



Omaha Security News – September 08

Hello to all of you good Omaha people out there,

Chris here from Insite Security.

Hope you have all survived the wild Winter we have had and are now looking forward to the great Spring and Summer days that will shortly start rolling in.

Speaking of climate those were some pretty awesome winds and rain charging thru Omaha last month. Not since last year's big storm have we seen nature's extreme power when 'she' decides to unleash on us! The poor old sand dunes took a real hammering and I guess a metre or two of sand off them disappeared out to sea (it will come back again so don't worry!)



Loose deck furniture and some of the smaller unsecured trampolines on properties were probably the biggest worry as the wind was picking them up like toys and literally throwing them up in the air to land 'who knows where' (that actually rhymes - I am a poet and didn't even know it!). Very worthwhile however to work out some way of safely securing these items on your Summer 'To Do' list of jobs.

The stormy conditions did have one certain upside and without saying too much here I noted that more than a few of you would have enjoyed at least one scallop meal from the huge wash-ups of scallop beds that came into the beach! (for purely 'scientific research' purposes I will confess to having scored one or two myself, but just in case some ardent Fishing type official gets hold of this newsletter, the least said about this – the better!).

Bouquet of the month....

Goes to Kellie and her Partner from Inanga Lane.

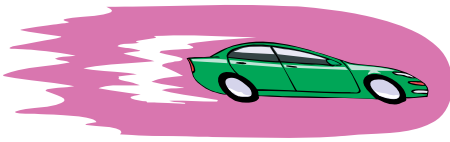
A couple of week's back at around 10.00pm at night, I was about to head off to bed when the sound of a car being driven at high speed down Mangatawhiri Rd accompanied by someone loudly screaming out obscenities quickly gained my attention.



Chucking on some uniform I hot footed it to the truck and was fortunate enough to then locate this vehicle and its 4 occupants as they tore out of Taumata Rd having just completed a racing circuit of the Council garden dividers.

Of further interest was the fact that one of the male passengers was sitting outside of the vehicle perched on the passenger's door window sill and hanging onto the roof!

As I went to turn around to follow this lot they obviously became aware of my presence and attempted to take off. Fortunately an apparent lack of local knowledge caused them to race up Pipi Lane (a No Exit St) and it became a relatively simple exercise then of bringing their travels to an end by blocking their vehicle in with my truck.



Just as I was getting out of my truck to have a 'word' with this group, a person I now know as Kellie from Inanga Lane suddenly appeared from nowhere at my side. A little surprised at this apparition, I listened as she told me that she and her partner were also in pursuit of this vehicle as it had earlier

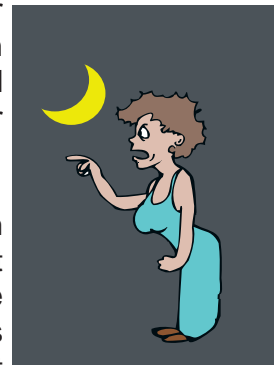
nearly run over one of their cats as it mounted the grass verge outside their home after speeding dangerously around Inanga Lane.

Kellie was outraged at the driver's behaviour and was hoping to get a Registration number in order to report the matter to the Police.

With my new deputy in tow we approached the occupants of the car who had all emptied out and were starting to vigorously protest the fact that my truck was now impeding their progress!

Kellie wasted no time in giving them all a well worded bollocking and for a few minutes I think they were quite taken aback at the obvious strength of her feelings towards them all.

To cut a longish story short, this group's increasingly aggressive behaviour towards us eventually resulted in me phoning the local Police to come down and give us a hand. 10 minutes later the driver ended up being breath tested and blew a very credible 600 on the Evidential Breath Test unit (as an 18 year old the limit is only 150 and for adults it is 400).



Later on that night after being processed for Drunk Driving at the Warkworth Police Station, this 'driver' then went and carried out some fairly unpleasant willful damage of the Riverview Plaza in Warkworth – thru a little bit of Detective work the next morning she was also identified for this latest offence and was re-arrested and put back in the cells as she tried to leave the Warkworth District Court after appearing on the Drunken Driving charges (a very appropriate end to her night-time frolics in my view!)

One of the other occupants of the car was a notorious burglar from Snells Beach who has a long list of burglary convictions and was probably also going to do some mischief around Omaha that night if given half a chance! (In fact the very next morning he was arrested in this same vehicle after doing a drive off theft of petrol from the Snells Beach Petrol Station).

A couple of things emerge here out of this episode – one being the amount of crime or disorder a small disaffected group like this can cause in an area like Omaha Beach within a very short period of time. I guess also emerging from this observation is the fact of how important it is to 'get on top' of these criminals as quickly as possible and stop them before they seriously hurt themselves or worse still injure some poor unfortunate innocent who gets caught up in their stupidity!

