



MINUTES OF THE SUTHERLAND SHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY PRECINCT COMMITTEE SUTHERLAND SHIRE POLICE AREA COMMAND

Commenced: 10:00am Tuesday 29th May 2018.
Concluded: 11:20am.
Chairperson: Det. Ch. Inspector Terry O'Neill.
Held at: Sutherland Police Station, 113-121 Flora St, Sutherland.

Attendees:

Name	Organisation
Superintendent Jason Box	NSWPF – Commander
Detective Chief Inspector Terry O'Neill	NSWPF - Crime Manager
Senior Constable Chris Shade	NSWPF – Crime Prevention Officer
Michelle Lawson	Mark Speakman, State MP Cronulla (representative)
Lee Evans MP	State MP Heathcote
Christian McLaughlan	Eleni Petinos, State MP Miranda (representative)
Carol Provan	Councillor A Ward, Sutherland Shire Council
Barry Collier	Councillor B Ward, Sutherland Shire Council
Brett Richardson	Sutherland Shire Council Manager, Public Safety & Lifeguards
Kellie Checkley	Executive Officer, Project Youth
Esna Lee	GyMEA Chamber of Commerce and Sutherland Liquid Accord
Paul Sheaffe	Sutherland Shire Business Chamber
Lauren Kelly	Department of Human Services

Apologies:

Name	Organisation
Chief Inspector Craig James	NSWPF - Police Transport Command
Craig Kelly	Federal MP – Hughes

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Sherie Skaines	Sutherland Shire Council, Crime Prevention & Security
Representative	ANSTO

NB: This is not a verbatim record of participants' comments.

OPENING OF MEETING AND WELCOME

Welcome by the new Commander, Superintendent Jason Box and introduction of all committee members present.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

N/A.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Nil – first meeting as Sutherland Shire Police Area Command.

REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING:

Sutherland Shire Police Area Command – Det. Chief Inspector Terry O'Neill.

An overview of crime was presented via Power Point presentation in the following categories: Assault (Alcohol and non DV); Break & Enter (dwelling); Malicious Damage; Injury and Fatal crashes; Robbery; Stolen Vehicle; Steal from Motor Vehicle, Drug Detection, Person searches and move on Direction.

Det. Ch/Insp Terry O'Neill addressed the meeting with crime hotspots and local operations including the state-wide Traffic Safety initiatives 'Operation MERRETT'

Other crime Hot Spots were Miranda, Cronulla, Sutherland & Caringbah regarding Stealing, Break & Enter and assault related offences.

Proactivity Hot Spots locations were Caringbah – highest number of Person Searches & Drug detections. Miranda was the second highest suburb for overall pro-activity, Sutherland was third in ranking for overall pro activity and Cronulla was the fourth highest for pro activity.

Command Operations: - February – April

Beach Rugby Festival and North Cronulla Beach over 200 people in attendance

Joint Truancy Operation with the YLO and Dept. of Education Truancy Officer's

Australian Surf Rowers League Operation

State wide traffic Operation Merrett – 01/03/2018 to 19/05/2018

Drug Dog operations

Menai Bush Fire response by all emergency services involved

Shop Lifting Operations at Westfield Miranda

ANZAC Day operation for entire Sutherland Shire

Proactive Crime Team:

A recent article in The Leader, displayed to the Committee, highlighted the concept of operation for the High Visibility Policing (HVP) Unit since the commencement of the Sutherland Shire PAC. Officers in the HVP Unit are based at Miranda Police Station and service the whole of the Command. They perform a variety of patrol duties including vehicle, foot, bike and use of the Utility All-Terrain Vehicles (UATV). As outlined in the HVP Unit article, this Unit has made many arrests and charges across the whole of the Command.

Community Engagements:

A number of Community Engagements have been conducted (still continuing) to engage the local community in promoting the amalgamation of the two previous Local Area Commands into the Sutherland Shire Police Area Command (PAC). Police distributed information pamphlets which explained to the community the re-engineering program and explained that business 'as usual' about police targeting local crime with high visibility police strategies. Emphasis was also on the technology that was available to police which makes them a 'mobile police station' and is able better serve the community.

Community Engagements were held at Engadine, Kareela Shopping Centre, Cronulla and Menai with future engagements planed at Cronulla Mall, Sylvania Southgate, Menai Market Place and Engadine town Square.

Future engagements will be held at Engadine Town Square – Wednesday 30 May 2018 & Engadine markets Sunday 3rd June.

'Coffee with a Cop' is an annual state-wide community engagement where all PAC's spend a morning engaging the local community over a cup of coffee. Our locations were held at Caringbah RWS and 'Café Y (Project Youth) at Menai Market Place
The annual 'Relay for Life' was held at Don Lucas Reserve on 6 May, 2018 with over 3 thousand participants – nil issues arising.

Project Youth – Kellie Checkley

Outreach

Street based outreach engaging with young people who access public space.

- Sutherland is the latest 'hot spot' on Friday nights, both around the Station and at various residential houses.
- Friday Outreach now starts at Greenhills skate park around 3pm and then moves onto Sutherland at night.
- Have had 1 incident at Greenhill's with some young adults drinking and hassling the other users. Outreach staff were able to move them on and drove them to Cronulla.
- Sutherland Council, after 15 years of funding the Outreach service, now requires Project Youth to apply for funding each year. We have an application in however will not find out if this service will continue next year until mid June.

