

SCAM ALERT: LOOKS LIKE A FIRE-FIGHTER, SOUNDS LIKE A FIRE-FIGHTER...



FIREWATCH STRATEGIC ALLIANCE COMMITTEE

An issue was raised at a recent Firewatch Strategic Alliance Committee meeting concerning the actions of some “less than professional” fire safety companies. The South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service has become aware that representatives of these fire safety companies are misrepresenting themselves as employees of the Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) to gain access to businesses to sell extinguishers or other fire safety products. These companies, some from interstate, hire salespersons who have reportedly deliberately passed themselves off as MFS employees or have allowed their victims to draw that wrong conclusion based on their approach and actions.

How can you tell when you are being scammed? That’s easy in this case - the MFS does not retail or otherwise sell fire extinguishers or other fire safety products. They used to, but haven’t done so for the last 10 years. Sure, many of us have seen presentations on Home Fire Safety and the fire officers demonstrating and displaying extinguishers, fire blankets, smoke alarms and other items but they are promoting their use, they don’t sell them!

MFS officers do conduct “Public Building Inspections” to check the safety requirements of premises such as clear fire exits, clear paths to those exits, number and type of extinguishers and so on. If this inspection is required, the officer will usually make an appointment or advise you that they are attending and most importantly they will

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produce a photo ID to establish their status as MFS employees.

If you are approached by anyone claiming to be an employee or other representative of the MFS and trying to sell fire safety products, contact the police. If they are not Metropolitan Fire Service, they do not have any legal authority to enter upon your premises and if access is gained or sought by misrepresentation, contact the police on 131 444. WatchSA and the program volunteers enjoy a great relationship with both the Metropolitan and Country Fire Services and these scammers rely on their good name and reputation. Pass this information on to as many residents and business people as you can and let’s teach these scammers that we won’t tolerate crime.

THE GOLDEN ANSWER

Neighbourhood Watch continues to seek that “golden answer” to the current challenges we face.

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NHW Association President

If all the powerful countries
Signed a Treaty made to hold
That a’ their nuclear weapons
Would be made from solid gold

There wouldnae be sae many bombs
Tae hand out tae their mates
And a’ those itchy fingers
Wid be scratching worried pates

There would never be a stockpile
Nae fear o’ nuclear strikes
With the smaller nations calling out
Bomb us if you like

For if by chance they let one go
No matter where it fell
Midst a’ the devastation
There’d be a gold dust there as well

By David F. Manclark, Facts & Fantasies of Scotland, 1981 Australia.

After nearly 20 years, the program is slowing down. The impact of occupational health and safety legislation further eroded some of the crime-prevention functions that we once were allowed to do. Painting numbers on the kerbs has all but gone, putting up Watch signs requires specialist training. Even the humble sausage sizzle has gone as a fund-raising option due to the inherent dangers. Neighbourhood Watch is a SAPOL program. On August 28, 2006, Commissioner Mal Hyde signed off on the three-year WatchSA Action Plan. The Commissioner, in his foreword, had this to say:

“Society is in a state of flux, constantly reacting to a growing and ageing population, the development of new technologies and changing approaches to

how we do business. With exciting opportunities improving how we live, come new opportunities from crime and disorder. As we must be vigilant to stay ahead of those committing crime, our community safety programs need to be increasingly robust to respond to our changing society.

The past few years have seen many developments in the way we deliver and operate WatchSA programs in South Australia. Neighbourhood Watch, Business Watch and School Watch have all undergone substantial re-engineering...

The Three Year Action Plan needs commitment from those involved in the delivery of WatchSA programs to achieve the milestones and targets set within the Plan. Local Service Area managers should familiarise themselves with those sections of the plan which impact on their operations and where possible integrate these goals within local Business Plans...

Bringing volunteers into WatchSA programs is the cornerstone of our action plan, integrating police and the wider community in a strong and dynamic partnership.”

In that document Senior Sergeant Dave Wardrop reminds us that the Mission Statement for WatchSA is: “WatchSA enhances community safety through the application of a community-based problem-solving approach.”

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Contained within this Three Year Action Plan are six goals specifically for the Neighbourhood Watch. The full details of them are available within the plan. For simplicity I will list them without the evaluation techniques.

Goal N1: To increase the number of new viable Neighbourhood Watch areas launched.

Driver: WatchSA Section via Community Programs Sections within LSAs.

Goal N2: To re-launch all closed but viable Neighbourhood Watch areas.

Driver: As above.

Goal N3: To increase the number of strategies/initiatives above normal community policing that involves direct action by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers.

Driver: As above.

Goal N4: To review the current NHW sponsored Award System to develop a comprehensive, multi-tiered system of recognition for Watch volunteers.

Driver: NHW Association and Watch SA Section. (completed)

Goal N5: To develop community-based Neighbourhood Watch targeting ATSI and CALD communities under the banner of NHW.

