

Supplementary Agenda No. 2 Additional to Item 4

4. Police Report

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Date 21 October 2011

The attached report has been received from Inspector Martyn Ruth, Relieving Area Commander for Whangarei/Kaipara.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

Attachment

[Police Report](#)

WHANGAREI POLICE**REPORT TO THE WHANGAREI DISTRICT COUNCIL****OCTOBER 2011****INTRODUCTION**

The month of October has seen the emergence of some remarkable serious crime post the winter months with a number of Home Invasions and Aggravated Robberies reported. Whangārei Police are coping extremely well with this influx of serious crime putting in the extra yards to ensure these offenders are apprehended and further offending is prevented.

STATISTICS:

The Whangārei Patrol Group carried out the following for the month of September:

- 240 Arrests made compared with 268 in August
- 997 Infringement Notices were issued this month compared to 1455 in August
- 107 Traffic Offence Notices issued compared with 142 in August
- 992 Bail checks carried out compared with 962 in August
- 52 DNA's taken this month compared with 70 in August
- 23 Excess Breath Alcohol offences also recorded compared with 27 in July August
- 13 Burglaries attended compared with 6 in August
- 119 Domestic attended compared with 128 in August
- 28 Motor vehicle crashes attended compared with 32 in August

CRIME TRENDS:

Against the flow of reductions in reported offences are a number of crime categories moving in the wrong direction. Vehicular Crime continues to be of concern with the number of Unlawful takings on the rise. Remarkably there are still a large number of vehicles left unlocked or with keys left in the ignition. Northlanders, be reminded that leaving your car unlocked or with the keys in the ignition while entering a service station or shop is inviting crime. The recovery of these stolen vehicles would indicate that some of these common models are being 'ringed' or 'triple ringed' for later sale to unsuspecting buyers.

Vacant rental properties remain a high risk target for scrap metal and copper (hot water cylinders in particular).

Youth

Truancy levels continue to be a focus for Youth Services in Whangārei, particularly in the CBD which is a focal point. With the establishment of the Whangārei Beat Constable, Youth Services are expecting to proactively reduce levels of truancy. Further strategies include the development of the Council City Safe employee in the CBD also becoming a truancy officer.

Alcohol

Alcohol continues to be a driver of inner city disorder, violence and arrests. One or two inner city bars are now becoming problematic and will require constant monitoring. In comparison Alcohol Harm Reduction at the two Rugby World Cup events at TOLL stadium was a revelation considering the amount of patrons and alcohol consumed. The number of arrests for alcohol related offending was minimal.

Organised Crime

Three Methamphetamine laboratories have been located in South Auckland, Rodney and Whangārei. A local storage facility was used in this case. Substantial dealing offences have been detected with some offenders still to be located.

An underground container of cannabis was recovered in Whangārei and again highlights the lengths offenders will go to cultivate produce and manufacture illegal drugs.

In a separate matter a substantial quantity of methamphetamine and cash were recovered locally and a number of offenders are facing charges as a result.

SUMMARY:

Police will continue to prevent crime; key to this success are the existing partnerships across the community that require nourishment in these recessionary times.

*Marty Ruth
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Relieving Area Commander for Whangarei / Kaipara
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