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I'm sure you will all be with me when I say my thoughts are with the people and communities of Canterbury currently suffering from floods and heavy rains. The Trust Board is behind any Patrols working to assist their communities with extra funds if required. It certainly behoves us as an organisation to consider how we can assist communities in these times. It is for reasons such as this (and COVID-19) that the CPNZ Trust Board has commenced communications with the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA).

Recent discussions about mandatory training have occurred with our partners, the Police. The question arose about whether members of a Patrol who do not patrol should have to complete the mandatory training. Discussions centred around the fact that every member of a Patrol is, in some way or another, privy to sensitive Police information, patrol information, has access to vehicles, offices, police stations etc. Having some members of a Patrol trained, and some not trained, is not an ideal situation. CPNZ assures Police a level of integrity that allows us into the inner workings of police operations. This translates to all members of a Patrol being vetted and having successfully completed the mandatory training.

The Board and Police recognise that there are members in a Patrol that provide a support function only and do not patrol operationally. However, I am sure that the rationale stated above makes sense to everyone. Training can be done online with help from a training officer, mentor or patrol colleague if required.

I want to thank all those that have proffered feedback on the Best Practice Manual and the new Code of Conduct. All feedback is being listened to and considered by the Board.

Lastly, I look forward to seeing many of you at district training events and/or the 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Lower Hutt. The AGM is the culmination of another year of hard work by the Board and National Office, and I'm looking forward to seeing all of us together again.

Best regards,

Tips, Tricks, & Other Bits

Patroller Profiles

CPNZ is super excited to launch our Patroller Profiles this month! We have three fantastic, fascinating Patrollers whose lives we know will make for a very engrossing read. So, look out for our Patroller Profiles, launching on the 'Our Stories' section of the CPNZ website very soon!

Would you, or, someone in your Patrol, like to be a part of our Patroller Profiles? If you're interested, or just want some more information, send Liam an email at communications@cpnz.org.nz.

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Pohutukawa Coast CP Shares a Memory

Jack Patrick of *Pohutukawa Coast Crime Patrol* has shared a moving memory from his time Patrolling that reminded us at CPNZ National Office why we do what we do.

Jack, a Patroller with Neighbourhood Watch & Crime since the 80s, has been Patrolling his community for over 30 years. One night a few years ago, Jack & his observer, Stan Boswell, were in their Patrol vehicle when approached by two young boys. Winding down the window, one boy said "We know who you are." Puzzled, Jack asked, "Who are we?" To which the boy said, with a serious look on their face "You are the people who keep us safe."



Jack Patrick (left) & Stan Boswell (right) with the old Patrol vehicle

This memory has stuck with Jack in the years since it happened, and it's not hard to see why. About the impact of that moment, Jack said "Over the years we have helped people in many ways and they have said "Thank you," but that comment from the boys is what makes the hours of Patrolling all worthwhile."

Recognising Excellence

PLO Awarded Silver Shield

National Volunteer Week

Marty Price has nominated Paul Sampson, Ex-Constable of Westport Police, to receive a Silver Shield Award from CPNZ. This is in recognition of his outstanding work with the local Patrol, since its inception in 2007.

Paul was the PLO and supported Westport Patrol above and beyond his expected role. He assisted with Vetting, Training, Interviews, and day to day maintenance of the Patrol vehicle. Even when the Patrol was in recession, Paul would start their vehicle daily just to ensure it was ready to go if the Patrol ever reformed.

Serving 44 years with NZ Police, Paul has become a very well known local of Westport, having assisted many residents during his time on duty.

Marty met Paul in 2016 when he took over as the Tasman District Support Officer. "Paul was very approachable and has many connections in the community," Marty said in a statement following the Silver Shield Ceremony. Even though he's retired, Paul is still around to lend the Patrol a hand with training if needed.

This month, from June 20-26th, New Zealand is acknowledging and appreciating the hard work of Volunteers all over the country. CPNZ is joining in on those celebrations, recognising the excellence in our ranks across all CPNZ Patrols.

This section of the Patroller Briefing has always been about raising awareness of those individuals who've gone far beyond their regular CPNZ duties. This month we want to dedicate this section to all of the volunteers within CPNZ, who just by giving their time has gone far beyond what's expected of them as a person.

For all of June, we're celebrating your stories. We're going to share some of our favourite moments on our social media channels. So whether it's new or old, big or small, humorous or heartwarming, we want to share it.

Do you have a story from your time Patrolling you want to share? We'd love to hear it. Email communications@cpnz.org.nz



Ex-PLO Paul Sampson (left) receiving his Silver Shield from Tasman District Support Officer Marty Price (right)



Counties Manukau District Training Day

Papakura Community Crimewatch Patrol played host to a training day on Sunday, April 11th. Attended by Patrollers from *Pukekohe, Pokeno, Mt Wellington, & Waiuku Patrols*, they received training from both our partners in Police and Fire & Emergency. This experience aimed to show Patrols more of what they can do, along with how they can better assist our partners.

The Chairman of *Papakura Community Crimewatch Patrol*, Glenn Torrens, has provided a statement on the event, which can be read below:

"The day started with addresses by Police Inspector Dave Glossop, City Councillor Daniel Newman, and Papakura Patrol's Patron Judith Collins. They thanked everyone for the work that we do that helps keep the communities that Patrols serve safe.

We then had the Fire Service & Police Serious Crash Unit detailing how Patrollers can help at crash scenes. We

learned where to set up cordons to stop the public from getting involved, along with how to preserve the crash scene for the Serious Crash Investigation team, and of course, how to keep ourselves safe.

Afterwards, we moved outside to a mock-up crash scene where both Fire & Serious crash were able to demonstrate what they had been talking about. We also witnessed a demonstration of how quick the Fire Service can turn a people mover into a convertible.



