



North Shore Police Area Command Community Safety Precinct Committee



Date: Tuesday, 14 June 2022
Time: 10:00am – 11:00am
Location: Chatswood Police Station, Level 1, Chatswood

Action Points

Attendees:

See Attendance List at end of this document.

Meeting was opened at 10.00am by Chief Inspector Craig Huleatt.

2. Minutes & Outstanding

No	Date	Outstanding Actions	Responsible	Status
		Nil		

Minutes of previous meeting were adopted by Snr Cst Michael Alexander.

3. Commanders Update: Superintendent Paul Devaney

Detective Superintendent Paul Devaney welcomed the attendees and thanked everyone for coming. Supt Devaney introduced himself as the new Commander for North Shore PAC and gave a brief outline of his Policing career and experience. Supt Devaney spoke about the good arrests that had been recently done by North Shore Police including a robbery offender in June. Supt Devaney spoke about the importance of having a positive relationship with the community and thanked those who had organised the meeting.

4. Overview of NSPAC Crime for 1 March – 31 May 2022

*Assault:

The hotspot for Assaults for the quarter was in Milsons Point at a residential unit block with a number of incidents between residents, with police charging a couple of offenders, the number of assaults here have since decreased.

Chatswood had a medium hotspot with incidents near and on the railway station, these are generally youths involved in these assaults. Proactive operations and safety region operations continue to be conducted at public transport hubs across the command. The Transport unit regularly do patrols in the command.

Licensing and Street Policing Team are conducting high visibility patrols in licensed premises especially on weekends across our command, to deter assaults. Proactive teams continue to run operations to deter youth assaults and antisocial behaviour in hotspots in the command.

*Break and Enter:

There were a couple of hotspots, Chatswood where residential units with open or unlocked windows were targeted and jewellery and cash stolen. Garages in Cammeray and North Sydney were also hit during the quarter with bikes stolen. In these three hotspots possible offenders were identified.

Aggravated Break and Enters with keys stolen to then steal the victim's car, continues to occur across the region. The strike force continues to address this problem, several arrests throughout the quarter have impacted these offenders but monitoring of these offences will continue.

81% of Break and Enter in North Shore PAC are at Residential premises and a further 8.5% were at Business/Commercial premises.

*Robbery:

Robbery offences remain very low, with a hotspot in Chatswood and these are mainly between youth in the command, street robberies, offenders were charged in each of these incidents. There were no robberies of businesses.

*Stealing:

The hotspot is still in Chatswood CBD with 72% of stealing offences in the CBD being from Retail Stores.

Bikes from garages and yards are also still occurring and have increased in the last month. The theft of parcels and packages from mail room in residential unit blocks continues. Crime Prevention officers work with building managers/strata managements to target harden unit blocks to these types of thefts.

Steal from Motor vehicle have steadied this quarter but are still largely attributable to vehicles being left unlocked.

*Stolen Vehicles:

No hotspot for stolen vehicles this quarter but luxury vehicles stolen when the keys were stolen during aggravated break and enters continues to occur across metropolitan Sydney, these offenders continue to be targeted by the region through a targeted strike force.

The make of vehicles stolen in the command is quite varied.

Malicious Damage

The Malicious Damage hotspot in Waverton relates to graffiti at the train station and surrounds.

Damages to vehicles is still prevalent in the command, for example dents, scratches and parts broken off. Some are targeted and appear to be linked to road rage or parking dispute incidents, others are random attacks.

5. General Business

Insp Huleatt spoke about the Strike Force which is currently targeting the aggravated break and enters occurring in the PAC. Offenders are from outside the Command but targeting North Shore Command and Northern Beaches Command.

Insp Huleatt also mentioned the PACER program which North Shore Police would like to see come into effect in North Shore PAC and how Royal North Shore Hospital has put in a proposal for North Shore PAC to get a full time Pacer or at least for two days a week. Insp Huleatt mentioned that Northern Beaches and Kuring-gai PACs already had one and explained how they assist Police in the field attending to mental health incidents. Insp Simon Jones mentioned that North Shore Police had spent around 8000 minutes per month with mental health jobs and a Pacer would reduce this time.

Tim James apologised for being late and introduced himself as the new State Member of Parliament for Willoughby Electorate.

Andrew Zbik asked how people can report incidents such as damage to vehicles and Insp Huleatt explained you could report through the NSW Police Community Portal and Police Assistance Line as well as contacting your local Police Station.

Sgt Scott Horwood introduce himself to attendees as the North Shore PAC Crime Co-ordinator and spoke about the PAC receiving many reports of frauds particularly through Gumtree and Facebook Market Place and people sending money to people they don't know. The elderly were also becoming victims to scammers through cold calls where scammers falsely claim to be from organisations such as the ATO. People can protect themselves by securing their accounts and passwords. Sgt Horwood also spoke about "easy" thefts occurring when bikes and buildings are not secured and how this can result in opportunistic crime. Sgt Horwood also spoke about thieves stealing vehicles by easily locating car keys left unsecured inside homes. Sgt Horwood also mentioned an issue with youths behaving anti socially and how parents should control this more.

