

Greetings to all of you good Omaha people out there.

April 2012



We have come to the end of a glorious Easter period and I hope many of you had the chance to spend some quality time up at Omaha. After having lived here for the past seven years, I am starting to see the beach and the facilities becoming more and more popular as a destination of choice. People and families just want a nice day out from their usual beach stomping grounds closer to Auckland. This increase is great for the local economy, and as most groups are family based, they do not cause any significant increase in crime or disorder for us to deal with. Everyone having a happy time is just what we want!

The inclement weather over the recent Christmas holidays has been thrashed to death discussion wise. On the positive side, it was one of the quietest holiday periods we have ever had to patrol. The persistent rain and windy conditions had a serious dampening effect on the anti social activities of our various local ratbags (and a few of the imported ones!).

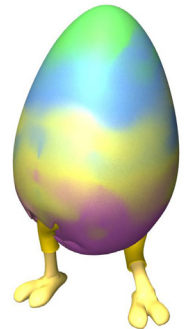
Omaha Incidents

A few incidents of note that did come to light over this period are included below and are mentioned as an encouragement to all Omaha Residents not to become too complacent in ensuring the protection of their homes, property & physical wellbeing.

1. Attempted break-in of the storage freezers at the rear of the Omaha Superette. Entry not gained but a reasonable effort put in by the offenders.
2. Three teenagers detected smoking cannabis in the alleyway at rear of Omaha Superette (initially thought to be the original burglars returning for another try at the freezer doors!) They were spoken to by our Patrol and details taken for later referral to Police.
3. Attempted burglary of home at Kitty Frazer Lane in mid-January. The offenders were disturbed by the home owners as they investigated the strange noises outside in the early hours of the morning. We have no suspects at this stage.
4. January - a resident from Te Mauri Place surprised several teenagers breaking in to his caravan. One offender escaped while the second was captured and apparently received a bit of summary justice from the resident! It is unlikely that they will repeat this offence.
5. Several unprovoked assaults over the holiday period were inflicted on wandering, unaccompanied, teenagers by groups of predatory older teenagers on the prowl for trouble. No serious injuries reported at this time but obviously a very upsetting experience for these victims. We have some prima facie evidence obtained so far as to the identity of these offenders which will be followed up.
6. Mid January we had two groups of teenagers, about thirty in all, congregate en-mass at the Surf Club carpark at around 10.20pm for a fight. Several of these youths were in possession of baseball bats and golf clubs in preparation for what must have been a pre-arranged confrontation.

Our Omaha Patrol was soon in the thick of it, trying to keep the groups apart. Very fortunately a Warkworth Police Patrol happen to cruise past right at the critical moment and came to our assistance.

Both groups were spoken to by Police and warned for their behaviour. They were advised they would be arrested if any attempt made to continue the fight elsewhere. Thankfully there were no more problems that night.



7. Home 'Invasions' - On the weekend of February 4th & 5th we had two properties in The Southern Isle effectively taken over by a group of our local idiots and their associates. In both cases the property owners were in Auckland at the time and were totally unaware that their Omaha homes were being used unlawfully. The first case on Saturday night saw about thirty youths having a very out of control party on the private deck of this home. Bottles and cans were strewn around the garden, plants trampled and food stuffs were ground into the decking timber. The offenders even got out the owner's barbecue and cooked meals for the other uninvited guests. Some caring neighbours thankfully cleaned up this mess prior to the owners' next visit to Omaha.

The following day when we became aware of this offence, we chased up some promising leads from the neighbours and were getting a good picture as to the identities of those involved. Fortunately at around 2.00 pm that same day, I received a phone call from another Southern Isle resident advising that she thought that some of the offenders from the night before were now using the spa pool of another nearby property!

I immediately raced around to this address and was fortunate to locate eight offenders (four male and four female) all making illegal and unauthorised use of the spa pool. Upon seeing me, they all jumped out of the spa and ran off to hide on the beach. Not a problem – I already knew all of their names and addresses from previous problems they have caused around Omaha. All it took was a phone call to the local Police and then spent the rest of the afternoon picking these offenders up from their Omaha homes!

Punishment for the main offenders has now been dealt with by way of Community Service.

