



Harbourside Local Area Command Community Safety Precinct Committee

Date: Wednesday 15thth March 2017
Time: 9:30am – 10:30am
Location: Level 1 Conference Room, Harbourside LAC

Action Points

Attendees:

Name	Community Organisation
Chief Inspector Kirsten McFadden	Duty Officer Harbourside LAC
Chief Inspector Mike Birley	Crime Manager Harbourside LAC
Ms Tracy Martin	Intelligence Analyst Harbourside LAC
Senior Constable Cameron Cardow	Intelligence Officer Harbourside LAC
Senior Constable Sophie Krust	Crime Prevention Officer Harbourside LAC
Adrian Panuccio	North Sydney Council
Petty Officer Police Coxswain Cassandra Bake	Royal Australian Navy – HMAS Waterhen
Chief Petty Officer Police Coxswain Dave Biddle	Royal Australian Navy – HMAS Waterhen
Lieutenant Commander Executive Officer Peter Thompson	Royal Australian Navy – HMAS Penguin

Apologies:

Name	Community Organisation
Superintendent Allan Sicard	Commander, Harbourside LAC
Mr Colin Croll	Neutral Bay Chamber of Commerce
Mr Rick Doran	Neutral Bay Chamber of Commerce
Mr Ross McCreanor	A/General Manager North Sydney Council

2. Minutes & Outstanding

No previous minutes discussed at this meeting.

3. Overview of Harbourside LAC Quarterly Crime

- Insp McFadden welcomed all to the meeting, she explained that CSPC meeting were an initiative started many years ago but that Harbourside LAC still values the principles of the program in working together with community stakeholders to keep the area safe and to keep our lines of communication open. Also that today's meeting will educate stakeholders especially with regard to the Defence Forces of how we can assist each other. Insp McFadden then referred the group to S/Con Krust to inform the group of her role and proactive operations she is conducting as the commands Crime Prevention Officer.
- S/Con Krust discussed operations she runs targeting offensive behaviour around beaches in the command and advised the Royal Australian Navy stakeholders of police presence near their respective bases at Penguin and Waterhen. S/Con Krust discussed the work she has done with North Sydney council in targeting mail theft through a funding grant that was provided the previous year. S/Con Krust briefly referred to youth parties that occur at Balls Head Reserve near Waterhen and Insp McFadden asked that if the naval base sees youth gathering at the location to please contact police. Dave Biddle advised that Waterhen has 24hr security and so he will notify that group to contact police if they observe youth's gathering. S/Con Krust had to leave the meeting after her presentation as she had another meeting to attend.
- Insp McFadden asked if anyone had required specific assistance from police. Both Naval bases stated that they had no specific requests at this time but will keep in touch and ensure we exchange information about events that may affect police in the area. Adrian Panuccio raised the issue of the school drop off and pick up times with parents parking illegally and speeding through the zones. Insp Birley advised that the Traffic unit regularly attend schools to address these issues.

4. Local Crime Type Priorities

Crime Summary, for the period of December 2016 to February 2017:

Assault:

The number of incidents has had a slight increase this quarter. The hotspot is in North Sydney with most in this area being alcohol related with patrons fighting over transport or after being ejected from licensed premise for their level of intoxication. The secondary hotspot is at a block of units in Milsons Point; these incidents spiked during the festive season and were alcohol related.

Insp McFadden informed the group of the OLGA levels for licensed premise which restricts the premise in different parameters based on the premise having regular assaults and alcohol related problems and that currently Harbourside LAC does not have any licensed premises on a level which we aim to maintain. The commands Licensing unit monitors and proactively work with licensed premises to ensure management of alcohol related issues.

Break and Enter:

Offences have decreased marginally this quarter. The hotspot in North Sydney is a number of businesses (in the one building) were targeted on one night in January, laptops and cash were stolen.

Residential premises are still the most targeted location for Break and Enter offences and we advise all residents to ensure they properly secure their homes before leaving and this includes closing and locking all windows no matter how small they are.

Robbery:

The number of robbery incidents decreased significantly this quarter and they are still extremely low. There are no trends to the incidents that occurred within the command for this quarter.

