



**ST MARYS LOCAL AREA COMMAND  
MINUTES OF THE PENRITH/ST MARYS COMMUNITY SAFETY  
PRECINCT COMMITTEE**

**St Marys Police Station  
King Street, St Marys  
15 April 2013**

**Meeting Opened:** 10:10am, by Chair, Supt Ray Filewood

**Attendees:** Superintendent Ray Filewood, Commander, St Marys LAC  
Superintendent Ben Feszczuk APM, Commander, Penrith LAC  
Laura Millard, Executive Officer, St Marys LAC  
C/Insp Michael Connolly, St Marys LAC  
Det. Insp Dietmar Almer, Crime Manager, St Marys LAC  
Jill Woods, Chief Executive Officer, Penrith Chamber of Commerce  
Mark Gold, Security and Risk Supervisor, Westfields  
Stuart Ayres, Member for Penrith  
Yvonne Perkins, Penrith City Council  
Gay Hawthorne, Penrith City Association  
Glenn Cooper, Operations Manager, UWS  
David Burns, Penrith City Council  
Tanya Davies, Member for Mulgoa

**Apologies:** Insp Grant Healey, Crime Manager, Penrith LAC  
David Moreton, Westfields  
Bart Bassett, Member for Londonderry  
Wendy Hern – St Clair Safety Group  
Jay Rowell – Member for Wollondilly  
Les Mahn, Member for Wollondilly

**Adoption of previous  
Minutes:**

Previous minutes of the 4 February 2013 adopted by Ms Jill Woods and seconded by Insp Michael Connolly, St Marys LAC.

**Business arising from  
Previous CSPC minutes:**

**4) 1.** Sydney International Regatta: A debrief for the event is on Wednesday 17 April 2013. The Regatta itself was good; however the event was not a good event. Stuart Ayres stated that a 2<sup>nd</sup> debrief should take place to highlight the deficiencies to making it a great event (covering ticket sales & marketing), also the traffic management with the Police. An estimate of approx 6,000 people attended the event from Friday to Sunday.

- *ACTION POINT: Stuart Ayres will ask what the debrief process will be and if it is only Wednesday, then will request a 2<sup>nd</sup> debrief to assist in the planning for next year which needs to be started now. The Regatta issue will be held over.*

**4) 2.** Supt Feszczuk – The Blue Mountains Crossing Re-enactment. There will be a horse movement as part of this event, travelling over the Great Western Highway. Penrith has completed what was required of them. Concerns over a rolling roadblock on a busy road that has approx 7,500 movements per hour. Large concerns for the safety on a busy road. The event is running for 21 days starting at St Marys/Penrith (11 – 31 May).

**4) 3. PTSD** – Bob Walsh, former police officer suffered from being exposed to a lot of trauma during his service. Bob has started a support group that assists police (current serving) that are suffering. It is a volunteer organisation that is run on donations and is seeking funding from the Government. The current NSW Police program (for PTSD) has counsellors available after each ‘traumatic’ incident’.

- Bob Walsh is aware of the services available at present.
- D/Insp Almer noted that the officer left the organisation prior to the Police having the current systems set up.

**5. Crime Prevention Partnership.**

- Recorded through the chain that it is no longer happening.
- Duplication of things that are already in place. Police require assistance of Council and local MP’s to achieve results.
- Noted. To leave on the agenda.

**CPP:** NIL

**Correspondence In:** NIL

**Correspondence Out:** NIL

## Crime Review:

### St Marys LAC – Presented by Superintendent Ray Filewood

#### Statistics cover the period from January 2013 – April 2013

Compass crime data for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012 to 31<sup>st</sup>

\* High workload at St Marys however is usually quieter in the winter months (zero in June 2012)

#### Top Crime Incident Categories:

1. DV offences
2. Stealing
3. Transport - CBD / Railways (tapered off due to taskings)
4. Malicious Damage
5. Assault
6. Fraud
7. Break & Enter
8. Drug detection
9. Personal violence (Not domestic)
10. Offence against the person - other

#### Hot Spot Map – All Crime:

St Marys, Kingswood and Werrington.

#### Crime by Suburb:

St Marys; Kingswood; and Werrington.

#### Assault (Alcohol and Non-DV):

Currently tracking at 7% below BPT for Year to date. Walk through/Business inspections taking place. Officers are speaking with the licensee's/management, ie, The Lucky Australian. Agreements have been put in place to prevent incidents occurring – zero tolerance. Targeting hot spots for hot days/times.

#### Assault DV:

DV legal action rate (71% for March), this year the trend is 58%. NIL targets.

