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Camden Police Area Command Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting

MINUTES

28/11/2019

Facilitator: A/ Inspector Bennett.

Attendees: Superintendent Julian Griffiths, Senior Constable Greg Loudon, Kim Gomes (minutes), A/Inspector Daniel Bennett, Senior Constable Doug Brennan, Stephanie Tate (Australian Botanic Gardens Mount Annan), Josephine Roccisano (Greenfields Development Company), Kevin Cotter (Department of Education), Grant Jones (Jones XL), Lauren Jones (Jones XL), Patricia Smith (Lifeline), Samantha Beard (Lifeline), Keith Maddock (Camden Lions Club & Camden Show Society), Bob Clayton (Tahmoor Chamber of Commerce), Stella Jean-Louis (UNITING).

Apologies: Jai Rowell, Doug Cotton, John Siemon, Brad Page, D/C/Inspector Shane Woolbank, Sergeant Phil Gornall, Trish Hill, Val Moskvitch, Michelle Kramer, Peter Sidgreaves, Amanda Taylor, Amber Archer.

Welcome: Welcome by A/Inspector Bennett.
Thanked everyone for attending today.

Superintendent Griffiths introduced Senior Constable Jill Ganley from the Metropolitan Crash Investigation Unit who delivered a presentation on what part they play within the department.

Agenda Items:

- 1. Minutes of Previous Meeting: Tabled, Moved and Seconded**
Tabled by A/Inspector Bennett
Moved by Keith Maddock
Seconded by Stephanie Tate

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2. **Presentation and information from Licencing – Senior Constable Doug Brennan -**

Presentation outlining the areas Licencing cover in the command, to put it into simple form, administer licensed premises. Also monitor firearms, tattoo parlours and security guards in relation to legislative requirements.

Discussed the number of licenced premises (150) within the Camden & Wollondilly area and what is required to hold a licence. We continue to work closely the Crime Management Unit with licensed premises in relation to intoxication, domestic violence and we also conduct training with staff from licenced premises in relation to crime scene preservation and identifying levels of intoxication of patrons. This is to minimise the risk to the community and harm minimisation relating to alcohol and gambling.

Firearms – we currently have 3813 licenced firearms holders with the command and a total of 16039 registered firearms and discussed the conditions of holding a firearms licence.

Q. If the DIY breath testing units at licenced premises are accurate??

A: Could be a guide only. These machines are not calibrated on a regular basis like our machines are, so no they are not accurate.

3. **Crime Prevention Officer presentation - Senior Constable Greg Loudon**

Facebook Page - We go in weekly and update the page and inform the public what the Youth Liaison, Crime Prevention Officer & Licencing are doing within the community.

Cyber Safety talks within the schools – educate, strategies/awareness.

Building Resilience in the Community - education and discussions at schools etc.

Business Community Safety Audits –

Soft Targets

Safety Tips

Educate on Crime Scenes

CCTV Footage – deterrents and clear footage – operation of machines getting information in a timely manner and educating staff on how to operate the equipment.

Theft on building sites - Security and CCTV footage is a deterrent

Frauds - Online scams targeting the elderly

Community Engagements - We attended the Jacaranda Festival on Saturday and we visit different areas within the community once a month.

Community awareness on Domestic Violence - we have attended schools and spoken to students from yr. 5 and yr. 9 to educate and discuss this topic.

Bob Clayton had heard about a program called 'Hairdressers with Heart' – person/s possibly confiding in their hairdresser about domestic violence situations.

S/Const Loudon discussed that they have attended several real estate agents and educated them as to what to look out for and we gain some very helpful information on domestic violence and other crime.

Licensed premises also have a strategy put in place that if a female asks a bar tender for ANGELA that she needs help.

4. Command Update – by Commander Julian Griffiths.

Crime is travelling well in the command –

Crime Figures –

Non DV Assaults - records only – some don't want investigation - figures are 46% increase from last year. Group Homes and injuries to carers or associates in the house are a concern.

Licensing - operations running over the Christmas period. 3 glassing's occurred between August and November in licensed premises, no glass after a certain time implemented into these premises.

Malicious Damage - 15 to 20% rise. A quarter of these are domestic violence related. Spate of graffiti in the Currans Hill and Mount Annan area, 3 person/s were arrested. Mount Annan High School had 3 windows smashed and a small fire which escalated into a large fire. Detectives have the ongoing investigation.

Stolen Vehicles - spike in September and October in the Spring Farm and Leppington areas. One person from Bundaberg was arrested and another person from Campbelltown area arrested in a stolen vehicle from Leppington. 40 to 45% of stolen vehicles are never located.

Steal from Motor Vehicle - Education on locking vehicles, 25% increase from last year. Bingara Gorge has 10/11 vehicles and a few from Mount Annan, these offenders are possibly transient. Quarter of the plates stolen from vehicles are never found, some are used in fail to pay for petrol.

Frauds - 40% increase in fail to pay for petrol. Scams, people to be more vigilant. Scam watch is a site that takes reports and has some very helpful information for the public.

OVERVIEW - 3 search warrants were conducted in the area with a hydroponic cannabis setup in the Harrington Park and Gregory Hills area and a property in Narellan Vale in relation to a Break and Enter that occurred in Buxton, person/s have been arrested in relation to these matters.

5. General Business / Open Discussion and Questions from the floor.

Josephine Roccisano raised the issue of the new skate park at Oran Park and a request for more patrols over the Christmas and New Year period, Grant Jones from Jones XL also stated that he would keep an eye the area. Jones XL have a contact for security with Oran Park Podium and TRN sites

Bob Clayton enquiring about strip searches and the procedures after reading about matters in the media. A number of safe guards are put in place, male

to search male and female to search female. The Commissioner is reviewing this, and his recommendations will be out soon.

Grant Jones discussed the issues they have in the shopping centres in relation to person/s claiming they are transgender and wanting to use the bathroom facilities, he has advised them to use the disabled bathrooms to defuse the situation.

Meeting complete: 12.15pm

Next Meeting: 02/04/2020