been carrying out patrols of hotspot locations and targeting Persons of Interest (POIs) involved in this type of crime.

Navigation systems are often still the target of this type of crime.

Stolen Vehicle/Vessel is up from previous months.

This is also a concern for St. George and Campsie LACs.

Many vehicles stolen from the Hurstville LAC have not been recovered.

Police are currently targeting hotspot locations and Persons of Interest (POIs) involved in this crime.

Hurstville Police have been working with St. George and Campsie LACs to target this crime as it has been impacting upon all commands.

Operations

Operation Mega Vikings

conducted by Hurstville Police on 061107, 091107, 101107 focusing on outstanding court matters, forensic identification (DNA & Fingerprints), anti-social, alcohol related & criminal behaviour.

Operation Vision

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conducted by Central Metro Commuter Crime Units between 011107 – 151207 focusing on transport related crime in & around the transport system.

Operation Eugene

conducted by Hurstville LAC on 161107 focusing on anti-social & alcohol related behaviour on licensed premises & the public transport system.

Operation Neilsen 2007 Federal Election

conducted by Hurstville LAC on 241107 focusing on anti-social & criminal behaviour around polling centres within the Command.

Operation Vikings

conducted by Hurstville LAC on 271108, 281107 focusing on steal from motor vehicle related offences around identified hotspots.

Operation Bliss

conducted by Hurstville LAC 121207 focusing on domestic related behaviour & compliance with bail conditions.

Operation Jari

conducted by Hurstville Detectives, Proactive Crime Team & Intelligence on 230108 focusing drug related crime within the Beverly Hills area.

Operation Rat

conducted by Hurstville LAC on 020208 focusing on anti-social & criminal behaviour and maintaining public order for the Hurstville Chinese New Years Festival.

Operation Consequence

conducted by Central Metro Region on 010208 focusing on alcohol related & criminal behaviour around licensed premises. This was a overt & covert operation involving police from across Central Metro Region.

Arrests

Person of Interest (POIs) arrested & charged for a number of robbery offences in Hurstville & Rockdale by Detectives McAnerny & Glasson & Constables Ings & Karam.

Person of Interest (POIs) arrested charged for a number of robberies in Penshurst area by Detective Broome.

Person of Interest arrested & charged for sex offences by Detective Broome & McAnerny.

Persons of Interest arrested & charged for steal motor vehicle offences. This issue has been a concern for Hurstville, St. George & Campsie LACs in recent months. Good work has been done by Police in St. George & Campsie LAC.

Persons of Interest (POIs) arrested & charged for robbery & malicious wounding in Allawah by Detectives McAnerny & Payne.

Person of Interest (POI) arrested and charged with child pornography offences in Mortdale as a result of search warrant by Detective McMaster (Information received from Child Exploitation Unit).

Person of Interest (POI) arrested and charged with child pornography offences in South Hurstville as a result of search warrant by Detective El-Dan (Information received from Child Exploitation Unit).

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Other Business

Councillor Vince Badalati Hurstville Council

Information received from members of the community about cars racing in Warwick Street, Hurstville.

Action:

- *Sen. Sgt. Simpson to submit an intelligence report re this information.*
- *Hurstville Highway Patrol to be tasked to carry out patrols of this location at the appropriate times & days.*

Councillor Mark Coure, Kogarah Municipal Council

Information received from members of the community about possible drug activity Oatley Pleasure Grounds, Annette Street near Russell Street Oatley mainly on Thursday, Friday, & Saturday nights.

Action:

- *Sen. Sgt. Simpson to submit an intelligence report re this information.*
- *Police to be tasked to carry out patrols of this location on Thursday, Friday & Saturday nights..*

Councillor Mark Coure, Kogarah Municipal Council

Community concerns about young people congregating near the oyster leases at the end of Wyong Street, Oatley, may be involved in underage drinking and sex related activity mainly on Thursday, Friday, & Saturday nights.

Action:

- *Sen. Sgt. Simpson to submit an intelligence report re this information.*
- *Police to be tasked to carry out patrols of this location on Thursday, Friday & Saturday nights..*

Councillor Mark Coure, Kogarah Municipal Council

Asked how Oatley Hotel was going as he often gets requests from local residents.

Action:

- *Hurstville Police are tasked to carry out business inspections upon licensed premises within the area and this is one of the hotels.*
- *Police also carry out patrols of this location at the close of business particularly on Friday nights when there are large numbers of people leaving the premises.*
- *The hotel also provides a bus to move people out of the area as there is not public transport available.*
- *Police will advise Council if we have any concerns about the location.*

Mr. Ian Todd Registered Clubs Association.

Asked if the hotel had considered using the subsidised taxi system.

Action:

- *The only thing is that most taxi drivers will not attend this location at the moment due to the large numbers of people that are trying to get transport once the hotel closes, that is one of the reasons why the bus is used to move people out of the area.*

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Detective Inspector O'Neill Crime Manager, Hurstville
Indicated that there would be changes to the Young Offenders Act which takes effect as of
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Action:

- *Police will be provided with information and training on these changes.*

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Meeting concluded:

1510 hours

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Action Plan

Issue	Action	Timeframe
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Councillor Mark Coure, Kogarah Municipal Council Information received from members of the community about possible drug activity Oatley Pleasure Grounds, Annette Street near Russell Street Oatley mainly on Thursday, Friday, & Saturday nights.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sen. Sgt. Simpson to submit an intelligence report re this information.</i> • <i>Police to be tasked to carry out patrols of this location on Thursday, Friday & Saturday nights..</i> 	Completed Tasking for Police to carry out patrols of this locations.
Councillor Mark Coure, Kogarah Municipal Council Community concerns about young people congregating near the oyster leases at the end of Wyong Street, Oatley, may be involved in underage drinking and sex related activity mainly on Thursday, Friday, & Saturday nights.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sen. Sgt. Simpson to submit an intelligence report re this information.</i> • <i>Police to be tasked to carry out patrols of this location on Thursday, Friday & Saturday nights..</i> 	Completed Tasking for Police to carry out patrols of this location.
Councillor Mark Coure, Kogarah Municipal Council Asked how Oatley Hotel was going as he often gets requests from local residents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Hurstville Police are tasked to carry out business inspections upon licensed premises within the area and this is one of the hotels.</i> • <i>Police also carry out patrols of this location at the close of business particularly on Friday nights when there are large numbers of people leaving the premises.</i> • <i>The hotel also provides a bus to move people out of the area as there is not public transport available.</i> • <i>Police will advise Council if we have any concerns about the location.</i> 	Completed Tasking for Police to carry out business inspections of licenced premises.
Mr. Ian Todd Registered Clubs Association. Asked if the hotel had considered using the subsidised taxi system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The only thing is that most taxi drivers will not attend this location at the moment due to the large numbers of people that are trying to get transport once the hotel closes, that is</i> 	Complete Hotel currently uses a bus service to move patrons after closing.

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Detective Inspector O'Neill Crime Manager, Hurstville Indicated that there would be changed to the Young Offenders Act which takes effect as of March this year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Police will be provided with information and training on these changes.</i>	Complete Youth Liaison Officer involved in training of police on changes to legislation.