

#### 4. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

##### (c) Inspector Graeme Cairns – Papanui Police

Inspector Cairns reported to the Board on the half yearly statistics that have been released.

- The burglary rate has dropped by 16%.
- Car theft is down 24%, however sex crimes have increased by 12%. The Chairperson requested that the Board be advised if any of these are in local parks in order to consider improvements in lighting and safety if necessary.
- Kainga residents have had explosive devices thrown at their houses, possibly in retaliation for the recent increase in monitoring of speeding by the Police.
- A fatal car accident occurred on Sawyers Arms Road last weekend, the third fatal accident since the last Board meeting.
- A Back-to-School campaign is running at the moment, and a Highway patrol road safety campaign is about to start. This will involve high visibility of police on state highways.
- The Police are under financial pressure at the moment and there is the possibility that they may lose some staff.
- Jeff Meldau is moving to Communications for six months, and Gary Manch has permanently taken over the Community Constables.
- The 'drink/drive' bus trip is scheduled for late February.