

# Ponsonby Community Policing

Newsletter – June 2016 Edition



## Street Wise, Street Safe

*Everyone is entitled to enjoy public places without fear for their personal safety. The reality, however is that our streets are not always safe, so it pays to be street smart to stay safe. A little information, awareness and planning can be a big help.*

### **Planning**

If you're heading out, especially at night, take a little time to plan.

- What will you take with you? If you're taking something valuable, keep it hidden. Keep expensive jewellery covered up.
- Make sure you take your cellphone, and make sure its fully charged before you leave.
- Tell family, friends or flatmates where you're going, when you expect to get home and whether you're going to stay over somewhere for the night.
- Take your ID, some cash or an eftpos card so you don't find yourself at a parking building with no money, or at a bus stop or taxi stand without the fare.
- Work out how you're getting home before you go.
- If you're driving with friends and want to drink, ensure you have a nominated driver.

### **When you're out**

There's safety in numbers. Stick with your mates. If you're going to drink – do so in moderation.

- If you're drinking, have water or non-alcoholic drinks between each drink
- Don't leave your drink unattended and only drink what you've seen poured for you.
- Keep an eye on your gear. Bags, cellphones and other gear is being stolen because people haven't taken care.
- Don't leave with someone you've just met or accept a lift with a stranger.
- Use public toilets and ATM machines that are in well-lit areas. Try to have a friend wait with you .
- When travelling in the city at night always walk where there is a lot of people, avoid dark alleyways and travel with friends.

### *How to get help:*

In an emergency, don't hesitate to call 111 anytime and ask for the Police.



## Ponsonby CPT Staff



Constable To'ua-Kalava, Constable Davidson, Constable Troy, Constable Tahiwī,  
Constable McGraw and Sgt Aiava

Ponsonby Community Policing Team (CPT) is based at Ponsonby Police Station, 12 Jervois Road.

In 2012 police made a raft of operational changes under the new Prevention First Strategy. Instead of having individual community constables in each suburb, two teams were created – one in Mt Roskill and one in Ponsonby. In the past if a constable was away from their office there was no one to contact – the CPT allows better coverage for our community with more officers.

Ponsonby CPT have a community-focused role which involves working closely with community groups and organisations. We have a preventative policing approach, concentrating on improving community safety and reducing property and road crime. The team look after Ponsonby, Herne Bay, Freemans Bay, Grey Lynn, Westmere, Pt Chevalier, Kingsland, St Lukes as well as parts of Mt Albert and Mt Eden.

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Over the last few months Auckland has seen an increase in the amount of vehicles being broken into. These types of offences can occur at anytime, anywhere, especially when items are left in vehicles in plain view.

Offenders often target vehicles in shopping mall and supermarket carparks, tourist venues and busy residential streets. They search for cash, credit cards, sunglasses, satellite navigation systems, mobile phones, iPods, laptops, handbags, just about anything that is of value.

### Prevention is KEY:

- Always take keys with you when you leave your vehicle
- Always lock your vehicle
- Close all windows, including sunroofs
- Park in well-lit areas if possible
- Try not to leave valuables in your car
- If you must leave valuables in your car, make sure they are out of sight, but remember hiding them is not as safe as removing them
- Don't leave documents with personal information or keys to your house/business etc in you vehicle
- Consider installing an alarm
- Register serial number on the SANP website <http://www.snap.org.nz>

## Safer Plates 2016:

**Come along and have your number plate screws changed to 'tamper proof' screws and avoid plate theft.**

This 'Safer Plates' campaign will help reduce:

- Theft of plates to commit further crime.
- Unpaid petrol drive-offs
- Theft of property
- Vehicle break-in

Gold coin donation greatly appreciated.

**SAFER PLATES**

New Zealand POLICE

Auckland Council

Often number plates are stolen off vehicles and used on other vehicles to assist criminals with committing offences such as petrol drive offs, burglaries, thefts, robberies and unlawful taking of motor vehicles. This initiative will reduce the chances of your number plate being stolen.

### DATES

- 23 June – St Lukes Westfield
- 14 September – Mt Albert Pack n Save
- 26 October – St Lukes Westfield
- 16 November – Countdown Mt Eden

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### **About Neighbourhood Support New Zealand**

Neighbourhood Support New Zealand Incorporated was established in 1999 to promote and support the development of Neighbourhood Support in New Zealand.

Neighbourhood Support works closely with the Police and many other organisations in your community to reduce crime, improve safety and prepare to deal with emergencies and natural disasters.

### **Aims**

- Neighbourhood Support aims to make our homes, streets, neighbourhoods and communities safer and more caring places in which to live.

### **Neighbourhood Support Groups**

- Neighbourhood Support Groups enable people to share information, ideas and insights.
- Encourage neighbours to talk to each other
- Share information that will help reduce the risk and fear of crime
- Help foster a sense of community spirit, where everyone is respected and valued
- Educate and empower neighbours to take responsibility for their own safety
- Identify the needs of neighbours and ways to assist each other
- Identify the strengths and skills of neighbours to contribute to solving local problems
- Minimise burglaries and car crime in the local area
- Reduce graffiti, vandalism, violence and disorder
- Support victims of crime
- Enhance the safety features and appearance of the neighbourhood
- Decide on ways to handle any civil emergencies that may occur
- Know when and how to contact Police, other emergency services or support agencies
- Liaise and co-operate with other community groups

[www.ns.org.nz](http://www.ns.org.nz) – Neighbourhood Support Information. Set up group in your street TODAY!!