#### Sexual Assault:

To date there are less instances this year than last year.

#### Robbery:

Hot spot for robberies: Queen Street St Marys, near the train line. Daily tasking (by hot days/times) have improved and reduced the number of robberies. Crime Manager has implemented a 'Detectives Job Car' for each shift which is specifically looking at Robberies. Vikings funded operations targeting antisocial behaviour and robbery locations, ie, railway corridor.

The trend is that a lot of people are coming into the area from Mt Druitt. At present St Marys is 43% above the BPT.

- *ACTION ITEM: St Marys Crime Co-ordinator to speak with Mission Australia regarding working in the community with crime.*

**Break and Enter – Dwelling:**

LAC participating with Operation Countdown targeting aggravated break & enter offences. SOCO forensic examination of break and enter crime scenes. Information packs are sent to break and enter victims by Crime Prevention officer. Currently 34% below the BPT year to date.

**Break and Enter – Non-dwelling:**

Currently on par with BPT for Year to date. Most offences in St Marys, Werrington and Kingswood due to industrial and educational premises.

**Stolen Vehicles:**

Currently 10% below BPT year to date. St Marys, Kingswood and Werrington are the main suburbs. Vikings funded operations targeting antisocial behaviour and SMV locations, ie railway corridor and CBD.

**Drug Detection – Supply:**

Above business plan possibly due to Operation BINGA (targeting drug supply) run by Pro Active Team.

**Drug Detection – Possess:**

Above plan, In line with high LAR.

**Fraud:**

Currently 13% above BPT for Year to date. Funding bid by AG with Penrith Council to purchase one way number plate screws to prevent number plate theft. Continued commitment to the investigation of Ebay fraud offences.

**Malicious Damage:**

Currently 18% above BPT year to date. St Marys and Kingswood the hot suburbs.

Analysis of potential patterns, trends and suspects by Intelligence staff. LAC intelligence staff also linked to Penrith Council graffiti database to gather intelligence on graffiti tags. Repeat malicious damage victims and offenders monitored through monthly T&D meeting.

**Stealing:**

St Marys CBD, Kingswood and Werrington.

**Steal from Retail Store:**

Currently running at 15% above BPT for Year to date.

**Steal from Person:**

Currently 50% below BPT Year to date. Railway Stations, trains and surrounds are common locations. Passengers falling asleep. Public awareness recently through Facebook and media outlets, introducing Transport Command and raising this issue.

**Steal from Dwelling:**

Currently 31% below BTP Year to date.

**Steal from Motor Vehicle:**

Currently 15% below BPT year to date. Park Safe program is ongoing. Bike Patrols providing HVP response to central business district and railway corridor. DNA/Fingerprinting of vehicles subject to SFMV.

**Powers – Move on and Person Searches:**

Both Move On and Persons Searches are above BPT and significantly up on last years figures.

**Injury/Fatal Crashes:** Currently 9% below BPT year to date. Commitment to state based operations. Stationary and mobile RBT target known traffic routes for PCA offenders.

**Taskings:**

Taskings are reviewed and set at the monthly Tasking and Deployment meetings in response the previous figures. Anti-Social Behaviour, Break and Enter, SFMV and Stealing get most attention as they contribute most to the crime rates. St Marys CBD, Werrington and Kingswood get most taskings as they are the locations targeted as indicated in the statistics.

**Questions/Enquires: Nil.**

## **Penrith LAC – Presented by Superintendent Z [Ben] Feszczuk APM**

### **Statistics cover the period from 1 January 2013 – 31 March 2013**

Compass crime data for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 was reviewed.

Superintendent Feszczuk addressed the meeting regarding Pro-Activity. Pro-Activity is a dominant feature for the Penrith Local Area Command to conduct policing. Pro-Activity has proven to drive down crime in the Penrith Area.

#### **Crime V Target**

A Compass chart showing the number of key crime incidents versus target categories was tabled, with the Command performing better than target in all categories except Break and Enter - Dwelling which was 64 (19.5%) above target for the period.

#### **Top Ten Crime Categories**

A chart showing the top ten crime categories was tabled, with Stealing, Malicious Damage, and Assault being the three most frequently occurring crimes in the 6 months ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013.

#### **Crime by Suburb**

A chart showing crime by suburb was tabled, with Penrith (47%), Cranebrook (14%), South Penrith (9%) and Glenmore Park / Emu Plains (6%) being the top four suburbs for crime.

