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Superintendent Dave Darcy
Northern Beaches Local Area Command
NSW Police Force
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Dear Supt Darcy,

Community Assistance with Local Youth

At our most recent monthly NRA meeting, attention was drawn to your public appeal to parents and subsequent media coverage, regarding situations involving youths locally. A motion was unanimously carried: "***To write to Superintendent Darcy congratulating him on his action and asking 'what can we do to assist?'***". So please accept our Association's sincere congratulations.

Our association and the wider community were pleased to have you address us at a public meeting we organised on 15th April 2014, soon after your appointment to your current Command. During that meeting (a copy of our Minutes is attached) you gave us much practical input. At our recent meeting, during discussion on how we might be positively involved in assisting with your police effort, we reiterated two points in particular:

In a situation where a need for early police involvement is important, phone 000 rather than the local police station;

If you expect police to act on what you perceive to be an illegal or anti-social activity, *you* need to report it, supported with as many pertinent facts as possible (times, descriptions, number plates, etc).

Further discussion had one of our members volunteer to seek input from two senior secondary school teachers who are his neighbours and the suggestion that our members talk with teenage grandchildren (a grandparent being slightly more at arms-length than a parent) to see if any practical insights might be forthcoming.

In conclusion, we would value any input or requests you may wish to put to us – both as a community residents group and as individual community members. We very much look forward to hearing from you, now or at any pertinent occasion in the future.

Thank you for your and your officers' active involvement in our local community,

Peter Middleton
deputising in her absence for
Wendy Dunnet, Secretary Newport Residents Association