Counties Manukau Patrollers with Police.



Fire & Emergency demonstrate their procedures during a car crash, including removing a car roof.

The day was handed to Police after this, as two Police dog units arrived to tell us what they required from Patrollers when dogs are tracking a suspect. Which is to keep well out of the scene and stay in the car! We can search the surrounding area looking for people that may be trying to hide or evade being seen. If we see someone, we report this to 111 immediately. We inform the operator of what incident we are reporting on so that information can be passed on to ground teams quickly. We then moved outside to meet the dogs and watch the ferocious force with which dogs can hit a suspect when taking them down.

Lunch was later called, with Fire Service staff & Dog unit constables there answering our questions. During lunch Eagle (the Police helicopter) arrived and landed on the parade ground at the front of the hall. We split into two groups. The first out at the helicopter having all the equipment explained, and what the crew do from their positions in the aircraft. While the other group were treated to watching some actual footage of the helicopter in action. This included searching for missing people, tracking offenders evading police either, advising units on the ground of dangers, and giving dog units advanced warning of other dogs in backyards they are tracking through. The day finished with afternoon tea and a Q&A with the Eagle Crew.

A great day all up with loads of positive comments from all of the Patrols present. Special thanks to NZ Police, NZ Fire Service and all the helpers on the day!"



Patrollers & Police stand united next to Eagle, the Police Helicopter.

Looking Back at May

Now we're at the beginning of June, it's hard to believe we're nearing the halfway point of 2021. Patrols across the country are continuing to amaze us, with plenty of proactive measures organized by Patrols themselves. Read on for some inspiring stories on how Patrols and CPNZ National Office spent May.

Wellington North CP recently visited Wellington's Central Communications Centre. Organized by the Patrol Leader, this visit marked the start of the Patrol's bi-monthly training plan whereby the Patrol meets every second month, with a training night on the off months. The Patrol's purpose with this visit was to learn how to better adapt their comm systems to ensure they're transmitting only the most pertinent information when calling the Police. To understand this, Senior Sergeant Mike Coleman toured them around the building, before buddying the Patrollers up with emergency call operators to listen into real-life 111 calls. Through this experience, Wellington North CP discovered a new appreciation for who's on the other side of their radio, learning just how busy an average night is for these dispatchers and what it takes to be one of them.



From Left to Right: Jen Domingo, Channa Ravi, Grant Signal, Jenna Wolvers, O'Niel Pandit, & Katryn Kelly. Not Pictured: Heather Stevens & Barry Williams.

It seems great Patrols think alike, as *Te Awamutu CP* has taken a similar approach to training as *Wellington North CP*. Their bi-monthly training day was a trip to the North Communications Centre in Auckland to learn about the amazing group of people answering their 111 calls. The Patrol got a first-hand display of what goes into this job, getting to watch the team at work and even putting a headset on to listen in on some live calls. To show their appreciation, Patroller Dianne Schimanski (pictured right) left a knitted Waikato teddy bear as a gift for the North Communications team.



From Left to Right: Johanna Tong, David Wilson, Nancy Dunaher, Linda Fowler, Colin Schimanski, & Diana Schimanski

Palmerston North Patrol & their Patrol Leader, Toni Ferris, have noticed a recent rise in burglaries in their area. To help keep their communities safe, they've decided not to stand by, but to take action. A recent volunteer drive has seen several Patrollers already sign-up, and this has been coupled with a Safer Plates initiative taken on by the Patrol. Safer Plates is a service offered by CPNZ Patrols that replace the screws on car licence plates with tamper-proof ones to make it harder for thieves to steal them and use them in crime. For this service, Patrols ask for a gold coin donation. It's the perfect response when a Patrol observes a rise in this type of crime.

To read the full story on Palmerston North's activities, click here: <https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/125175619/residents-patrol-the-streets-in-deffiance-of-burglary-increase>

Pink Shirt Day is held every year in recognition of the importance of stopping bullying in our communities and celebrating diversity, kindness, and inclusiveness. These are values CPNZ supports, and we're proud to recognise and promote any efforts to make our communities safer for everyone. Some of our National Office staff, located in Wellington's Police National Headquarters & Palmerston North were amongst those wearing pink to commemorate this day. Pictured on the right & below, CPNZ staff can be seen with PNHQ staff also recognising Pink Shirt Day. Standing together, we can create communities where all people feel safe, valued and respected, regardless of age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, or cultural background.



CPNZ National Office Administrators Sarah Harriss (left) & Holly Whitney (right) celebrating Pink Shirt Day.



Sarah Harriss & Holly Whitney, along with PHNQ staff, celebrating Pink Shirt Day.



CPNZ National Office Administrator Toni Ferris celebrating Pink Shirt Day in Palmerston North.

Final Words

Queen's Birthday is celebrated Monday, June 7th. Enjoy your long weekend, take some time to relax, and try to stay warm as we head into winter.

CPNZ's National Office will be closed this day, so any emails or voicemails will be addressed on Tuesday. If you have any urgent messages please contact nsm@cpnz.org.nz.



June is **Bowel Cancer Awareness Month**. This extremely common illness is also highly preventable, with a healthy, fibre-rich diet and regular exercise significantly lowering your risk of cancer. Bowel Cancer NZ hold their annual Move your Butt campaign this month, which encourages everyone to get sponsorship and get moving! Do it by yourself or with a group of Patrollers, it a fun way to help out a good cause. For more information, click here:

<https://bowelcancernz.org.nz/what-we-do/awareness/>.



Men's Health Awareness Month is this June. The aim is to raise awareness of preventable health problems and encourage the early detection and treatment of health problems both physical & mental amongst men. So if you're a guy, ask your mates how they're doing, and talk about your own health concerns. You could just change a life.

