



NSW POLICE SERVICE

CHIFLEY LOCAL AREA COMMAND

Community Precinct Meeting

Date/Time: 4.00pm – Monday 15th March 2010.

Location: Bathurst Regional Council

Attending members:

Chifley LAC: Supt Mick Robinson, A/Insp Adam Powderly, A/Insp Andrew Holland, S/C Sue Rose,

Blayney Shire Council: Mayor Bruce Kingham, GM Aaron Jones

Lithgow City Council: Mayor Neville Castle, GM Roger Bailey

Oberon Shire Council: Mayor Keith Sullivan.

Bathurst Regional Council: Mayor Paul Toole, Deputy Mayor Ian North

Peter Harvey SED, Graham Wright DOH, Leanne Barlow Oberon Business Assoc, Shirley Scott Community Offenders Program.

Apologies:

Gerard Martin, Janelle Middleton and Mick Marshall.

Meeting opened at 4.20 pm by Supt M Robinson. Welcoming address and introduction of those in attendance.

Minutes from the previous meeting.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held 14/12/2009 be adopted. Neville Castle and Roger Bailey.

Noted that Leanne Barlow and Ian North were apologies from the previous meeting at Oberon.

Nil: New Correspondence.

Matters arising from the previous minutes:

Nil matters were raised from the previous minutes of 14th December at Oberon.

Outstanding actions: Nil from previous meeting.

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Chifley Commander Report:

Superintendent Robinson introduced presentation and advised that a discussion could take place regarding trends across the Command.

Since the last meeting there has not been any comments received from councils in the Command in relation to negative feedback.

A/Insp Holland presented the power point presentation showing the trends across the Command and comparisons for 2007, 2008 and 2009. This presentation was also broken down into Lithgow, Bathurst, Oberon and Blayney statistics and trends.

Since December 2009 the single biggest issues are motor vehicle theft and steal from motor vehicles. These activities are mainly confined to Bathurst.

Stolen Vehicles

15 vehicles in stolen in January and 16 stolen in February in Bathurst. High proportion stolen from South Bathurst area and target is older style vehicles. Some of these vehicles located within the Command burnt out.

A/Insp Holland proposed that rate payers have immobilisers installed in the older type vehicles. Could be funded through the Attorney Generals Department.

Steal from motor Vehicles.

These figures are up for the months of January and February 2010. Over 40 reported thefts from vehicles in Bathurst in February 2010. Concentrated in south Bathurst area and some West Bathurst and Kelso.

Action: Promotional material to be placed on windscreens in car parks and neighbourhoods.

Action: Continue with media releases to remind residents to "Lock it or Lose it".
CPO to action.

Suspect Target Management Plan - HROs.

Police to continue to monitor those offenders on curfews and target HROs (high risk offenders). across the Command. There are suspects for the SMV and SFMV however no concentrate evidence to date.

BES - from schools across the Command.

Educational premises account for a third of the BES in Chifley. Bathurst HS number of incidents reduced significantly since fence around perimeter erected. Vandals/thieves now targeting Bathurst Public School. Reports of incidents are higher on Mondays but due to fact reports made on Monday after weekends.

CPO addressed issue of Portland Central School and noted that a full report/risk assessment completed 18 months ago and criminal activity continues.

Action: Peter Harvey SED is following up with Principal PCS re issues raised in relation to security.

Trunkey Creek School high risk due to isolation. Blayney High also a target with expensive equipment stolen. Believed to be past students involved in the thefts.

Across the Command general duties police continue to monitor/walk through school grounds and buildings on a regular basis. Often moving people away from the area.

Alcohol related Offences.

Introduction of liquor accords has greatly reduced alcohol related offences.
Liquor Accord currently being considered by Oberon Council.

Bathurst: figures 2009: alcohol related assaults reduced from 2008
Oberon: figures 2009 Alcohol related assaults increased from 2008

Fatal motor vehicle accidents.

Stats highlighted across the Command. 20 fatalities 2008 to Feb 2010. 4 taken place in Blayney sector.

A meeting to be held with Iris Dorsett from the RTA where these issues will be raised. Accidents are not only occurring on highways but country roads.

Action: Mayor Toole suggested information in Bathurst RC newsletter include information on road conditions, fatalities /injuries.

Action: CPO to advise each Council in the Command weekly of serious/fatals in the Command. Obtain relevant name/contact details for liaising with each Council in LAC.

Action: Continue to include driving safely tips/warnings on road conditions in media releases on a regular basis.

Drug Supply.

In Chifley, Cannabis plants are the highest recorded drug type. Heroin and ecstasy at the lower end of scale. TAG (target action group) target drug offenders and 42 matters of supply recorded in the last 3 months. Chifley TAG most successful in Region for drug enforcement.

Operations are conducted at licensed premises using drug detection dogs. Higher incident of drug detection when CSU students in town. Bathurst has considerably higher incidents of drug supply - followed by Oberon compared to other sectors.

Proactivity.

Proactivity includes person searches and move a longs. Marked increase in 2009, compared to 2007 and 2008. Vehicle searches also increased 2009 compared to previous

years. Highway police also tasked to conduct vehicle searches where reasonable suspicions exist.

General Business.

Mayor Paul Toole thanked police in the command for their efforts in tackling crime problems and for their availability to speak on issues affecting the community.

Neville Castle requested a report on the outcomes of the New Years Eve 2009 festivities in Main Street Lithgow around licensed premises. Lithgow Council agreed not close off the street for a street party.

Action: Commander Robinson to report to Lithgow Council.

Mayor Kingham Blayney Shire Council expressed his disappointment that no arrests had been made re the Break and enters on rural properties in the Shire.

Kingham also noted the increase in the number of incidents of vandalism at Blayney Heritage Park and Carrington Park. There is some contention as to whether these incidents are being reported to police. Blayney have requested an increase in patrols by police in these areas

Action: Kingham to follow-up with Blayney Shire Council staff to make sure reports are being made.

Action: Intel to provide current figures.

Action : Sgt Barry Walker to contact either Mayor Kingham or GM Jones.

Vote of thanks to Sgt Andrew Holland for over 20 years service to the Chifley LAC, leaving for Sydney at end of this week. Robinson/Kingham.

Next quarterly CSPC Meeting Lithgow City Council on 7th June 2010 4-5pm.

Meeting closed 5.10pm

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16th March 2010.