In this regard I am very grateful to Kellie and Partner for having the strength of conviction to not accept these idiots as being a fact of life at Omaha and being prepared to get out there and make a stand here. A bunch of flowers and a Thank you note have now been delivered to their home.

And before those 2 Readers out there who faithfully write to the Editor and complain every time I pen something non PC (you would think that these sad people would just stop reading this newsletter???) – I am not recommending here that we all become Vigilantes and start tarring and feathering Boy Racers at the Causeway (although this sounds like a bloody good idea the more I think of it!) - helping to preserve the peace of our Community can be as simple as Residents writing down the Registration number or description of an offending vehicle and passing this information in a timely manner onto either the Police or Insite so it can be followed up.

Insite Security can be reached 24/7 on the **Omaha Helpline of 0800-66-24-24**

Omaha Home Security

Essentially the 1st line of Security in your home is the various locking devices fitted to your doors and windows. Back robust locks up with a fully monitored alarm system and your chances of being successfully burgled just about falls into the 'not going to happen' category.

While close access to a beautiful marine environment is probably the greatest feature of Omaha Beach living, the salt laden air is particularly harsh on metal fittings such as locks and door handles – have a look around your own place next time you are up and if you really want a fright and are handy with a screwdriver – take off an exterior door handle and have a look at the rust forming on the inside. Even on new homes the rust moves in about the same day as you do!



At Insite we have available an extensive range of attractive, marine grade locks and fittings that are designed specifically for Beach conditions. To discuss some of the options available here why not give Adam our resident Locksmith a call on 09-425-7113.

Adam will come out, clean, service and oil all of your door locks and also diary you for a follow-up visit 6 months from now.

He has a **HOT SPECIAL** running for the next month where a **FULL SERVICE** of your household's door locks will only cost **\$55.00 + GST** (based on a standard 4 Bedroom home and new parts not included).

If you have any other Handyman type Jobs up at Omaha that you just haven't had time to get to – have a chat with Adam about them – he is brilliant at fixing things. (spends a fair amount of time around at my place I can assure you!)

Omaha Burglars

I understand from the Warkworth Police that all of the offenders responsible for the spate of burglaries committed throughout Omaha Beach several months ago have now been dealt with by the Court system after they pleaded guilty to all charges. A very pleasing result however I am very doubtful that any true Justice will be handed out to these lowlifes to balance out the upset and harm that they collectively caused to our Community.

Saving money with Insite!!!

While prices all around the place are going up before your eyes, did you know that you can save money on your monthly alarm monitoring fee (\$35.00 + GST per month) simply by paying your monitoring account annually in advance?



As this saves us on paperwork and process we offer all Customers on our Annual plan a 12.5% Saving off your total account. This means that you will only pay \$420.00 inclusive of GST, per Annum. Give the Office here a call today and we can start saving you some money!



Holiday Home Rentals

I understand from around the Beach that quite a few Residents who rent out their properties over Holiday periods are being approached by groups of young persons seeking houses for the forthcoming Xmas period.

Please can I urge extreme caution with any temporary 'unproven' tenants that you might be considering for your Omaha property. It is absolutely amazing how a Mum, Dad and two kids can suddenly transform themselves into a pack of 20 year olds bent on Partying hard for a couple of weeks!

The disruption and upset these groups can cause to neighbours and the wider Beach area can be significant and you may be left with a horrid mess and damage to your property as a result.

If you are able, try and make time to meet personally with prospective tenants and don't rely on warm fuzzies or claims made thru Internet House Rental sites.

New Northern Branch Owners

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Angus and Denise Mckay as the new owners of Insite Security's Northern branch. Our Northern base covers an area from Wellsford virtually through to Whangarei

Until recently Angus was the Police Sergeant at Wellsford and was responsible for management of Police staff from Wellsford through to Mangawhai.

He was a highly performing Police Officer for many years and his work with the Police and the local community has been extremely well regarded. Not only does Angus have an excellent understanding of the Security issues facing Domestic and Commercial Customers, he has also an intimate knowledge of the local criminal population – knowledge that he will no doubt be putting to good use for Insite's Customers' benefit in the years ahead!

Well that's about it from me for another couple of months. Please remember for all of your Security needs, including; new alarm systems (design and install) alarm monitoring, Rapid Response Patrols & CCTV camera installations I am always available on 09-425-7113 or 0274-349-303 for a Confidential chat.

Look forward to seeing you all around the Beach sometime soon

Best Regards
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