

Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP
on the occasion of the Re-Launch of Co-Safe
on Wednesday 24 June 2020

Good Morning ladies and gentlemen.

Thank you for attending today's re-launch of the Co-Safe Security Service.

I acknowledge the Whadjup people of the Nyungar Nation the traditional custodians of the land on which we are gathered today and I pay my respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging and extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people here today.

I acknowledge the presence of:

- Deputy Mayor Lara Kirkwood;
- Cr Chontelle Stone;
- Cr Phoebe Corke;
- Cr Tom Widenbar;
- Representing WA Police Force:
 - Inspector Sean Togher;
 - Snr Sgt. Brett Reyne (Fremantle Police)
 - Snr Sgt. Noel Minnock (Cockburn Police)
- Mr Daniel Arndt, Acting Chief Executive Officer
- Mr Don Green, Director of Governance and Community Services;
- Mr Michael Emery, Rangers and Community Safety Manager;
- CoSafe Officers and their Team Leaders and other members of staff here today;
- Mr Daniel Cooper, Managing Director, Site Protective Services
- Ladies and gentlemen, one and all.

For those who are unaware, security and safety is the biggest concern for our community and has been ever since the City commenced its surveying of our community going back many years.

In fact, it is a 'toss up' with traffic congestion across the City as to which category tops the wozza each year.

Security patrols first commenced in the City back in 2004 when the City entered into a partnership arrangement with the City of Melville who had operated their service for a number of years.

That partnership lasted until 2010 when the City decided to introduce a more tailored and flexible service to meet the expectation of the

community and to facilitate a 'value for money' proposition in contrast to the service then offered by the City of Melville.

The new service; branded Co-Safe came into being in a seamless transition and has served our community until this day, in fact for a decade.

Following an extensive review a new service designed to:

- meet the City's future needs;
- increased community expectations;
- reflecting on the 'Memorandum of Understanding with WA Police Force';
- the utilisation of an growing CCTV network; and
- other technological advancements.

has emerged to take the City forward in a more agile and responsive manner; and one better equipped to handle difficult societal issues.

As we know, the sense of one's security has a direct impact on how we live our lives and perceive our community.

It is a service that provides a sense of comfort and security to our community, and often to our most vulnerable residents.

In simple terms, the changes to CoSafe have been so significant, the only thing remaining the same is the name (CoSafe) and the 1300 number residents call.

As you will see here today, CoSafe will also be technology driven, with the new CCTV operations room and software to track and allocate work to officers.

To the representatives of Site Protective Services here today, we would like to reiterate our congratulations on being awarded the CoSafe contract. Winning such a highly sought after contract is a testament to your submission and company profile.

To our new CoSafe Officers and Team Leaders here today, the community will see you as a representative of the City 24 hours - 7 days a week.

Often residents will call you in their time of need and when they feel vulnerable.

We are sure you will navigate this with professionalism and empathy.

Today's event provides an opportunity for Elected Members and Officers from the City, the CoSafe Team and our guests to mingle and look at some of the new technology CoSafe will be using.

Once again, thank you for being here today to acknowledge the commencement of the new CoSafe service from 1 July 2020.