



POLICE INVOLVEMENT / ENGAGEMENT / COOPERATION

To appreciate the reasons our program has worked so well in other cities, certain key points must be identified with regard to Police interest, engagement and ongoing support.

Every component we create to make the program operational is designed to not impact on Police resources in any way, shape or form. Additionally, Police resources and time has priorities and the expectation to have Police wait on street corners or to have several officers dedicated to graffiti is highly unlikely or cost effective.

Your Police are in almost every case 100% supportive of Council funded programs that help them to help the community and in this case bring about the cessation of criminal damage throughout your community in an accelerated manner.

Q: Graffiti is a Police problem why should Council be bothered with anything to do with enforcement?

A: Police engage with Council and ourselves in an open manner when they see past results, past outcomes and results that come without impacting on their resources. Cities who bring a set of options to the table with documented evidence of bringing results typically have little resistance or negatives due to the likely outcomes.

Q: Will Police attend every time the equipment send live images and they are contacted?

A: It needs to be said that in the past and understandably Police will state that they will not promise a 100% attendance rate due to resources at the time or the fact members may be on calls that are more serious in nature.

Q: So if there is no guarantee whats the point?

A: In the cases we offer up with a 80% attendance rate and of those attendances a 90% successful apprehension, the 50 + offenders were all caught. Even if Police cannot attend on those occasions, its typically only a short time till the next occasion when they are successful.

Q: We don't really have much to do with our Police. How do we talk about this?

A: We help Council make that initial contact and have an initial discussion about the audit, the issues and what the program brings. We have never had a meeting with Police and found at the end , for there to be any negativity or disinterest. Police are typically on side given they realise the model is a solid option to break new ground in this and other local issues.

Q: Who interacts with Police through the program?

A: Typically we would have a contact at each station in your city. Normally the Senior Sergeant or Sergeant. Once the program has commenced we would send through relevant mapping and overviews of sites being deployed and they in turn would distribute that information to the station members. Upon arrests, we are contacted immediately for deep data search needs and preparation for documents for interview or court. Councils tend to have little to do with the process aside from signing off on victim statements for damages done over the years to City property when someone is detained.

Q: Don't the Police have a database?

A: Yes, however typically under 1 % of graffiti damage in your city would feature in the Police system. This is part of the reason the audit, ongoing data harvesting is a critical aspect for Police to give the problem serious attention.