



North Shore Police Area Command Community Safety Precinct Committee



Date: Tuesday, 1 December 2020
Time: 9:30am – 10:30am
Location: Chatswood Police Station, Level 1, Chatswood

Action Points

Attendees:

See Sign on Sheet attached to Action points at end of this document.

Meeting was opened at 9.30am by Det. Chief Inspector Simon Jones.

2. Minutes & Outstanding

No	Date	Outstanding Actions	Responsible	Status
1	1/12/2020	Finalise NSPAC CSPC Action Points Send out Action Points from 1.12.20 to all recipients	Insp Trevallion	Incomplete
2	1/12/2020	NSWPF CSPC Website update Post Action Points from the 1.12.20 meeting to the NSW Police Force Internet Website	S/Cst Brown	incomplete
3	1/12/2020	Date of next meeting to be determined and invitations sent out	Insp Trevallion	Incomplete

3. Commanders Update: Superintendent Jenny Scholz

Superintendent Scholz welcomed everyone to the meeting and spoke about her previous experience as Commander at Quakers Hill and Hornsby. Ma'am Scholz said that with the different roles comes different responsibilities and different communities. Quakers Hill had challenges relating to the growth in the area and there were three murders prior to her departure.

This year presented challenges with Covid and NSW took a different path to other states. Ma'am Scholz ran the Covid Hotel Quarantine Operation from the Police Operations Centre for eight weeks which was high intensity, political and media driven. Staying ahead of the curve and issues is a challenge embedded in working with other agencies. It was a privilege to have this insight.

Ma'am Scholz has attended two meetings today regarding New Years Eve. Sydney is one of the first in the world to celebrate and we are doing it with the Public Health orders in place.

There is diversity in the local community and drugs and domestic violence is always an issue. We serve the community as best we can in our response to these issues. Mental Health is another issue we respond to.

We try to ensure our work place is clean, and our interaction with the community. This is normal practice for Police.

530 Police have been required to close the Victorian border and we have had to contribute to that. Every week there is Police coming and going and we have had to work out logistics which has been a massive challenge.

Superintendent Scholz hasn't had a chance to meet different people and the local mayors and thinks it is important to understand their priorities.

Superintendent Scholz thanked everyone for coming and invited questions.

Gail Giles-Gidney mentioned relationships and co-operation and gave a “shout out” to the team regarding a time when Willoughby Council wanted to turn the oval lights on during the Covid restrictions to enable people to go out and exercise after dark. Gail mentioned that Insp Simon Jones got back to her in a few hours regarding this.

Zorica Kaye said she hadn't had a chance to meet Superintendent Scholz and had recently attended a meeting with Ryde Police and heard about the commitment made in regards to Police going to the border.

Superintendent Scholz said she would like to make an appointment to meet the local Members of Parliament.

4. Overview of North Sydney & Chatswood Sector Crime for 1 September – 30 November 2020

*Assault:

The command recorded most of its assaults in Chatswood, a portion are Domestic Violence related, but youths targeting other youths is another focus for the command. Young offenders have quickly been identified and either cautioned under the Young Offenders Act or charged and these prompt legal actions have led to a decrease in recent weeks of incidents.

Our Licensing and Street Policing Team are ramping up on high visibility patrols since the lifting of Covid 19 restrictions in the state, at pubs and clubs in our command, these patrols are to deter assaults as well as ensuring Covid plan compliance by all venues.

*Break and Enter:

Break, Enter and Steal offences remain low this quarter. We have two hotspots, one in Chatswood which is comprised of a few businesses in the earlier part of the quarter and then garages being targeted in residential unit blocks, with items such as bikes stolen. The second hotspot in Lane Cove all occurred on the one night in September, committed by the one offender that went down one street and broke into a number of homes and stole wallets, bags, keys and cars. This offender was arrested and charged the next day and is still incarcerated.

A mild hotspot in Mosman relates to incidents in November, when a group of youths from western Sydney targeted the area and broke into homes, that were generally unlocked, and predominantly stole keys for vehicles then stole the victim's car. This group targeted a number of locations in the greater metropolitan area and most have been identified and charged.

