



Harbourside Local Area Command Community Safety Precinct Committee

Date: Wednesday 7th June 2017
Time: 9:37am – 10:32am
Location: Level 1 Conference Room, Harbourside LAC

Action Points

Attendees:

Name	Community Organisation
Superintendent Allan Sicard	Commander Harbourside LAC
Chief Inspector Kirsten McFadden	Duty Officer Harbourside LAC
Acting Inspector Laura Harvey	Crime Manager Harbourside LAC
Ms Tracy Martin	Intelligence Analyst Harbourside LAC
Felicity Wilson MP	State Member for North Shore
Martin Ellis	North Sydney Council
Rick Doran	Neutral Bay Chamber of Commerce
Rebecca Thomas	Mosman Council
Anthony Keary	Mosman Council
Chief Petty Officer Police Coxswain Dave Biddle	Royal Australian Navy – HMAS Waterhen
Lieutenant Commander Executive Officer Peter Thompson	Royal Australian Navy – HMAS Penguin
Chief Petty Officer Police Coxswain Ian Rigby	Royal Australian Navy – HMAS Penguin

Apologies:

Name	Community Organisation
Mr Colin Croll	Neutral Bay Chamber of Commerce
Mr Ross McCreanor	A/General Manager North Sydney Council

2. Minutes & Outstanding

No	Date	Outstanding Actions	Responsible	Status
1	15.03.17	Circulation of Action Points Action Points to be circulated to all in attendance and apologies	C/Insp McFadden	Complete. 1 April 17
2	15.03.17	CSPC Membership C/Insp McFadden to reinvigorate attendees at CSPC and canvass other organisations that would benefit from this committee.	C/Insp McFadden	Outstanding

3. Overview of Harbourside LAC Quarterly Crime

- C/Insp McFadden welcomed and thanked all to the meeting along with Supt Sicard who acknowledged the majority of the room being new representatives to the committee and congratulated Felicity Wilson on her recent win in the bi-election. Supt Sicard went onto explain that he expects C/Insp McFadden as the new Customer Service portfolio holder to reinvigorate the committee meetings but to ensure that the purpose of the meetings remain functional and not just a meeting to talk. As the meetings are only four times a year Supt Sicard stated that he expects any pressing matters that arise are not left until the meeting and that you will contact C/Insp McFadden to discuss issues in the community as they happen so as not to prolong them. Relationships are the key to this committee working well together.

4. Local Crime Type Priorities

Crime Summary, for the period of March to May 2017:

*Assault:

The number of incidents this quarter has decreased from the previous quarter. The hotspot is still in North Sydney this quarter but the nature of the incidents is random with no pattern to report. A secondary hotspot in Neutral Bay is centred on a licensed premise which the Licensing Unit continue to monitor and a further secondary hotspot in Cremorne is domestic violence related with repeat incidents at the one location.

Supt Sicard explained how assault for the state are generally trending down and this is the same for Harbourside LAC with our licensed premises working closely with Police to ensure they avoid assaults through management of the service of alcohol.

Insp McFadden informed the group of the OLGA levels for licensed premise which restricts the premise in different parameters based on the premise having regular assaults and alcohol related problems and that currently Harbourside LAC does not have any licensed premises on a level which we aim to maintain.

Dave Biddle asked if licensees are responsible for patrons once they are outside of the hotel and Supt Sicard explained that yes they are and the expectation is to move patrons away in an orderly manner so that they do not loiter or cause further problems and that Police support hotel security and management if patrons become too hard for them to handle and will issue fines appropriately.

*Break and Enter:

Offences have increased slightly this quarter. The hotspot is in St Leonards with a specific unit block targeted and multiple units entered along with a couple of businesses at the base of the block.

Residential premises are still the most targeted location for Break and Enter offences with property such as cash, bikes, jewellery and mobiles/tablets.

*Robbery:

The number of robbery incidents actually increased this quarter but they are still extremely low. There are no trends to the incidents that occurred within the command for this quarter.

Felicity Wilson asked what actually constitutes a robbery and A/Insp Harvey explained that it is the use of fear to intimidate a victim to comply with the offenders demands that makes an offence a robbery.

*Stealing:

The number of incidents has increased this quarter. The main hotspot is in North Sydney where Steal from Retail store offences are being detected at grocery stores and these offences are proactively targeted by police which has continued to present an increase in recorded stealing offences. Crows Nest and Neutral Bay also have large retail thefts recorded for the quarter.

Supt Sicard advised that Steal from Retail theft it is not an isolated problem here in Harbourside LAC and that is an upward trending offence across Sydney and so the police as a whole is conducting ongoing operations to target this issue.

Steal from Motor Vehicle has also increased in the last quarter with offenders across the Sydney Metropolitan targeting specific vehicle makes in the aim of possibly stealing the vehicle with the aid of service keys left in the car. This has affected many commands in Sydney and recent arrests have seen this offence start to decline in recent weeks.

*Stolen Vehicles:

Incidents increased this quarter but are still very low. There are no localised trends identified for this quarter and no hotspots.

Felicity Wilson asked if it is known where Stolen Vehicles end up and A/Insp Harvey stated that NSW Police are aware and actively target certain methods for moving stolen cars and over the years varying technology and interagency operations have led to a general decline in vehicles stolen for illegal exportation. In some cases vehicles are stolen to commit further offences.

*Malicious Damages:

There was a reasonable decrease from the last quarter. The hotspot in Crows Nest is mainly vehicles being damaged during the month of April. The secondary hotspot in Milsons Point is at one unit block with damages as a result of domestic violence situations and neighbour disputes.