Stealing:

The number of incidents has had a minor increase this quarter. The main hotspot is in North Sydney where Steal from Retail store offences are being detected at grocery stores in the centre of the city, these offences are proactively targeted by police which has seen an increase in recorded stealing offences. Mail theft continues to occur across the command but for this quarter Crows Nest and Mosman were targeted the most.

The further classification of Other Steal still records the highest number of incidents which incorporates property left unattended in public places and mail theft.

Stolen Vehicles:

Incidents increased this quarter but are still very low. There are no localised trends identified for this quarter and no hotspots.

Malicious Damages:

There was a minor decrease from the last quarter. The hotspot in Mosman is at a school which has had an array of damages mainly during school holidays which are suspected of being youths entering the school grounds. The other hotspot is in Crows Nest where a number of cars have been damaged during the evenings in Dec 2016 and January 2017.

The medium hotspot in North Sydney is graffiti at and around the railway station. Adrian Panuccio explained how Sydney Rail is not involved in the council's graffiti removal program as he believes it is a safety and liability issue with cleaners having to enter restricted areas of rail property.

Overall vehicle damages continue to be the most common type of property damaged, with windows hit, panels scratched or dented and tyres deflated.

Pro-activity:

Pro-activity this quarter has spiked in most categories during January 2017 mainly because of the holiday periods and also the volume of people out during the summer.

5. Commanders Update: Detective Chief Inspector Birley

- Insp Birley explained that policing is more focused on proactive actions and in the prevention of crime with intelligence driven operations and taskings. He then asked if either naval base has any issues at their respective posts, Dave Biddle stated that at Waterhen the security is good and with no residents living on the base they have not had any issues. Peter

Thompson stated that Penguin is a very different style of base with training schools and residents on base also with security but the residents make it different to manage than Waterhen.

- Insp McFadden stated that Supt Sicard could not make the meeting today as he is attending a meeting about the Sydney Metro line and she asked if North Sydney council had much to do with it. Adrian Panuccio stated that he is not directly working with this but is aware the council are in negotiations about for the construction side of the project to proceed in North Sydney LGA. Insp McFadden said that she was aware that McMahons Point will be the repository for waste coming from sites when construction begins transporting it out of the area on vessels as opposed to being totally transported by truck out and avoiding congestion on the roads. Adrian Panuccio informed that the council strategic planning unit are continually in contact with the project team and that team are abreast of the planned progress. Insp Birley added that he was aware that the planning stages are not finalised and the state government still are in the planning stages. Insp McFadden stated that she hopes to have more information on this impact to the command for the next meeting to look at emergency management in conjunction with CSPC stakeholders.

6. General Business

- Insp McFadden asked if police personnel were able to attend the Naval bases to take a tour and see various entry/exit points in case they ever need to attend in the event of emergencies. Both Dave Biddle and Peter Thompson stated they were happy to arrange this on their respective bases. Dave Biddle further invited Police to a morning tea at the base; he will forward those details to Insp McFadden.
- Dave Biddle stated the only other matter he wanted to raise is that ANZAC day is coming up which obviously is a big day for both bases with most personnel working and catching public transport on the day. Insp McFadden assured him that the Police Transport Command will have vast coverage on transport along with the regular operations police conducted to assist the defence forces in commemorating the day.
- Insp McFadden thanked all for attending advised that the minutes will be emailed and posted on the internet within the fortnight.

7. Outstanding Actions

No	Date	Outstanding Actions	Responsible	Status
1	15.03.17	Circulation of Action Points Action Points to be circulated to all in attendance and apologies	C/Insp McFadden	Complete. 1 April 17
2	15.03.17	CSPC Membership C/Insp McFadden to reinvigorate attendees at CSPC and canvass other organisations that would benefit from this committee.	C/Insp McFadden	Outstanding

8. Next Meetings

The proposed meeting dates for 2017 are:

LOCATION: Harbourside LAC, Level 1 Conference Room
273 Pacific Highway, Crows Nest, 2065 NSW

TIME: 9:30am - All meetings

DATES:

- 7th June 2017
- 20th September 2017
- 6th December 2017