

A Message From Denton

Kia Ora all,

Since the end of daylight saving it now looks like winter is starting to really settle in. With the colder weather and rain it can make our roads extremely dangerous. As drivers we must take extra care, drive to the conditions, reduce our speed and increase our following distances. Another important area we must look at during winter is the condition of our vehicle. It's a good opportunity to check the tread and air pressures of our tyres, ensure the heater and air conditioning are operating effectively and our windscreens are scratch free and clean of grime and dirt that may obscure our vision.

By following these tips and advice will enable us to travel on our roads in the winter more safely.

Happy motoring.

Aroha ana

**Senior Sergeant Denton Grimes,
Community & Youth Services, Rotorua Police.**



Information Update Meetings

A series of update meeting will be held over the suburbs in the week 25-28 May. The meetings are open to all members of Groups and will cover what has been happening and will also cover some ideas to improve crime prevention & emergency preparedness in your Group area. You can attend which ever day or location suits you as the same information will be covered at each meeting. Starting at 7.00 pm:

Monday 25th May: Ngongotaha - Trinity Presbyterian, Hall Rd/School Rd cnr

Tuesday 26th May: Owata: St Davids Presbyterian, Wharenui St/Reeve Rd cnr

Wednesday 27th May: Victoria: St Johns Ambulance Station Hall, Pererika St

Thursday 28th May: Western Heights: Roosevelt Rd Chapel, Roosevelt Rd

For rural areas please let the Office know if you would like a meeting and we can arrange it with your local community.



NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT ROTORUA

c/- Rotorua Police Station,
Private Bag 9044,
Rotorua 3044

Phone: 349-9470

Email:

nsrotorua@clear.net.nz

Website:

www.nsrotorua.info

**IF YOU SEE SOMETHING
DO SOMETHING
RING THE POLICE, DIAL 111**

Support Organisations



OVER THE FENCE LINES

ISSUE 2 2015

A Note From Bruce

At the beginning of the year there was an increase in residential burglaries. However the number of burglaries reported has returned to the similar levels as of last year .



Be vigilant with your security as an insecure premise with windows and doors left open/unlocked is an open invitation to burglars.

After over 10 years with us Jannette has recently decided to move on. She has contributed greatly to the running of the office and financial administration. We wish to express our appreciation and thanks for her years of service and wish her well in the future.

Annual General Meeting

2.00 pm Sunday 28th June 2015

St Johns Ambulance Hall, Pererika St

Order of Business includes:

Annual Reports

Election of Committee

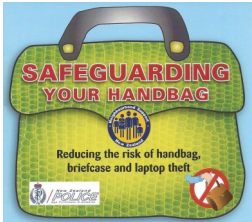
Proposed Amendments to the Rules

Guest Speaker Topic: Community Policing in 2015

Afternoon Tea to follow

Nominations for the committee and apologies to the Office: 349-9470 or by email to nsrotorua@clear.net.nz

Our thanks to DUDFIELD BRYCE Printers for printing the newsletter.



Safeguard Your Handbag

The Safeguard Team of volunteers who operate in some supermarkets and The Warehouse have been issuing a pamphlet warning of security of leaving handbags unattended.

One good sign has been that only a minimal number have had to be given out. This indicates people are being secure with their handbags, wallets and mobile phones when shopping and not leaving them on trolleys while looking for goods.

It is good to remember to be secure at all times and avoid the stress of having your possessions taken through inattention for a very short time while shopping.

Thanks go to Patrick, our volunteer co-ordinator of the Team, and the team members for their work making this work so well.

Cell Phone Security

Have you ever misplaced, lost or had stolen your cell phone? To lose your cell phone can be a stressful time .

Today, for many people they are not only a means of communication but a storage place for much information.

In a similar way to being mindful of where your credit/debit cards use the same precautions to cell phones. With today's technology you can now present a smart phone to scan for various service which now include payments from a smart phone.



Simple security precautions must be taken:

- Don't leave your cell phone unattended, particularly in public places
- Don't leave your phone in an unattended car.
- Record the phone's IMEI number, much like a serial number, obtained by entering on the keyboard *#06# and keep this in a secure place
- If lost report it immediately to the Police and your Service Provider who can block service to your number
- Smart phones can have apps installed to track where the phone is, consider this if you own a smart phone.

The Ideal Neighbourhood Support Group

What makes a good Neighbourhood Support Group? Each Group determines what they do. Below is a list of traits that an ideal Group would have:

- Communicate with each other when they are going on holiday or leaving the house overnight.
- Meet regularly to discuss common concerns.
- Notify each other of anything suspicious that is currently happening in their neighbourhood.
- Respect each other's confidences.
- Offer support to any of their neighbours who have been victims.
- Keep informed of any criminal activity that has happened or is happening around.
- Are aware of any physical limitations that any neighbours may have (young children, disabled, elderly etc.).
- Are aware of the resources that are available within the neighbourhood.
- Have worked out how that will deal with various situations that may confront their community.
- Have arranged "emergency signals" and have rehearsed those signals. This is particularly useful for people living on their own.
- Notify the police of "suspicious behaviour" or any activity that threatens life or property.
- Take early positive action when required.
- Are aware of the safety of children on the street.
- Take basic crime prevention measures to secure their property.
- Upgrade security at times when premises are being vacated.
- Regularly update records of the neighbours within their group and pass them on to the neighbourhood support co-ordinator.
- Keep their group list with telephone numbers immediately on hand.