Court Support

Assisting young people attending Sutherland Children's Court.

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- Court has been very busy
- Project Youth has arranged for other services to come and support us and the young people on Children's Court day
- We are making lots of new contacts with young people

HYAP - Homeless Youth Assistance Program

- Both mentoring and family support programs have waiting lists
- Getting more referrals than we have mentors
- St George in particular has grown in number of referrals

Other

- Have a large number of young people with severe mental health issues at the moment. Currently have around 5 who are in mental health units in both St George, Sutherland and RPA hospitals.
- Also have a couple who need to be in patients at mental health units however it is difficult getting them in.
- A note that Project Youth has workers available to conduct group work and individualised case management within schools. Currently working in Cronulla High, Port Hacking High, Jannali High and soon Sylvania High.

Police/ Project Youth partnerships programs

Kickstart is re-commencing in Term 3. Program for young males who are known to Police. Young people are picked up at 6am and taken to Shark Park where they do an hour of fitness, are fed a healthy breakfast and then taken to school.

Girls Group - in partnership with Police YLO and PCYC Youth Case Manager commences 31st May. This program targets young women who are at risk and they are taken to Sutherland PCYC and participate in life skills programs. This week they are going to feed the homeless in Kings Cross on Friday night.

Island Time - Leadership program for young Islander students at Endeavour High School.

Police Transport Command – Apologies
Nil report tabled.

Sutherland Shire Council Crime Prevention Team – Sherie Skaines
Nil report tabled.

Specific questions raised and discussions by Committee members: -

NAME	Discussions	Organisation / Agency	Action
Superintendent Box	Has ethos of conducting at least two (2) drug dog operations within the Command, especially around railway stations as it is reassuring to the community and commuters of seeing Police Officers in these areas.	For the knowledge of all.	NSWPF to maintain drug dog operations.

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Superintendent Box	Stated at his previous Police Area Command, Eastern Suburbs, he started a yearly charity event night where monies would be raised for the Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick. He would like to have a similar charity event night at this Command and asked Committee members to consider a local community group or organisation that could be a recipient of such an event night.	For the knowledge of all.	Committee members to consider proposal and nominations of community groups to be a beneficiary.
Mr. Lee Evans	Raised about Random Breath Testing (RBT) been considered for school pickup zones?	Superintendent Box replied not stationary RBT due to WH&S and other policies, however mobile RBT could be considered.	Superintendent Box will consult with the Command's Traffic Office as well as the Traffic & Highway Patrol and advise Committee members.
Mr. Lee Evans, supported by Councillors Carol Provan and Barry Collier.	Stated he wish to publicly acknowledge the recent good work of the Sutherland Shire Police Area Command especially during the bushfire period	Superintendent Box accepted this on behalf of the Command and Superintendent Julian Griffiths.	Nil.
Councillors Barry Collier and Carol Provan.	Acknowledgement to the Command for the attendance at the recent Relay for Life event.	Record.	Nil
Mr. Brett Richardson	Discussed the new traffic management procedure for future ANZAC Day marches.	For the knowledge of all.	Nil to be actioned by this Committee.
Mr. Lee Evans	The need for the Sutherland Shire PAC to have an on-line presence for the community to be informed of Police activities in the area.	Det. Ch. Inspector O'Neill replied the NSWPF Corporate on-line forum is Eyewatch which the Command's Crime Prevention Officers regularly update.	Next meeting NSWPF will provide other on-line information available to the community.
Councillor Carol Provan	Raised activities of young people attending Rutherford Reserve, Burraneer Point. Recently, the Sutherland Shire Council has made successful approaches to the Government statutory owner of the land to have a clean-up of the Reserve including the vegetation. This may have an impact on that communities' issues and minimise the frequency of young people and cars coming into the area at all hours of the evening.	Det. Ch. Inspector O'Neill and Brett Richardson replied the Command and Sutherland Shire Council were aware with actions undertaken and are continuing to monitor the area.	NSWPF to be tasked for patrols of the area.

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Paul Sheaffe	Discussed the current processes undergoing with local Chambers of Commerce in the Sutherland Shire area.	For the knowledge of all.	Paul Sheaffe to advise of the finality of the process next meeting.
Michelle Lawson	Asked if a community engagement event could be arranged for the Southgate shopping centre.	Superintendent Box advised he will speak with his Customer Services Duty Officer.	Customer Services Duty Officer to spoken with. Michelle Lawson to be advised.
Esna Lee	Raised concerns of the escalating anti-social behaviour at local boat ramps.		Superintendent Box advised he will invite an Officer from the NSWPF Marine Area Command to attend next meeting to comment on this. Subsequently to this meeting, Brett Richardson was provided a copy of the NSW Transport Maritime 'Boat Ramp Etiquette' brochure which he kindly forwarded and will be circulated to Committee members.
Lauren Kelly	Informed the opportunity of Centrelink DV Crisis payments and Income support payments for victims of this crime.	For the knowledge of all.	NSWPF noted for Domestic Violence Team knowledge.

NEXT MEETING: TBC.

CSPC Minutes are available at:

https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/safety_and_prevention/policing_in_the_community/community_safety_precinct_committees/cspc_central_region