Driver: ABOM and WatchSA Section via Community Program Sections within LSAs.

Goal N6: To develop a Neighbourhood Watch specific marketing campaign to promote the Neighbourhood Watch program and to increase recruitment of suitable volunteers:

1st year – development of campaign.

2nd year – implementation of promotional elements.

3rd year – implementation of recruitment elements.

Driver: NHW Association and Watch SA Section (campaign developed)

The target for the goals is easily achievable. For example, Goal N1 requires only five new areas launched per year, Goal N2 requires five re-launches per annum and Goal N3 requires 10 initiatives per annum. As the targets are for the whole State, the requirement on each LSA is hardly demanding. SAPOL's annual report for 2005-2006 (page 163) lists 560 active Watch groups and 12 Watch areas launched/relaunched.

The goal that I now will focus on is number 3, "To increase the number of strategies/initiatives... that involves direct action by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers."

The word "initiative" is defined as "the action of taking the first step or move" (source Collins Dictionary).

By now, some of you will be thinking that we can't really make a difference. On May 4 this year, the British "Jobsgopublic" website published the following:

"Neighbourhood Watch volunteers work three million days a year in total, a new survey found.

Coordinators for the community safety group spend, on average, two days a month dealing with neighbourhood issues, with tackling anti-social behaviour the most time-consuming task.

Improving the local environment has become a job for 63% of volunteers while 37% have dealt with parking and traffic problems and 34% with burglaries.

The poll was carried out by neighbourhoodwatch.net to mark the 25th anniversary since the first UK Neighbourhood Watch group was formed.

Roy Rudham, chair of the UK Neighbourhood Watch Trust, said, "The role of Neighbourhood Watch in the community has changed significantly since it began 25 years ago. The old image of Neighbourhood Watch as a curtain-twitchers' charter is a long way wide of the mark. In today's Britain, groups of neighbours are making their voices heard on a range of issues that affect their local communities."

From London England to London in Ontario, Canada, where they have 450 Neighbourhood Watch areas involving more than 40,000 households. Their structure is almost identical to ours and their business plan is remarkably similar to our Action Plan. They boast that 78% of break and enters in the City of London occur in areas where residents do not participate in the Program.

The theme of "Crime cannot flourish in a community that cares" is a global phenomenon and one reason why Neighbourhood Watch continues to be the cornerstone of successful crime prevention initiatives.

We are all volunteers because we do care about the communities within South Australia. Like you, I do not know the "Golden Answer" to our local issues, but believe that by working on the stated Neighbourhood Watch Goals, we will be doing our part towards making our neighbourhoods a safer place to live, work, visit and...retire!

BE AWARE AND TAKE CARE WHEN USING THE INTERNET

The internet is a very useful tool, but caution must be taken when going online.

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The Internet is a wonderful resource! It offers us knowledge, convenience, entertainment and companionship - all at our beck and call, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

With it we can shop online, conduct banking online, search for anything we want to know, join discussion groups on topics that interest us... and the list goes on.

For example, I can use my headset and webcam to make FREE video calls to my sister in the UK using instant messenger software. Video conferencing to the other side of the world all from my laptop - isn't that amazing?

But there are some hazards and risks to 'going online and surfing the Internet', and here are a few basic guides to some things you should know.

Antivirus software

A computer virus is a program that is designed to replicate itself onto other computers by adding itself to other programs it can find, or using your email program to send itself to everyone in your address book. Most also do some damage to your computer's files as well.

An antivirus program will help protect you, but you must ensure you keep it up do date.



Fortunately, most will do this automatically by themselves. Free antivirus programs are available such as 'AVG'.

Firewalls

While you are online, hackers can 'see' your computer and it is at risk unless you have a "Firewall" running. Windows XP (and later versions) have a built in firewall, but there are many free software firewalls available such as 'ZoneAlarm' if you need one.

"Trojan Horse" programs

Similar to a virus, a 'Trojan' will also perform some unwanted actions that you did not expect. For example, a "key logger" may record all keystrokes entered and then send the log to a hacker who can search it to try and find usernames and passwords. Your antivirus software will help protect you from Trojans as well as viruses.

Spyware and Adware

Spyware is the term given to anything that provides information about you or your surfing habits. It isn't always damaging, but it is an invasion of privacy.

You can use free spyware removal programs such as 'AdAware' and 'Spybot Search and Destroy' to remove spyware.

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Spam and "Phishing"

The proper term for spam is 'unsolicited commercial email', but a Monty Python fan called it 'spam' a long time ago and the name has since stuck. Spam occurs when your email address is abused by companies to send you marketing information that you didn't sign up for. It can be quite annoying, but you can easily delete it.

"Phishing", however, is a different kind of spam entirely and is very dangerous. You might receive an email that appears to have come from your bank. It might be asking you to log in as there is a problem with your account. Yet if you click on the link and enter your account details,

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you'll find there is already a problem with your account.

