

Official Launch of Cosafe
Function Room, City of Cockburn

Address by

Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP

on

Wednesday, 23 June 2010

Good morning and welcome to the launch of the Cockburn Safety and Security Service, or CoSafe, as it will be known as in our community.

I would like to acknowledge the Noongar people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land on which we have gathered today.

I would also like to pay respect to the Elders both past and present of the Noongar Nation and extend that respect to other Indigenous Australians who may be present today.

I would like to acknowledge the presence of:

- Councillor Carol Reeve-Fowkes
- Mr Stephen Cain, Chief Executive Officer and the City's Executive Group
 - Mr Don Green
 - Mr Stuart Downing
 - Mr Michael Littleton
 - Mr Daniel Arndt
- Representatives from WA Police
 - Fremantle District Superintendent Scott Higgins
 - Inspector Shaun Miller, Fremantle Police
 - Senior Sergeant Mark Regal, Fremantle Police

- Senior Sergeant Tony Carabetta, Officer-in-Charge, Cockburn Police Station
- Senior Sergeant Craig Sweeney, Officer-in-Charge, Melville Police Station
- Mr Don Watson, representatives Neighbourhood Watch
- Representatives from Wilson Security
 - Mr Graham Drury, State Operations Manager
 - Mr Jason Margach, Patrols Manager
 - Mr Brian Willis, Operations Centre Manager
 - Mr Joseph Ackerley, Contract Manager
- Mr Robert Leaver, Manager Ranger and Community Safety
- Mr Bruce Mentz, CoSafe Coordinator
- Other members of the staff; and
- Members of the community.

Thursday, 1 July 2010 will see the commencement of a new safety and security service across our community – CoSafe.

Our community has consistently told us that safety, security and dealing with anti-social behaviour are extremely important to them and their peace of mind.

To this end, Wilson Security have been contracted by our City to provide a 24 hours a day, seven days a week and 365 days a year service with four mobile CoSafe Officers on duty at all times in clearly identifiable vehicles.

I think that you will agree that the identification of the vehicles or their 'badging' is eye catching and will be a visual deterrent to anyone thinking of acting outside the law.

The City of Cockburn looks forward to partnering with Wilson Security, WA Police, our strong and focused Neighbourhood Watch volunteers, the community and our members of staff in terms of making our City as safe as possible.

The recent appointment of Bruce Mentz, as CoSafe Coordinator for the City is another step forward and augers well given Bruce's background as a former Police Officer, Supervisor of the City of

Canning's Community Safety patrols and latterly a Compliance Officer with our own City.

The community will know that when they see a Cosafe vehicle out on the road that the Cosafe officers driving those vehicles are highly trained and that they will responsive to:

- anti-social behaviour;
- vandalism;
- suspicious behaviour and activities;
- noise complaints;
- graffiti on property; and
- have the ability to respond to hotspots if and when they occur.

The prevention and reduction of crime relies on a vigilant and supportive community willing to exchange what I call crime intelligence and general information with our law enforcement officers in a timely and responsible manner.

It is through this process that any community can take ownership and assist in the prevention of crime and in some cases the successful apprehension and prosecution of offenders.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge the excellent work done by so many of our professional and committed staff in bringing together today's event – on time and on song.

Particular thanks go to:

- Mr Don Green, Director Administration and Community Services and his team for contractually and logistically preparing the City for this initiative; and
- Sam Seymour-Eyles, Acting Communications Manager and her staff for getting the marketing and promotion campaign in place.

This is another service aimed at keeping the City of Cockburn at the forefront of local government in Western Australia but more importantly contributing to the safety of our community.

Remember from Thursday, 1 July 2010 – 1300 26 72 33 (1300 CoSafe) and to keep an eye out for those newly badged Cosafe

vehicles and their drivers.

Thank you for your attendance and participation today. I now formally declare Cosafe officially launched!