Julie Burgess asked about vaping and Sgt Horwood mentioned that some tobacconists were selling vapes illegally, particularly to youth, and Police and NSW Health were working together to police this.

Richard Goulston from Willoughby Council spoke about how the council rangers had been detecting a lot of offences relating to unlawful use of disabled parking permits. In some cases the owner of the permit was deceased and other people were using the permit. Chief Insp Jones said that this could be investigated by the North Shore PAC Traffic Unit. An action has been created.

Danny Houseas from Kuringai Council spoke about the issue of homelessness and how some homeless people are refusing assistance and how the council would prefer to assist people than move them on. Snr Constable Jon Wilson spoke about how it takes time to build rapport and encourage people to take help from services and that there are a few homeless people around Chatswood.

Superintendent Devaney mentioned how he had worked extensively with accommodation services while working at the Transport Command and how some homeless people want to stay homeless because of the social networks they have on the street. Supt. Devaney is the NSW Police Corporate Spokesperson for Homelessness. Supt Devaney said that some homeless people will sublet the accommodation provided to them and remain living on the street. Many homeless people need assistance with health issues and life skills and Police are happy to work with councils regarding that. Protocol says you have a right to be homeless and charities that feed the homeless attract them to certain locations. Homeless people can't be forced out of public places and Police hope to address the issue of homelessness.

Supt. Devaney concluded the meeting around 9.45am, thanked everyone for coming and invited everyone to stay and chat and have some morning tea.

Outstanding Action Points

No	Date	Outstanding Actions	Responsible	Status
1	14/6/22	NS PAC traffic unit to liaise with Willoughby Council in regards to an operation targeting compliance of Disabled Parking Permits	Sgt Edwards	Incomplete
2	14/6/22	Invitations to be sent for next meeting on 13 Sept 2022	Ch Insp. Huleatt	Incomplete

Next Meeting

The next meeting date for the North Shore Police Area Command Community Safety Precinct Committee is 10.00am Tuesday 13 September 2022 at Chatswood Police Station.

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Members of Parliament

Jonathon O’Dea – Member for Davidson	Apology
Anthony Roberts Member for Lane Cove	Apology
Zorica Kaye-Smith	Apology
Tim James state member for Willoughby	In attendance
Felicity Wilson Member for North Shore	Apology
Lisa Forrest – Office of Felicity Wilson	Apology

Mayors

Andrew Zbik – Lane Cove Council	In attendance
Tania Taylor – Willoughby Council	In attendance
Carolyn Corrigan – Mosman Council	Apology
Jeff Pettett – Kuringai Council	Apology
Zoe Baker – North Sydney Council	Apology

Chamber of Commerce

Chatswood Chamber – Julie Burgess – Secretary	In Attendance
Northbridge & Castlecrag Chamber – John Lightfoot	Apology
Artarmon/St Leonards Chamber – Nick Logan	Apology

Local Council

Valerie Stamper – Road Safety Officer Lane Cove Council	Apology
Ranjeet Singh – Mosman Council	In attendance
Danielle Woods – Mosman Council Manager, Compliance	In Attendance
Angelique Lubomirof – Lane Cove Council	Apology
Danny Houseus Kuringai Council –	In attendance
Alec Taylor – Kuringai Council	In attendance
Jam Xia – Willoughby Council	In attendance
Kate Drysdale – Willoughby Council	In attendance
Richard Goulston – Willoughby Council	In attendance
Stuart Gibb – Willoughby Council	In attendance

Anthony Spiteri –Westfield Security	In attendance
Nasir Syed – Westfield Security	In attendance
Mandarin Centre Manager	Apology
James Mount – Willoughby Electorate Office	In attendance
Jamie D – HMAS Waterhen	In attendance
Timmy Schubert HMAS Waterhen	In attendance
Claire Barber – Mary’s House	In attendance

North Shore Police Area Command

Superintendent Paul Devaney – Commander NSPAC	In Attendance
Detective Chief Inspector Simon Jones – Crime Manager NSPAC	In attendance
Chief Inspector Craig Huleatt – Duty Officer NS PAC	In attendance
Sergeant Scott Horwood – Crime Coordinator NSPAC	In Attendance
Sergeant Lance Stebbing – Domestic Violence Team Leader	In attendance
Constable M Alexander – Crime Prevention Officer NSPAC	In Attendance
Constable Jenni Brown – Crime Prevention Officer NSPAC	In Attendance
Senior Constable Jon Wilson	In Attendance
MCLO Amy Dong	In Attendance
Intel Analyst – Tracey Martin	In Attendance

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Alice Wicks – intelligence officer	In attendance
Sgt Luke Seage – Intelligence supervisor	In attendance
Snr Constable Dom Trevor – Crime Prevention Unit	In attendance
Snr Constable Jason Edmunds – Intelligence officer	In attendance