Unfortunately, you've just been scammed and entered your details onto a phony site that's just been set up to look like your bank's website. The criminals now have your account details and can use them to log into the real bank's website.

Some rules to follow

- Make sure your firewall is switched on and your antivirus software is up to date when you are online. Scan for viruses and use anti-spyware programs regularly.
- Create free email accounts at Hotmail if you need to provide an email address online or to strangers and keep your 'real' email addresses for trusted friends. Think of email addresses as clothes you wear – a different outfit for every purpose - and throw them away when they get worn out. Just remember to 'empty the pockets' first!
- Use safer, unique passwords when registering for services online. Avoid using short passwords that are easy to remember as these are too easy for hackers to break. A good password is at least 15 characters and should include upper and lower case letters and numbers. Remember that if you use a password more than once, you've halved its effectiveness.
- Be careful where you click on websites, and never click on a link or program from an email unless you were expecting it. Even if the email is from a friend or relative (they could be infected by a virus).
- Be careful about running software you are offered online. It may be quite safe but just like crossing the road, you need to take care and be aware.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION (S.A.) INC

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Total Price Including GST \$			

A \$5.00 Minimum order is required and payment MUST accompany this order, this includes 5% discount on R.R.P. Prices include delivery and postage. Please make cheque/money order payable to **Neighbourhood Watch Association (S.A.) Inc** and send to the above address.

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Fiesta, Focus	D	Tiida, Patrol, Murano	B
Falcon, Sedan/Ute	A	X-Trail	F
F250, Territory	A	Pulsar	A
Courier, Laser	B	Navara, Pathfinder	C
HOLDEN		Maxima, 350Z	B
Commodore, Sedan/Ute	A	PEUGOT all models	A
Astra, Barina, Rodeo	A	PORSCHE all models	A
Tigra, Viva	A	RANGE ROVER all models	D
Captiva	C	RENAULT	
HONDA all models	B	Clio	C
HYUNDAI		Megane	A
Elantra, Tucson, Getz	A	SAAB all models	C
Terracan, Accent	A	SUBARU all models	B
Excel, Grandeur, Sonata	C	SUZUKI	
Santa Fe, Tiburon	C	Vitara	C
JEEP all models	A	Liana, Swift	B
KIA		TOYOTA	
Optima, Rio, Magentis	A	Corolla, Prius, Celica	B
Carnival, Sportage, Cerato	C	Prado, Tarago, Kluger, Hilux	B
LAND ROVER all models	D	Landcruiser, Avensis	B
LEXUS all models	B	Yaris, Echo, Rav 4	C
MAZDA		Camry, Aurion	C
2 Series	E	VOLVO	
3 Series	D	XC 70, XC 90	D
6 Series, 121, 323, 626	B	Sedans	C
Bravo, MX5, Tribute	B	VOLKSWAGEN	
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HIS PACT WITH THE DEVIL

To All Good People,

Please help us. I, and my daughters, we allege, are victims of the most heinous and reprehensible crimes imaginable.

Reports and statements are in hand with the Sexual Assault Unit and Major Crime. Given the complexities of our matter, justice may be a long time in coming. Good Samaritans in the protective and legal circles have urged that I go public for our own protection.

Ours is a civil matter and I have cause only with my ex-husband, the father of my children, whom we allege perpetrated the greatest atrocities against our own children and others.

What my daughters survived is beyond your darkest imaginings. Now in the aftermath, what they suffer is as shockingly cruel as the childhood ordeals they were forced to endure.

We three, the possessors of the truth, understand the power of his ploy and are magnanimous to all who betrayed us and failed to assist. Knowing this man as we do, we have a moral obligation to expose him as the dangerous, societal menace and impostor that he is. For the good of all, we exercise our constitutional and common law right to be heard and tell our story without prejudice or malice.

HIS PACT WITH THE DEVIL, my autobiography, is an expose of my twenty-year journey for my destruction for total control of our children. Written as an Open Letter to my step-mother and then Anglicare child social-worker and the court-appointed social worker against us, to join our side as a victim.

I, and my daughters stand steadfast in the truth and courageously present our story. I, urged that I share their shocking experiences, unreservedly. "We were lied to."

This is a public challenge to their father to reveal himself, to test his true colors against me, in this chilling, real and current battle of good versus evil.

Despite an inconspicuous, sinister backdrop, a tapestry of treachery, betrayal, ours is heart-warming story of hope, endurance and courage: a celebration of greater human potential.

By purchasing a First Edition copy of this book, you'll be helping us right the wrong and give voice for countless other silent victims.

Please relay this story to as many family members, friends and associates as you can. To professionals, the legal arenas, criminologists and journalists: it's a case history for the parent and all good people, it's a story you need to hear.

Thank you for your kind support.

Dani Morena

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HIS PACT WITH THE DEVIL



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DANI MORENA

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