#    Neighbourhood Support Katikati

 **12th May 2021**

 **Remember to continue clocking in with the Covid App. With the highly contagious strains that are appearing, it is very important to be able to just check with who you may have been in contact with.**

With the Kiwi fruit season under away there are a lot of trucks and slower traffic such as tractors on the road and it is important that you have patience while driving on the highway. The Bay of Plenty Death toll so far this year is 16 the worst in the country. Imagine just how many people who are affected by this, Police, Ambulance, Fire, Hospital staff, Parents, Partners, Children, Friends and Workmates to name just a few. A lot of heartache and sorrow for a moments inattention, possibly while on the phone or being distracted in some other way.

With winter finally arriving and the possibility of wet cooler days on the way have you done all the necessary checks to keep safe.

An electric blanket should be checked before using, chimneys swept, any gas heater connections airtight(1teaspoon of detergent to a cup of water squirted on the connections and if bubbles blow back, this shows that the connection is loose and gas is escaping). If you have an open fireplace keep the fire guard in place and don’t dry clothes closer than a metre.

Don’t overload power points as it can over heat and cause a fire. Don’t lay mats over extension cords as this may cause a hot spot and don’t use the leads if they are tightly coiled up.

PUT ANY ASH FROM THE FIRE PLACE OUTSIDE IN A FIREPROOF CONTAINER AWAY FROM ANY COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL AS THESE ASHES CAN STILL CAUSE A FIRE UP TO 3 DAYS TO COOL.

**Sergeants Report – By Senior Constable James Muir**

**Crime and Incident Report 3rd of May to 10th of May 2021**

**Burglaries** –

Prestige Road was again targeted by offenders last week. Two mountain bikes, a welder and various tools were stolen. A white vehicle was observed near the scene so please contact the police if anything suspicious is observed in this area.

Sometime between the 4th and 6th of May the Te Rereatukahia Sports and Social Club was also the subject of a burglary. A quantity of alcohol was taken from a locked room.

An avocado Orchard near Tahawai had a battery stolen from a hydraulic ladder overnight on the 3rd of May.

**Look out for your neighbours**

**Theft** – Three petrol drive off’s from local service stations over the last week.

**Arrests and Apprehensions**.

On the evening of the 29th May police stopped a vehicle on State highway 2, Whakamarama after the vehicle was observed travelling at high speed.

As a result, the driver has been charged with driving with excess breath alcohol and failing to stop. He will appear in the Tauranga District Court.

**General**

We are still receiving a number of complaints about the speed of traffic through the road works on State highway 2. We also attended two crashes in this area. Please pay attention to the posted speed limits and report any dangerous driving

 If you SEE something SAY something.

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