#### **Assault**

Assault (Alcohol and Non-DV) is trending well below last year's actual level and showed an improvement for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 at 16.8% below BP target. The top 3 licensed premises for Assault incidents are Peachtree Inn, Red Cow, and Penrith RSL Club. Approximately, 21% of all Assault incidents are alcohol related. Liaise with the Liquor Accord regarding alcohol related incidents. Alcohol related crimes targeted by the "hot days/times". Police have met with the Leagues Club & RSL regarding the dress code issue of young people as the RSL is attracting a younger age group which is causing some concern.

#### **Assault (DV related)**

Encourage reporting through community interaction. Continue with partnerships such as Bridges and Forensic Medicine at Nepean hospital. Continue with DV kits and identify repeat families.

#### **Robbery**

Robbery numbers are low, considering the number of people that move through Penrith. Robbery is currently 11.6% below target. All robberies are investigated with a view to charge. Consult with Community Offender Services (Probation and Parole) when offenders are released. Further classification of robbery show 23%

of incidents were 'Robbery with Aggravation'. Top suburbs for Robbery offences were: Penrith (45%); South Penrith (23%); Cranebrook, Emu Plains, and Jamistown all on 8%.

### **Break and Enter**

Break and Enter (Dwelling) is 19.5% above BPT. Residential Break and Enter top suburbs are Penrith (35%), Cranebrook (17%), South Penrith (15%). Strategies & Outcomes: Conduct business inspections at Pawn Brokers and Second hand dealers. Operation Countdown/Focus assist with investigating/tasking break and enter offences.

Break and Enter (Non - Dwelling) is 2.9% below BPT. Tasking to hot spots (days/times), targeting specific offenders. Conduct business inspections at Pawn Brokers and Second Hand dealers.

### **Stolen Vehicles**

Stolen Vehicles is currently 32.4% below target. Tasking hot spot areas and targeting specific offenders. Conduct inspections at motor vehicle repair businesses. Partnerships through PVCSP to reduce Steal From Motor Vehicle offences. Penrith is the top suburb for stolen vehicles incidents. Holden (33%), Ford (10%) and Toyota (8%) are the three most frequently stolen vehicle makes.

### **Drug Detection (Supply)**

Drug Detection is trending below last years' actual level. People are carrying less that is deemed as supply but is now 'use'.

### **Drug Detection (Possess)**

Already targeting above last years' level, with an increase by 2 to 17 compared to March 2012.

### **Fraud**

Fraud is currently 40% above BPT. Further classification of fraud show that 54% offences "Fail to Pay" which continues to be the predominant fraud related matter being reported and are now monitoring links with stolen number plates and patterns of offences. Police are promoting the idea of "Pay before you pump".

2,500 tamper proof screws are have been issued to Police to fit to registration plates, however Police object to the plan and feel that it should be the RMS to carry out this job not the Police. Previous programs of fitting tamper proof screws to registration plates hasn't been that well received. Council advised that they had to get mechanics to do it which was a costly exercise. There is a target of 1500 to be done in Penrith, with only 342 actually being done.

**Malicious Damage**

Malicious Damage to property is at 84% and is currently 14.1% below BPT. Focus is on alcohol related crime; Liaison with schools to identify taggers; Participate with Council on education programs in schools.

**Steal from Retail**

Currently 16.5% below target. Operation Lightfingers was conducted recently with good results. Strategies: Consultation with Westfields; Operations with Loss Prevention officers; Target specific locations and offenders.

**Steal From Dwelling**

Steal from Dwelling is currently 7.2% below target. No issues at present.

**Steal From Person**

Steal from Person is currently 6.0% below target. There is a need to keep educating the community as there have been a few spikes.

**Steal From Motor Vehicle (SFMV)**

Steal from Motor Vehicle is 22% below target. Strategies include: conduct inspections at motor vehicle repair businesses. Partnerships through PVCSP to reduce 'Steal From Motor Vehicle offences.

**Proactive Policing**

Charts for Proactive Policing were tabled showing tasking and deployment of police by crime category and by location.

**Contentious Issues:** Nil.

**Community feedback to committee members re police activity:** Nil.

**General Business:** Superintendent Filewood wished to advise those present at the meeting that his last day of work before retiring will be the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2013. Supt Filewood continued to thank everyone for their hard work and support. Ms Jill Woods thanked Supt Filewood on behalf of the Penrith Chamber of Commerce, as well as Tanya Davies (member for Mulgoa). Stuart Ayres on behalf of Penrith Council thanked Supt Filewood for his help and support; and that there is a great partnership between the 2 LAC's (Penrith & St Marys).

**Next Meeting:** Penrith Police Station, Monday 22nd of July at 10:00am in the Doug Kelly Room.

**Meeting Closed:** 12:00pm