



Safer Communities Together

Community Patrols of New Zealand

Ngā Manu Tāiko o Aotearoa

A guide for those who believe their
community would benefit from
having a local Community Patrol to
help prevent crime.



Welcome to CPNZ....

Thank you for your interest in becoming a part of Community Patrols of New Zealand.

CPNZ is dedicated to helping build safer communities in partnership with NZ Police and others. Our vision is a New Zealand where everyone feels safe. We achieve this vision through the active presence of trained Patrollers, Patrolling in their community to prevent crime and reduce harm in partnerships with others.

Under the guidance of the CPNZ Trust Board, Patrols service the individual needs of their local community, patrolling high crime areas, and providing assistance at accidents and crime scenes.

Congratulations for taking action to prevent crime in your community.

Chris Lawton,
Chairperson

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About us....

Community Patrols of New Zealand (CPNZ) is a national organisation that was formed in 2002.

It supports thousands of volunteers in over 170 affiliated patrols throughout New Zealand.

Community Patrols are organised and operated by members of their community and raise their annual operating expenses through local grants, sponsorship and donations.

Community Patrollers are volunteers working closely with Police as extra “eyes and ears” with intelligence and observation, to assist Police and other agencies to build safer communities. Community Patrols are independent from the Police but receive regular Police guidance, training and tasking.



Need to Knows....

It is important to have the support of the community.

A Community Patrol must work alongside and be supported by local Police. It is important therefore to contact the Officer in Charge of your local Police Station to gain support.

Other agencies that contribute to a successful Community Patrol are:

- Council
- Local Businesses
- Local Community to engage and attract potential patrollers
- Schools
- Community Organisations such as NSNZ, FENZ, CD





Affiliation....

To work under the CPNZ/Police Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), a Community Patrol must be affiliated to CPNZ.

Should a new Community Patrol complete their initial affiliation procedures two months prior to 30 June, the Affiliation Fee will cover and include the following year's affiliation.

Being affiliated to CPNZ requires:

- mandatory vetting of all patrol members through CPNZ
- the requirement to undertake and complete mandatory CPNZ online learning and patrol practical training.

In addition, affiliated Community Patrols adopt the national uniform, wear high visibility safety jackets while on duty and have dedicated Patrol cars identified by the national standard livery. The patrol name must include 'Community Patrol', preceded or followed by the name of the area where the patrol is being set up.

CPNZ affiliated Community Patrols follow a national standard of conduct, rules, procedures and policies which are set out on our website.

- National Office staff, working out of Police National Headquarters are available to help and provide support
- A Community Patrol email address under the CPNZ domain
- Local District team support
- Support in applications for funding
- A robust standardised training program
- Opportunities to attend national training seminars
- A start up kit at the time of affiliation with the equipment needed to carry out the duties of a Patroller and support in sourcing further equipment
- Support for those wishing to go forward and join NZ Police
- We are a Charitable Trust so affiliated Community Patrols fall under this charitable status

What's in it for you?
The benefits of
affiliation to CPNZ....



Community involvement through a public meeting....

With the support and assistance of CPNZ and Police, a public meeting should be held. The invitee list could include:

- Interested members of the public
- Local Community Police Staff
- Local Members of Parliament
- Local Council and Community Board Reps
- Local Businesses
- Service Groups
- School Principals
- Media
- Representatives from nearby Community Patrols or CPNZ if available

This meeting should be advertised in the local media and the media should be asked if they can write articles leading up to and following the meeting. It is a good idea to have someone Chair the meeting who is experienced and who is knowledgeable about and fully supports CPNZ. Someone else will need to take minutes. Those in attendance should be advised that Community Patrols of New Zealand is fully supported and endorsed by New Zealand Police and that this support is confirmed in a MoU between the two parties.

