

**NEW ENGLAND LOCAL AREA COMMAND  
MINUTES OF GLEN INNES/INVERELL/TENTERFIELD CSPC  
HELD AT GLEN INNES LEARNING CENTRE  
7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2011  
COMMENCING AT 1.30 PM**

**PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

**Present:** Supt Lyons; Mr Richard Torbay, Member for Northern Tablelands; Mr Toby Smith, Mayor Tenterfield Council; Mr Steve Toms, Mayor, Glen Innes/Severn Council; Insp Rowan O'Brien, Sgt Carter Knyvett; Mr Bill Munro, Glen Innes Business Rep; Chris Milne, Executive Officer

**APOLOGIES:** Det Insp Greig Stier; S/C Amanda Vaughan CPO. Insp Garry Huard; Mr Mal Peters, Mayor, Inverell Shire Council;

**WELCOME:** Supt Lyons.

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING RATIFIED:** Mr Torbay, Mr Toms

**BUSINESS ARISING:**

District Court Inverell - Mr Torbay to go to DPP meeting where figures will be clarified.

**CRIME REPORTS**

Presentation given by Supt Lyons, Insp O'Brien and Sgt Knyvett of Crime Trends in New England. Detailed explanation of crime trends provided.

**CURRENT AND EMERGING ISSUES**

Issues with the industrial dispute over the death and disability (D&D) scheme which could cause issues with Proactivity and reporting. Industrial Commission has told the officers to cease the action. Should be resolved soon. Last year New England was most overspent in NSW. Part of the reason was underfunding that goes back many years when an increase of staff occurred and was not funded. Still overbudget but not as bad as last year. Proactivity will improve in all sectors with the addition of the extra probationary constables which will take the load off other police. Complaints against police are very low.

**STAFFING**

With the addition of 16 new probationary constables, staffing will come on strength. Tenterfield and Glen Innes will not be getting any probationary constables at this stage. This is partly due to them not being 24 hour stations and the fact that probationers can be better supported and trained at main stations. However this

allocation will mean that more support can be provided to outstations in those areas. Staffing report given by Supt Lyons. 2 Statewide adverts have gone out for Tingha (2 positions) will be advertised on Monday. From January 2012, a new Detective's allocation is occurring. New England are getting 4, 2 for Armidale and one each for Glen Innes and Inverell. There has also been a submission for extra General Duties positions. Long term sick standing at 10, however many will be progressed very soon.

### **INERAGENCY DEVELOPMENT**

Cross Border Commissioner being readvertised. MOU's between agencies and sharing of information have been signed off. Interstate sharing agreements have also been negotiated.

### **MATTERS OF INTEREST**

Still issues regarding phones being diverted from Tenterfield to Armidale. Point made that Tenterfield people want to speak with Tenterfield police and not to Armidale. Issues re phones discussed both for Tenterfield and Glen Innes. Points made include issues of mobile coverage, missed calls, the fact that jobs relayed over a mobile do not go over the police CAD system and officer safety. Commander agreed that the command needs to address this issue and the issue will be researched and an action plan developed. Agreed that apart from anything else that diverted calls need to be dealt with more professionally. After research a report will be presented at the next meeting re this issue.

Mr Smith commended Tenterfield police on their "Movember" charity work including the local bowls day.

Work of S/C Vaughan and Howard recognised regarding the Blue Light Disco at Inverell. This went off very well. Acknowledgement also of the very professional awards day presentation at Inverell.

Mr Toms mentioned issues regarding black spot funding and the difficulty in obtaining statistics. Same issues for Tenterfield. Mayors would like to find out how this information can be obtained and provided to local traffic committees. Executive Officer explained that letter had been provided to Traffic Supervisor that morning and that he was going to meet with the Commander to explain the issues and limitations.

**ACTION: Lyons/Bramble to action.**

Meeting closed: 3.15pm.