
CommSafe - Neighbourhood Support

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To Kirsty Oliver-Robson <kirsty@neighbourhoodsupport.co.nz>

Hi Everyone,

This week I placed some details of a tractor theft that had taken place south of Otorohanga on our Facebook. I shared this with other community groups that were in the area of the theft. I got some feedback from a resident, which helped the Police locate the stolen vehicle. It was fantastic to get a call from an Officer informing me of the news.

As a community and an individual, we observe so much, and often we don't tell anyone at the time. It was as simple as hearing that tractor pass their property to put it at a place and a time. This provided a direction of travel, and it was located not far away. So, keep an eye out, just call and let me know what you have seen. It's super helpful!

Civil Defence NZ are testing the Emergency Mobile Alert (EMA) system on Sunday 25th May between 6-7pm.

Your device should emit a sound when the test takes place. If your device is set to silent it will still emit the sound. You can find more information about the EMA system, including a factsheet and list of FAQ's at:

<https://getready.govt.nz/prepared/ema>

When will this alert be used?

Alerts will only be sent when there are serious threats to life, health or property. And, in some cases, for test purposes. For example, Emergency Mobile Alert can warn you of serious threats such as:

- a tsunami affecting land areas
- a wildfire affecting people
- armed offenders at large, or
- seriously contaminated drinking water.

Emergency Mobile Alerts will not be used for advertising or promotions.

In the last week the dishonesty numbers are looking average and we are still hearing of vehicles being taken in urban areas. Te Awamutu x18 occurrences, Te Kuiti x 14 and Otorohanga area x 7. These occurrences are made up of car theft, residential or commercial burglary and a few attempted thefts.

Thank you for the suspicious reports that keep coming in about vehicles or people. When a vehicle is parked or driving slowly in your area and catches your attention,

make sure you let the Police know!. These vehicles are not just noticed in one street, usually multiple streets in the same area.

We need of more volunteers for our roles in CCTV monitoring and Community Patrol. The bonus with our volunteer roles, is that there is a monthly roster and one shift a month commitment is all we ask. That's 4hrs! But we know once you start, you may want to do more, and that's perfect. There are day or evening options to suit each volunteer. We will be holding some open evenings next month, but if you are keen to hear more now, give me a call.

Thanks

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