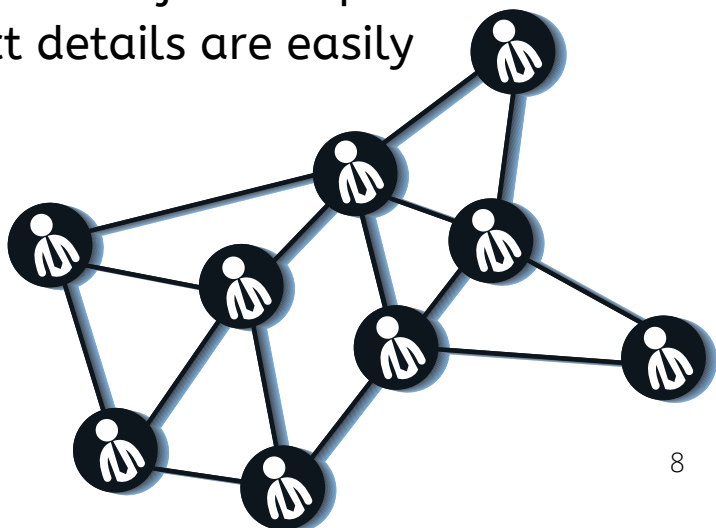
Purpose of the Meeting....

The format of the meeting should be to discuss:

- What the issues and concerns of the community are
- What the local crime trends or patterns are
- What community resources are available and how they can be utilised
- Is there need for a Community Patrol, what Community Patrols do and what they do not do

If the meeting considers that a Community Patrol should be established and there are at least three people who are willing to be involved in running it, an initial steering committee should be appointed to set up the Patrol. A future meeting date for this committee should be set.

People in attendance at the meeting who are prepared to join the patrol should be supplied with an Application Form to join the potential patrol so their contact details are easily accessible.

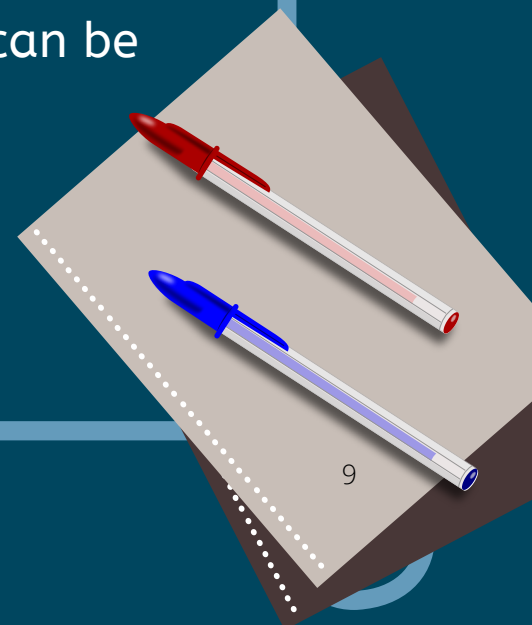


Steering Committees....

The Steering Committee is set up until the Patrol is formed and operating. An understanding of the rules and MoU at this point is essential.

The Steering committee is responsible for:

- Completing the rational template to provide information regarding the community's needs for a Patrol and what support exists for one being established
- Finding initial funding to pay for affiliation fees and petrol
- Following up with interested persons who have signed the Application to Join forms to ensure their interest continues and to see how these people can be utilised in the initial set up
- Continuing to gather support



What Happens with the Paperwork?

Supplied on the CPNZ website under the 'Start a Patrol' tab:

- Application of Affiliation and Rational Template - Once the steering committee is confident that the Community Patrol is ready to go ahead, these are filled in and sent to CPNZ National Office
- Application to Join a Patrol - all interested persons should fill this form in so you have their contact details, try to keep these people as involved as possible in the set up

Once we receive the Application of Affiliation along with your rational, the Trust Board will need to sign off on accepting your application, then National Office will be in touch with further information and guidance.

Found under 'About Us' on the CPNZ website:

- Procedures and Rules
- Appendices
- Memorandum of Understanding between CPNZ and NZ Police



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