75% of Break and Enter in North Shore Pac are at Residential premises and a further 12% were at Business/Commercial premises.

*Robbery:

Robbery offences remain very low, with no true hotspots as there are so few incidents.

Youths robbing other youths is the only pattern identified in the command, proactive operations and taskings continue to target these offences along with interventions from the command Youth Officers.

*Stealing:

The hotspot is in Chatswood CBD with 80% of the stealing being from Retail Stores. Operations continue to target these stealings and the command works closely with the major supermarkets and shopping centres in addressing this problem.

Mild hotspot in Kirribilli was predominantly parcels stolen from homes during the Covid lock down period when increased online shopping, hence increased deliveries were targeted by individuals. The command had success in apprehending one of these offenders and this resulted in a dramatic drop in this type of offence.

Overall for the whole command 43% of stealings were from retail stores, a further 26% were Other stealings which incorporates theft of parcels from homes, mail theft and bikes from properties. 22% were Steal from motor vehicle offences and these were mainly in Mosman with young offenders from western Sydney targeting the area as they stated vehicles are less likely to be secured there. A number of these offenders have been charged and offences have decreased here as well. It is important that residents ensure their vehicles are secured as this can deter future offenders.

*Stolen Vehicles:

The hotspot for Stolen vehicles is in Willoughby and this is due to several motorbikes stolen from the one garage, one night in October.

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

Malicious Damage

The Malicious Damage hotspot in Artarmon is chiefly graffiti on public transport, and it can mostly be attributed to one offender. He has been charged a number of times and continues to come under notice.

Approximately a third of all malicious damage recorded in the command is damage to vehicles for example dents, scratches and parts broken off. Many of these are random incidents but some are targeted and appear to be linked to road rage or parking dispute incidents.

*Pro-activity:

Proactive policing categories such as Person Searches and Move ons have been down due to people being in Covid lockdowns. These incidents are on the rise with more and more people venturing out especially with the warmer weather.

Operations will be conducted by all teams in the command being proactive and conducting person searches, vehicle searches, and giving move on directions where necessary.

5. General Business

Det Chief Inspector Jones said it was challenging as they entered to festive season and school holiday period. Now that there are resources back Police can do more proactive strategies to address these challenges particularly around Alan Border Oval and the Chatswood Interchange. Plans are still underway for NYE and we still don't know the model for this year however there will still be the same amount of Police as previously. There will be challenges around gatherings and private parties and we found during the Covid restrictions that people will call Police if they feel that others aren't complying with the restrictions. Police will respond to this.

Sergeant Horwood said there were concerns that crime may increase with staff being sent to the border and other operations but it has been going well. With the trend of people staying home more there has been complacency around security with people not locking doors of their home or cars. We have offenders who creep around during the day. Det Chief Inspector Jones said people are not reporting theft and they also anticipated spikes with Domestic Violence but this didn't happen.

Senior Constable Michael Alexander said that the Crime Prevention Officers were looking forward to getting back into the community next year and spreading messages about crime prevention.

Sergeant Stebbing said Domestic Violence matters were travelling well and that there was a small spike in matters reported recently however the reports related to verbal arguments, some heard by neighbours, and did not relate to violence.

Dave Gray from HMAS Penguin introduced himself to the group stating he was a Senior Policeman with the Military Police. He had recently moved from Victoria where there has been an issue with car cloning or criminals copying number plates resulting in some military personnel being suspected of committing offences involving their vehicles. CCTV showed that the suspected personnel were on base during the time of the offences. David also mentioned that the Military police had amalgamated and provide a joint military police service available 24 hours each day. They can be contacted on 13 11 MP.

Senior Constable Brown spoke about a scam using online car sale websites where offenders were posing as military staff living interstate and using fake military identification.

Zorica Kaye gave a tribute to Danny Hutchence who passed away recently.

