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CENTRAL WEST POLICE DISTRICT – WESTERN SECTORS COMMUNITY SAFETY PRECINCT MEETING

DATE: 15 August 2018

VENUE: Forbes Shire Council

TIME: 9.30am

PRESENT:

Chief Inspector David Cooper	Officer in Charge, Parkes and Peak Hill Cluster Sectors
Inspector Shane Jessep	Officer in Charge, Forbes, Condobolin and Lake Cargelligo
Senior Constable Daniel Greef	Crime Prevention Officer
Sheridan Alexander	Executive Officer, Lachlan Local Area Command
Graeme Miller	Mayor, Forbes Shire Council
Greg Tory	General Manager, Lachlan Shire Council
Bill Jayet	Councillor, Parkes Shire Council

APOLOGIES:

Phil Donato	Member for Orange
Detective Inspector Bruce Grassick	Crime Manager, Central West Police District
Ken Keith	Mayor, Parkes Shire Council
John Medcalf	Mayor, Lachlan Shire Council

C/Insp. Cooper welcomed all in attendance to the meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 May 2018 were tabled and accepted, moved by C/Insp. Cooper and seconded by Insp. Jessep.

CRIME OVERVIEW

Insp. Jessep provided an overview of the Compass Crime results for the Central West Police District. Since the amalgamation of the Canobolas and Lachlan Commands the targets for each crime category are considered high and the new Central West District is negotiating to reduce the targets in some areas.

In relation to Crime targets results as at the end of June, the following categories did not met the targets:

- *Drug Detection/Supply* - 43 below the year end target of 177. It was explained to the meeting that this is a pro-active target and the higher the actual figure is a good result. When a good result in these pro-active areas are achieved consistently over a number of years then the target figure will increase. Strike Force Foment resolution phase in March resulted in numerous drug supply charges on multiple offenders.
- *Fraud* – 26 above target of 407. There has been an overall increase in the number of Fraud, however, some matters involved multiple offences relating to the same victim. This District will conduct a Fraud Forum at the Parkes Town Bowling Club at 10am on 29 November 2018 with a Detective from the Fraud Squad attending to give a presentation.
- *Person Searches* – 707 below the target of 3042. This is a pro-active category with approx. 10% of searches resulting in a positive detection.

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The majority of the person searches are conducted at the larger sectors being Orange, Forbes and Parkes. In relation to youth on the street, it was discussed that Move On directions can also be utilised by police.

- *Injury & Fatal Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA)* – 1 above the target of 169. There is a push on road safety across the state with overtime being utilised to increase traffic enforcement. It is discussed that fatigue is a prevalent issue that is difficult to police with the onus being in the driver.

New 40km Road Rule regarding Emergency Vehicles – This new law takes effect as of 1 September. When approaching an emergency vehicle with flashing lights motorists are required to slow down to 40km/h when passing a stationary emergency vehicle.

The highest number of MVA's occurred in Orange with 53 incidents. It was discussed that if an accident involves a drunk driver then police need to be involved.

Control Charts for period July 2015 - July 2018 were reviewed as follows:

- *Assaults* - 12 above the Control Chart average for the same period last year.
- *Break and Enter* – Overall reduction across the state in recent years. It was discussed that the CPO S/C Daniel Greef is available to conduct Security Inspections at businesses and residences to provide recommendations on what can be done to make property and locations more secure.
- *Frauds* – There has been an increase in this area, 11 above the Control Chart average for the same period last year.
- *Malicious Damage* – There is been a decrease with 19 under the Control Chart average for the same period last year.
- *Stealings* – Over the three years there is a downward trend in stealings. It was discussed that the location of offences is able to be mapped by Intelligence Officers. Also, other factors such as hot time and days of the week can be reviewed. In relation to stealings from retails stores, most shop owner/manager do not wish to take action. Police do liaise with the stores in an attempt to target harden, however, many of the bigger stores do not wish to change their displays or shop layouts. It was further discussed that banning notices can be used by stores for offending shoppers, and police can assist with this.
- *Steal Motor Vehicle* – There has been a decrease in this area with the Control Chart average being 9 under.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Agricultural Shows – August/September.
- School Holidays – 1-12 October.
- Vanfest – Forbes Shire Council advised the next years Vanfest will be held in March or April, actual date to be set. Council will be taking a step back from involvement in this event.
- Grazing Down the Lachlan, Forbes – 22 October.
- Drought Relief Concert at Parkes– 17 November.

COUNCIL ISSUES

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- ❖ **Boronia Place, Forbes** – NSW Housing issue in this area, council requested possible assistance from police to try to push the residents into cleaning up their front yards.
- ❖ **Kerry Dunstan Walk for Cancer Charities** – Council thanked police for their support and assistance with this event, in particular Sgt Jessep attached to Forbes.

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- ❖ **CCTV at Lake Cargelligo** – Further application has been submitted for funding along with letter of support and data from police.

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- ❖ **Youth hanging around Library at Lake Cargelligo** – These youths are frequently gathering in the vicinity of the town library in an attempt to access the free WIFI. This issue will be referred to local police for attention.
- ❖ **Drone Issue** – This issue was raised by Mayor Medcalf at the last meeting – referred for further discussion at the next meeting in November when Mayor Medcalf is in attendance.
- ❖ **Hay Distribution** – There will be approx. 20 B-Double trucks delivering hay in the Lachlan Shire this weekend, traffic and site plan in place so there should be no issues.

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- ❖ **Rural Crime** – Parkes Council questioned whether the drought is affecting crime stats at present such as stealings etc. A review of Rural Crime Stats will be prepared and reviewed at the next meeting in November.
ACTION: Overview of Rural Crime incidents, including Stealings, to be prepared and review at the next meeting.
- ❖ **Terrorism Readiness** – Discussion regarding arrangements in place for Elvis Festival in relation to crowd safety concerning terrorism. Police advised there are government guidelines in place for organising of such events. The government National Security website has information and tools regarding 'Australian Strategies for Protecting Crowded Places from Terrorism'. The setting up for last years' Elvis Festival did include strategies in relation to hostile vehicles etc.

Meeting Closed 10.30am.

Next meeting to be held at 10am on Monday 5 November 2018 at Parkes Shire Council.

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