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The purpose of this report is to clarify information presented to the Community Affairs Committee at its meeting on 17 August 1999, and to seek allocation of \$2,000 towards the running costs of Christchurch South Community Watch.

Christchurch South Community Watch has been running for almost 5 years, providing an invaluable crime prevention service to the South Christchurch community. The Community Watch patrol car is active every night of the week, and has been responsible for recovering hundreds of stolen cars. The need for the community service is highlighted by recent youth problems in the St Martins area, and the request from local residents for an increased presence by the Christchurch South Community Watch. A similar request has been made of this group in relation to vandalism in the Sydenham business area.

Up until 1998 this group was almost totally self-sufficient in regards to funding; this is no longer the case with the re-siting of the Canterbury A & P show grounds (funds were raised by charging \$2 for parking on Addington Park). Sydenham Police Station continues to strongly support the work done by this community group but is unable to meet all its funding needs.

\$2,000 is requested to meet the running costs of Christchurch South Community Watch for the next 12 months, made up of:

Vehicle Insurance	\$265
Vehicle Registration	\$200
Cellphone costs (monthly rental & purchase of new cellphone)	\$400
Volunteer Training (First Aid & Defensive Driving)	\$735
Police Training Nights	\$300
Stationery	\$100

This project meets the following Board Objectives and Performance Indicators:

- 5 To promote Community Safety from Crime.
- 5.1 Support community safety projects, and work in effective partnership with community Police.
- 8 To promote social cohesion in the Spreydon-Heathcote community.
- 8.4 Identify, liaise with and support individuals and groups who serve and build the community.

Recommendation: That the Board allocate \$2,000 from its 1999/2000 Discretionary Fund to Christchurch South Community Watch.