

## Welcome to the October 2011 edition of your Neighbourhood Support Newsletter

### MESSAGE FROM SENIOR CONSTABLE JONO ERWOOD – Stratford Police Station

Just a short note this month. Hope spring is treating you all well and the garden is ready to go. The Police are busy with all manner of jobs at present. Two serious ones include a “street robbery” and an “unlawful discharge of an air rifle”. These two particular offences are very time consuming and involve in-depth investigation. Other staff are busy with summer type offending as well.

Last Wednesday, I had the pleasure of taking 11 Community Patrol Volunteers to Wellington. The road trip included visiting the Police College and having a look around it. Then a visit to the Police Museum and lunch at the College. After that we went to the Police Communication Centre (COMMS) at the Wellington Central Police Station.

It was the first time for me at the COMMS Centre but an amazing place to visit. It was definitely an interesting place. This Centre is divided into two parts. Firstly, the “Call taker” is the person you would speak to if you phoned 111. They take all the details and enter this into a computer. This information is then picked up by a “Dispatcher” who assigns the jobs to the most suitable police car in the area. Our volunteers were able to spend time with both the Call Takers and Dispatchers.

The feed back from the volunteers was all good and I would recommend that if you were to get a chance to visit the Police Museum and/or COMMS Centre – that you take that chance. Well worth the trip.

Be safe and look out for each other. Jono.

**LIFE TUBE** – Age Concern have been given funding for distributing Life Tubes for FREE. As Neighbourhood Support NZ endorse and promote LIFE TUBE Stratford Neighbourhood Support have been given a number of FREE LIFE TUBES for our community.

If you would like one/two please contact me.

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**DO YOU: LIVE ALONE? HAVE HEART PROBLEMS? DIABETES? ALLERGIES? etc... THEN YOU NEED A LIFE TUBE!**

A LIFE TUBE is a plastic cylinder containing an information sheet, which when completed, details your relevant medical and personal information. The tube is kept in the household refrigerator. You can also keep another one in the glovebox of your car. The RED STICKER provided should be placed on the outside of the refrigerator/glovebox.

If, in the event of an emergency POLICE, AMBULANCE or FIRE SERVICES are called, they are alerted by the RED STICKER to the fact that vital information is available inside the refrigerator/inside the glovebox.

Information is also available to a neighbour or other person who may find someone in difficulty.

Originally LIFE TUBES were promoted particularly for the elderly and people living alone, but undoubtedly they have application for people of all ages.

