

Community Safety Precinct Committee.

MINUTES.

29th August 2011

Attendance:

Superintendent Mark WRIGHT	MW	(Blacktown LAC Commander)
Mr John ROBERTSON MP	JR	(Local Member Blacktown)
Mr David BAMFORD	DB	(Rotary Club of Blacktown City)
Mr Mitchell STRUYVE	MS	(Principal The Hills Sports High School)
Mr Geoff MOSES	GM	(Centro Seven Hills)
Mr Neale VAUGHAN	NV	(Blacktown Workers Club)
Acting D/Insp Adam WILSON	AW	(Blacktown LAC Acting Crime Manager)
Inspector Rod ORMES	RO	(Blacktown LAC Customer Service Duty Officer)
Sgt Yvette SMITH	YS	(Blacktown LAC Intelligence)
Sgt Andrew KNIGHT	AN	(Blacktown LAC Proactive Crime Team)
Cst Julianne HARRISON	JH	(Blacktown LAC Crime Prevention Officer)

Apologies:

Councillor Alan PENDLETON	AP	(Mayor of Blacktown City Council)
Mr Nathan REES MP	NR	(Local Member Toongabbie / Seven Hills)
Ms Michelle Rowland MP	MR	(Federal Member for Greenway)
Mr Ed HUSIC MP	EH	(Federal Member for Chifley)
Mrs Susan VOGELS	SV	(Sydwest Multicultural Services)
Natalie CHIAPPAZZO	NC	(Blacktown Youth Services Association)

Absent:

Mr David GALEA	DG	(Principal Doonside Public School)
Michelle PARR	MP	(Doonside Community Cottage)
Mr Michael CHARLTON	MC	(WestPoint Shopping Centre)
LSC Rebecca HILL	RH	(Blacktown LAC Highway Patrol Operative)

Minute Taker:

Constable Julianne HARRISON (Blacktown LAC).

MEETING OPENED: 9:35am

ITEM 1 - WELCOME:

- Welcome.
- Introduction of Blacktown Local Area Command's new Customer Service Duty Officer, Inspector Rod ORMES and welcomed Acting Crime Manager Adam WILSON, relieving Detective Inspector Ian WOODWARD.

ITEM 2 – ADDRESS BY COMMANDER:

- Community Safety Precinct Committee Meetings invites are extended only to the individual members. Members of Parliament are the only people who can elect someone else to attend in their place.
- Confirmation of previous minutes held on 16th May 2011 were confirmed by:
Moved: Mr John ROBERTSON MP
Seconded: Mr David BAMFORD
- Discussion about NSWPF recent launch of the “Eyewatch” Program. Blacktown Police will have a Facebook page. This will provide members of the community to be updated as incidents occur and will create a forum for feedback.

ITEM 3 – CRIME REPORT AND INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING:

Assault Non-DV	May & June under target. July only just over target.
Robbery	May over target by 1. June & July under target.
Break & Enter (Dwelling)	May only just over target. June & July under target.
Break & Enter (Non-Dwelling)	May, June & July under target.
Malicious Damage	May, June & July under target. Been under whole 2011.
Steal From Motor Vehicle	May under target. June & July were over target.
Stolen Motor Vehicle	May, June & July under target. Been under whole 2011.

GENERAL DISCUSSION HELD ON:

- Generally all crime categories are under business plan targets.
- 27x people apprehended for the offence of stealing (shoplifting) recently during an operation by Blacktown ‘Beats’ team.
- All reports of malicious damage incidents (especially Graffiti) to be reported to Police Assistance Line. Presently people report incidents to Police, Railcorp and Council and statistics are not collated.
- Theft reduction via the number plate screws program to be explored for possible implementation within the Command.

>> OUTSTANDING ACTION - Customer Service Duty Officer to find out about number plate screws and whether there are grants that can be applied for? <<

ITEM 4 – UPDATE ON SEVEN HILLS / LALOR PARK ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY:

GENERAL DISCUSSION HELD ON:

- NSWPF holdings indicate there have been 9x reported incidents at the Blacktown Railway Station taxi rank in the past 2yrs. Taxi drivers are requesting Blacktown City Council to provide toilets and CCTV cameras monitoring Main Street taxi rank Blacktown. Similar to the Level 4 taxi-rank at WestPoint Shopping Centre, which has toilets, CCTV cameras, good lighting and a phone.
- Local Member Toongabbie / Seven Hills, the Honourable Mr Nathan REES MP recently wrote to Blacktown City Council to obtain an ‘Alcohol Free Zone’ in and around Boomerang Place, Seven Hills.
- Police and Com4unity will be working in Seven Hills in late September. Next month Com4unity, Police officers, youth workers will take bus out to area and speak with young people in regards to what activities they wish to have in the area.
- Lalor Park – Com4unity, Police officers, youth workers will take bus out and have a BBQ with community and young people to decrease the perception of crime.

- Com4unity Cup Soccer Gala Day – was a success. Volunteer members of the community spoke of how well behaved the young people were on the day.
- SWITCH Showcases have been great. Media are supportive. The perception of young people and Thursday nights at WestPoint is more positive. ABC media are presently doing a story on Com4unity.
- 94 x young people attended the workshop for more information about getting a job.

ITEM 5 - GENERAL BUSINESS:

MOSES:

Recently commenced his new role as Operations Manager.

STRUYVE:

Sorry to see the recent transfer of Senior Constable Jason ROUGHLEY (SLP). Discussed when the new school liaison officer is starting – term 4. Jason will be training him beforehand and introducing him to staff and students.

VAUGHAN:

6th September 2011 is the next scheduled course for staff on “Responsible Services of Alcohol”.

BAMFORD:

Traffic Offender Program has run since 1992 of which he is heavily involved. Requested assistance in delivering a lecture due to the absence of a team member in September.

WRIGHT - OBO Susan VOGELS - Absent:

Basketball programs usually run 3x week at PCYC courts. Now the basketball program is only running 1x week due to finances of hiring the PCYC court (too expensive). ROBERTSON mentioned that he has spoken to the PCYC (civilian) who is the head of the board. He will talk to him again and try to see if the fee can be lifted.

ORMES:

Thank you for the introduction Mr WRIGHT. I look forward to working with you all and please do not hesitate in contacting me.

WILSON:

Am currently in Crime Managers position / role for Detective Inspector WOODWARD this week and also for the month of November. Any questions please call me.

WRIGHT:

I will be on annual leave for 3x weeks (Sept / Oct). A relief Commander will be performing my position (TBA).

MEETING CLOSED: 10:50am

NEXT MEETING: Monday 14th November 2011 at 9:30am – Blacktown Workers Club