And speaking of whichCommunity Service

Insite Security works closely with the Warkworth Police and in cases where an offender has committed a minor type offence like disorder or a driving related matter, Police will often pass the offenders over to us to organise a couple days of hard labour for them. This process was put in place so that the offender can pay something tangible back into the Community they have offended against. I personally feel this is a great way to manage some natural justice and oddly enough, you also get a sense of pride coming from the offender once he has completed a hard day's work.

In the past month alone we have had;

- Three offenders gardening and re-barking Council garden areas.
- One offender cleaning up the beach & causeway forest areas – a total of eight full council bags of rubbish achieved through the course of the day's work.
- One offender clearing off the large piles of sand that build-up on Council walkways to the beach - which if not attended to can make access difficult or impossible for Mums with prams and elderly folk.
- Over the past 12 months this program has resulted in about fifty Council rubbish bags full of rubbish being cleaned up and disposed of correctly.

Why should I have my Omaha alarm system Monitored?

Insite Security presently monitors the alarm systems of about 450 Omaha properties and there are a huge number of significant benefits as to why people require and enjoy this service;



1. **Peace of Mind** – many properties around Omaha are not used or occupied for months at a time – especially over the winter months.

On at least six occasions, we have had burglars take up residence in unoccupied Omaha homes. These homes did not have even basic alarm systems for protection. The resulting damage to the property and the owners' feeling of total violation of their holiday retreat is heart breaking! This is often only discovered when the owners walk in the door on a Friday night - sometimes weeks after the crime has been committed.

If these properties had of had a monitored alarm systems installed, we would have been there within five to ten minutes of these break-ins occurring AND would then have a good chance of catching the burglars.

2. **Power cuts** are a common occurrence in Omaha. In a number of cases when the electricity supply is restored, the resulting power surge may pop the mains fuse to your home. Within 24 – 36 hours all of the contents of your freezer have melted and after a couple of days there is a horrible smelly mess all over the kitchen floor. Bait freezers are the worst! A monitored alarm system tells us if power has not been correctly restored to your property and we can take action immediately before a disaster like this can occur.
3. **Insecure doors and windows.** After a great weekend up at Omaha when everyone is tired, packing up and heading back to Auckland, it is hardly surprising that doors or windows at your Omaha Residence can be left unlocked or even left wide open. Subsequent wind or rain can then enter the property and cause a lot of damage. We have incidents of this quite frequently and are only alerted to the fact that there is a problem at your place by the fact that curtains, etc blowing around inside the house actually set off the alarm system and we immediately dispatch a Patrol to check out the cause? (I have become rather expert at mopping up flooded rooms when these sort of events occur!)
4. **Fire** – our total of saved properties at Omaha where the house is **actually on fire** when our Patrol arrives now stands at three. In all cases, each house involved was worth well over a million dollars. We were then able to get the Fire Brigade on site and rescue these homes without further significant damage being caused.

One of the properties we managed to 'save' here was beachfront located at the northern end of Omaha. Whenever I see the gentleman who owns this house out and around the beach, he greets me with,

"Aha the man that saved my home from burning down!"

This is a total misconception on his part because I was actually at home, fast asleep when this incident occurred, however two of our staff did all of the right things and were the real stars in this event. Of course I still just nod nobly at him when I hear this praise – we "heroes" are known to be men of few words!



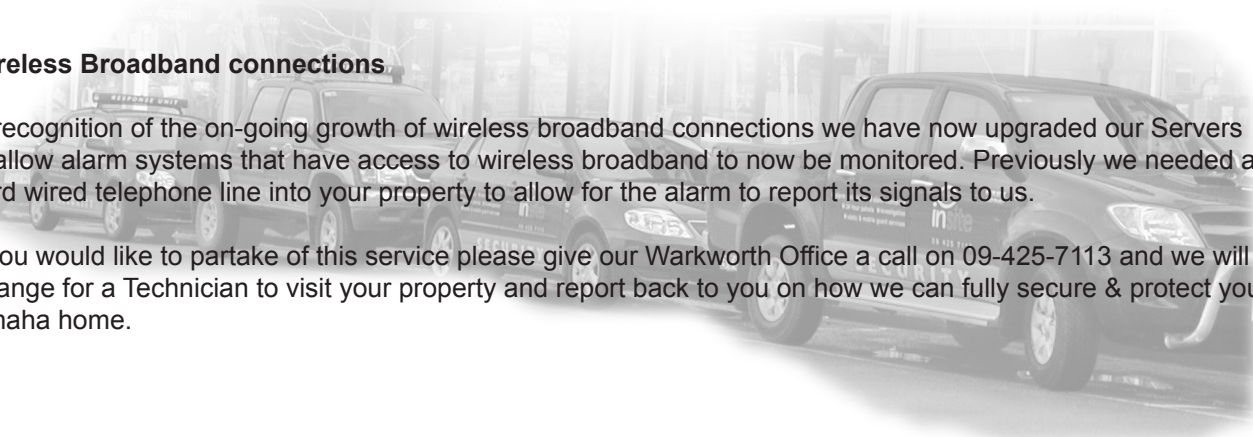
In all of these cases our Monitoring Centre in Warkworth was instantly aware of the situation because the smoke detectors inside these homes were integrated into the monitored alarm system, **and Insite was monitoring the property.**