Det Chief Inspector Jones mentioned that Geoff Stanwell from Northside FM was very unwell and in Royal North Shore Hospital and Senior Constable Michael Alexander provided an update on his condition saying that he had had a heart attack and after being released from hospital returned back into Intensive Care yesterday (30/11/2020).

Det Chief Inspector Jones said there was no date set yet for the next meeting and concluded the meeting at 10.15am. Inspector Tracey Trevallion will be contacting everyone regarding the next meeting.

6. Outstanding Action Points

No	Date	Outstanding Actions	Responsible	Status
		Nil		

7. Next Meetings

The next meeting date for the North Shore Police Area Command Community Safety Precinct Committee is still to be confirmed.

North Shore Police Area Command Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting SIGN ON SHEET – Tuesday 12 March 2019 – 9:30am	
Members of Parliament	
Jonathon O’Dea – Member for Davidson	Apology
Anthony Roberts Member for Lane Cove represented by Zorica Kaye-Smith	Apology In attendance
Gladys Berejiklian member for Willoughby	Apology
Felicity Wilson Member for North Shore	Apology
Efi Carr – Office of Felicity Wilson	In attendance
Chamber of Commerce	
Pam Palmer – Lane Cove Council	In attendance
Gail Giles-Gidney – Willoughby Council	In attendance
Carolyn Corrigan – Mosman Council	Apology
Jennifer Anderson – Kuringai Council	Apology
Pam Palmer – Lane Cove Council	In attendance
Zorica Kaye – Anthony Roberts Office	In attendance
Efi Carr – Felicity Wilsons Office	In attendance
Chamber of Commerce	
Chatswood Chamber – Julie Burgess – Secretary	Apology
Northbridge & Castlecrag Chamber – John Lightfoot	In Attendance

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Naremburn Progress Association – Roger Promnitz	Apology
Artarmon/St Leonards Chamber – Nick Logan	Apology
Ruth Jacka – Community Development Officer, Ageing & Disability	
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Lane Cove Council - Valerie Stamper – Road Safety Officer	Apology
Ranjeet Singh – Mosman Council	In attendance
Anthony Keary Mosman Council	In attendance
Mosman Council - Danielle Woods – Manager, Compliance	Apology
Simone Bordin – Road Safety Officer – Lane Cove Council	Apology
Vladimir Kotlyar – Senior Ranger Lane Cove Council	Apology
Eric Poulos North Sydney Council	Apology
Martin Ellis – North Sydney Council	In attendance
Northbridge Progress Association - Max Menzies – President	Apology
Neighbourhood Watch area – Estelle Renard	Apology
Kuringai Council – Callum Clarke	Apology
Kuringai Council – Danny Houseus	In attendance
Kuringai Council – Christine Kay	In attendance
Brendon Zhu – Willoughby Council	Apology
Gemma Williams – Scentre Group, Westfield	
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Johathan Napper – Scentre Group Westfield	Apology
Mandarin Centre Manager	Apology
Julie Burgess CCC	Apology
Roads and Maritime Services Cameron McIntyre	
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HMAS Penguin – Executive officer – Lt Commander Peter Thompson	Apology
Alana Richardson - HMAS Waterhen	Apology
Shaun Thornbury – HMAS Penguin	In attendance
Dave Gray – HMAS Penguin	In attendance
Australian Catholic University Security Bob Pagett	Apology
NSW Health Jonathon Noyes	Apology
North Shore Police Area Command	
Superintendent Jennifer Scholz – Commander NSPAC	In Attendance
Detective Chief Inspector Simon Jones – Crime Manager NSPAC	In attendance
A/Sergeant Cameron Cardow - Intelligence Supervisor NSPAC	Apology
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
Chief Inspector Kirsten McFadden – Duty Officer NSPAC	Apology
Chief Inspector Mark Pluss	Apology
Chief Inspector Brad Nuttall	Apology
Chief Inspector Craig Huleatt	Apology
Chief Inspector Kylie Smith	Apology
Inspector Tracy Trevallion	Apology
Intel Analyst – Tracey Martin	In Attendance
Constable Jason Edmunds - Intel Officer	In Attendance