



Whangarei / Kaipara Area COUNCIL REPORT

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Prevention

Operation Moro

Police conducted a joint Area Prevention Team operation that targeted some of Northland's high risk offenders last month with excellent results.

Three offenders were located and arrested.

A 33 year old man in Tikipunga was arrested after a quick foot chase through several properties. The chase involved one of the officers commandeering a member of the public to drive him up the road so he could get ahead of the chase. The offender was located on Corks Road after cordons were put in place.

The man was charged with breaching parole, threatening behaviour, male assaults female and contravening a protection order. He was remanded in custody and appeared in the Whangarei District Court on 22 October 2014.

Following this arrest police turned their attention to an active dishonesty offender. A 24 year old man was found hiding under a bed in a Western Hills address. He had a set of keys in his possession from a vehicle he stole earlier. There was also some electronic equipment in the house, which police believed may have been stolen from some Far North addresses. The man was been charged with failing to appear in court and theft.

During the search for the 24 year old man police came across one of his associates trying to steal a car in the avenues area of Whangarei. He ran off when he saw police and a police dog handler managed to track him down. The 21 year old man was charged with attempted unlawful taking, possession of instruments for car conversion, and theft ex-car.

Due to the excellent and urgent work carried out by Area Prevention Teams in the Far North and Whangarei these offenders were arrested. Public Safety Teams, Youth Crime Unit, Traffic Alcohol Section and Dog Section also played a part in the success of the operation. Getting these offenders off the streets means less people can be victimised by their crimes.

Police have now set their sights on catching other offenders who are linked to those they have already arrested.

Operation Hangar

On Friday, 31 October 2014, NZ Police in partnership with Northland District Health Board (NDHB) and Kaipara District Council (KDC) carried out a Controlled Purchases operation in

the Kaipara region visiting premises in Mangawhai Heads, Mangawhai Village, Kaiwaka and Maungaturoto.

The operation was carried out in two phases:

Phase 1 – Controlled Purchase Operation – Off Licensed Premises

Phase 1 consisted of minors attempting purchase alcohol from off licensed premises.

Phase 2 – Food and Intoxication Audits - On Licensed Premises

Phase 2 consisted of audit checks on high risk establishments.

Phase 1 ended with great results, all premises targeted were vigilant and would not sell to minors and phase 2 produced minor issues however overall the operation was a good yield.

Road Policing

Operation Labour Weekend

Police patrol cars were highly visible on Northland's roads over labour weekend to remind motorists to drive sensibly. If they were spotted driving badly they were stopped. Police enforced a zero tolerance to drivers travelling more than 4km/h over the permanent posted speed limit.

The main risks to drivers and other road users are speed, alcohol and fatigue.

Police held checkpoints along with mobile, random stops and every driver who was stopped was breath tested. Most motorists were driving well. There were 11 non-injury crashes in the weekend, but no fatal or serious injury crashes.

Police received 94 *555 calls in relation to poor driver behaviour.

We were able to respond 46 percent of these calls, as the callers provided some very good information. Our response is based on the priority of the situation and the information we receive, so it's a good idea for callers to give as much detail as possible about the offending vehicle and the behaviour observed.

Road Fatalities

Fiscal year of 2013/2014 = 20

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Calendar year of 2013 = 21

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Calendar year of 2014 = 13 (18 for same period in 2013)

Road Toll	Total 2011	Total 2012	Total 2013	As at 21 Oct 2013	As at 4 Nov 2014
Whangārei	1	6	9	7	6
Kaipara	0	4	3	3	1
Far North	6	4	9	8	6
Totals	7	14	21	18	13

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