

**Mid North Coast Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting Minutes
Port Macquarie SES Emergency Operations Centre
15 August 2017**

Attendees:

Name	Organisation
Supt FEHON	NSW Police
Det /Insp P NEVILLE	NSW Police
A/Insp C SMALLWOOD	NSW Police
Sgt SAINSBURY	NSW Police
S/Con HARVEY-WALKER	NSW Police
Darren COWEN	NSW Health
Kristine HORN	Drug & Alcohol Service Port Macquarie

Apologies:

Start: 9.40am

1) Introduction and Welcome

Supt FEHON welcomed those in attendance at the meeting and thanked everyone for their time and interest. Police officers present were introduced to those in attendance.

2) Matters arising from previous minutes

No matters arising from the previous minutes.

3) Crime review by Sgt Sainsbury

- **LAC Business Plan results for 2016/17 financial year**
- **Cluster Business Plan results for 2016/17 financial year**
- **Control charts - main crime categories – past 3 years**
- **More detailed analysis for Port Macquarie-Hastings LGA (Hastings cluster)**

Hastings Cluster: 13 weeks to 12/8/17

Assaults

120 incidents in this period
86 Common assaults
33 ABH assaults
1 GBH assaults
66% in residential premises
17% in public places
41% DV related
42% Alcohol relates
< 1% Drug related

Break & enter

75 incidents in this period
48% residential premises
19% business premises (Fast food outlets)
12% Educational premises
71% entry via door (front prominent)
9% entry via window (rear/side)

Drug Detections

117 incidents in this period
90 drug possession
11 drug supply
4 drug cultivation
12 other drug offences
59 involved cannabis
29 involved methyl/amphetamines
14 ecstasy
6 Pharmaceutical drugs

Fraud

61 incidents in this period
24 fail to pay (15 at 1 business)
22 unauthorised access to funds
10 Scam – obtain funds
5 forgery
70% occurred at business premises
23% in residential premises

Malicious Damage

184 incidents in this period
21 incidents of graffiti
45% in residential premises
26% in public places
14% in business premise.
18% alcohol related
15% DV related

Robbery

7 incidents in this period
1 armed robbery
2 robberies with aggravation
4 robberies
4 in public places
1 each in licensed premises, residential & business premise

Stealing

255 incidents in this period
105 other steal
74 steal from vehicle
57 steal from retail store
39% from residential premises
27% from businesses
21% from public places

Stolen vehicle/vessel

31 stolen in this period
25 vehicles
4 trailers
1 motor cycle & 1 grader
58% from public places
32% from residential premises
10% from business/commercial

CRIME DISCUSSION

During the meeting there was discussion about the police perspective in relation to Mental Health Clients and the effect that fentanyl patches were having on the health and behaviour of people with health issues. Drug and alcohol staff have been noticing an increase in the use of the patches and were interested in knowing if there was information about that use, could this be provided to their service for the purposes of dealing closer with the patient. Rather than risking them being arrested for a drug offence. There were also questions relating to the most appropriate actions to be taken ie ambulance being called and their needs for medical attention being addressed. It was explained that generally the police will provide 'security' for ambulance staff and the priority is not an arrest policy, however serious matters like overdoses would naturally have to be investigated.

Superintendent Fehon talked about the efforts being made to combat drugs in the community and highlighted our LAC working with the Gangs Squad and the success of our drug unit. It was also mentioned that police have been using body worn video which has caused a notable effect on the behaviour of people when police are dealing with them, knowing their actions are being recorded. This should have a good impact on anti-social behaviour.

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was limited business to discuss and it was noted that a small number in attendance was in some way a reflection on the fact that the normal organiser and notifier of meetings, S/C Stephen Cherry was absent from duty for a lengthy period due to injury. Sufficient time may not have been available to those who would normally be in attendance.

Future Meeting Dates

28 November 2017 Kempsey

Finish 10.15am

Action Items			
Intended Outcome	Agreed Strategies	Partner Agencies / Community member	Timeframe