5. **Weekly Reports** – each week we send out dozens of e-mailed reports to property owners giving them the activity that has been processed through their alarm system over the preceding week. This information includes details of any alarm activations, Set & Unset times (particularly handy if you are renting your Omaha property out and want to check that your tenants did in fact leave when they were supposed to) and other alarm related matters. There is absolutely **no charge** for this service from Insite if we monitor your home.
6. The alarms that go off incessantly in the middle of the night or day and disturb your holiday break with their noise, are the ones **NOT** monitored by Insite.

Wireless Broadband connections

In recognition of the on-going growth of wireless broadband connections we have now upgraded our Servers to allow alarm systems that have access to wireless broadband to now be monitored. Previously we needed a hard wired telephone line into your property to allow for the alarm to report its signals to us.

If you would like to partake of this service please give our Warkworth Office a call on 09-425-7113 and we will arrange for a Technician to visit your property and report back to you on how we can fully secure & protect your Omaha home.





Matakana Butchery (Must Read Please!)

Our great friend, former All Black and Omaha Resident, Glen Osborne (Oz) has recently taken over ownership of the Matakana Butchery. This is the homely little Butchers Shop on the right hand side of Matakana Valley Rd (just past the main shopping area). Glen has done a fantastic job in renovating these premises and the meat and other products he sells are sourced locally and taste divine.

I don't normally put in a plug for many local businesses but Oz is a guy who puts a lot back into the Omaha Community. His mainly unrecognised work is with teenagers that have started to slip off the rails and his tireless unpaid work in coaching Sports Teams around the District. Oz is a person very well deserving of our support.

If you are coming up for the weekend at Omaha, give Glen a call on 09-422-7012 and he will have your meat pack, full of delicious cuts all ready and waiting for you to pick up on your way thru to Omaha (a bit of arm twisting and I reckon Oz will even agree to personally drop your pack off at your Omaha house!)

Tell Oz that you heard about his shop in the Omaha Security News and Chris said that he would chuck in 6 of his homemade sausages at **No Charge** for every purchase made over \$40.00! (Oz has no idea about this offer so I may have to avoid him for the next month or two!)

Fishing

Probably the worst summer's fishing at Omaha we have experienced for years! It appears that all of the Big fish moved down to Auckland Harbour this year (water temperature? food supplies? The New Auckland Council?) and I have heard stories of fisherman nailing 10 – 15 pound snapper just off some of the local Auckland wharves. On a positive note tho, Omaha Bay has been chokka-block full of baby snapper and small kingis which bodes well for the future. The past couple of weeks have also seen the arrival of bigger fish into the Bay and people are easily getting their bag limits out off Takatu and Cigar reef. Lots of good fish now at Little Barrier also.



Stolen Sign!

For the 4th time now some little idiots have stolen the big Insite sign on the small golf course hillock on the right hand side of the traffic island at the Omaha Causeway!

I suppose I should be pleased that we must be having an effect on certain lowlifes out there but it is extremely frustrating and the sign cost about \$500 to have made! If you see our sign dumped somewhere on your travels around the Beach, please can you give me a call so I can come and pick it up.

I've talked too much again and have now run out of room!
For all; **new alarm systems**, alarm servicing, alarm monitoring or any other Security needs, **please ring your very local Security Company, Insite Security**
09 425 7113

Hope to see you around the Beach sometime soon

Best Regards
Chris



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