Overall vehicle damages continue to be the most common type of property damaged, with windows hit, panels scratched or dented and tyres deflated. Graffiti is only a very small percentage of malicious damages in the Command and this can be attributed to efforts of both councils in maintaining the free graffiti removal scheme.

***Pro-activity:**

Pro-activity this quarter has spiked in the categories of Person Searches, Move Ons and Drug Detections whilst Street Offences and Vehicle Searches remain steady.

Supt Sicard stated that the increase in drug detections is due to proactive operations targeting specific locations at risk along intelligence gathering to detect new trends. Felicity Wilson asked if the problem with drugs here is to do with possession or supply and Supt Sicard explained that the command has more arrests for possession but suppliers must be around for this to occur so we are constantly looking into supply. A/Insp Harvey further discussed the drugs that have been located in the command to the committee members. C/Insp McFadden explained that like Random Breath Test now NSW Police has mobile drug testing kits that General Duties police utilise at Random Breath Test sites this process only takes a minute longer so it does not hold drivers up.

5. Commanders Update: Superintendent Allan Sicard

- Supt Sicard asked for feedback from the committee members on their thoughts of this meeting and if they find it beneficial along with any on other issues they had.
- Felicity Ward stated that she found today's meeting, as her first, very beneficial as she is still learning and has not received any feedback about crime or related issues. The main problem she is presented with is around public housing and mental health issues. Supt Sicard informed that if she has specific addresses or people she needs assistance with that he is a part of a committee that focuses attention to these people and provides assistance so she can give him referrals. He also advised that C/Insp McFadden attends regular Mental Health meetings at Royal North Shore Hospital and she can also assist.
- Anthony Keary stated that this is also his first meeting so he found it interesting but that Mosman council regularly liaises with Sgt Sweeney regarding traffic issues in Mosman and he is grateful for his assistance. The only other matter he wanted to raise were concerns for drug use near Alan Border Oval. Supt Sicard asked if they are receiving this kind of information to ensure they also call police for follow up of illegal activity.
- Martin Ellis stated North Sydney Council is not having any big issues at the moment but like Felicity Wilson is trying to manage issues in subsidised housing with mental health patients trying to get assistance for ongoing issues. Also homelessness with a particular gentleman that the rangers have been trying to help but with no success. Supt Sicard advised that he holds the portfolio for homelessness in the region and may be able to help him further with this issue.
- Rick Doran advised that the Chamber of Commerce has not reported any crime issues and are relatively happy at the moment in Neutral Bay. Also that they are hosting a combined business event soon and the Commander and C/Insp McFadden are welcome to come along, he will forward the details through.
- Rebecca Thomas advised that she has been coming to meetings for the last couple of years and has found them useful and she also works closely with the Traffic office and has been thankful for all their assistance. The only ongoing issue is school zones and related safety issues at drop off and pick up time. Also bike riding on pathways is becoming a regular complaint in the community. Supt Sicard asked that specifics of these complaints be passed on so that we can run operations to target this in Mosman.

6. General Business

- Dave Biddle informed the committee that a number of Chinese Ships will be docking on the weekend (10/06/17) and whilst sailors may venture over to the city no issues are expected as generally they are well behaved and take care of themselves when in dock. Approximately 1000 sailors are expected. C/Insp McFadden thanked Dave Biddle for this information and asked the committee for any future events such as this that may impact on police that she be notified as soon as possible as the Duty Officers maintain this information so that it is passed onto all and known by the officer working that specific shift and also so that rostering can be adjusted where necessary.
- Peter Thompson from HMAS Penguin advised that the Chinese delegation will visit Penguin as well but by boat so will not impact the command. Also he advised that barricades have been set up on the entry to Penguin for safety of children as parents insist on parking in front of the entry and dropping children off and they are exiting the vehicles into traffic and

walking on the road without regard to other road users and in the interest of the kids safety the barricades are there so that they cannot be dropped off in this spot as it is unsafe. The children are usually attending sporting events at the oval. Since doing this we have seen an immediate improvement.

- C/Insp McFadden advised that recently she had to attend a job where a shop owner refused entry to person with a guide dog and she had to educate the owner that they are not allowed to exclude blind people and their dogs and so she has put some posters around for the community to be reminded of the law allowing guide dogs access to all facilities.
- Felicity Wilson raised a traffic concern from residents about the use of Pearl Bay Ave being as a rat run for residents of the Northern Beaches, the traffic and use of this road is a significant safety issue and was acknowledged by Roads and Maritime Service (RMS) who blocked it off and the safety was no longer a concern but the block has now been removed. This ongoing issue was raised at the Traffic Committee meeting and Sgt Sweeney the road being blocked for resident safety but can this committee help further with this problem. Supt Sicard advised that the Traffic Committee should endorse a letter about the problem and proposed solutions back to RMS with Sgt Sweeney's support and continue to lobby the RMS until the safety concerns are resolved.
- Felicity Wilson also asked if the local police deal with terrorism with regards to mass gatherings or does someone else? Supt Sicard advised that at a local level we address emergency management plans to deal with such event and also have other projects that are ongoing that look at possible direct threats but as you know there is also the State Counterterrorism unit that has an overall responsibility with regards to state terrorism threats.

7. Outstanding Actions

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1	07.06.17	Circulation of Action Points Action Points to be circulated to all in attendance and apologies for the June 2017	C/Insp McFadden	

8. Next Meetings

The proposed meeting dates for 2017 are:

LOCATION: Harbourside LAC, Level 1 Conference Room
273 Pacific Highway, Crows Nest, 2065 NSW

TIME: 9:30am - All meetings

DATES:
- 20th September 2017
- 6th December 2017