



Wollongong Local Area Command

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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to introduce myself and the position that I have recently been appointed to. My name is Rima Elhage and I am an Ethnic Community Liaison Officer (ECLO) with the NSW Police Force as part of the Wollongong Local Area Command. I am with the Crime Management Unit which works to reduce and prevent crime in the Wollongong area.

My main duties involve assisting operational police to build closer relationships with local communities from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds. The focus of the role is on liaison, that is, working with the Police and the community to reduce crime and increase community safety. By establishing and maintaining communication networks between the community and police and providing community education and promotion of Police Force functions and policies, there is a greater chance of not only reducing crime but developing a close, harmonious and effective relationship between the Police and community.

There are many different ways of fulfilling this role and one of the first steps is to make the community aware that such a position exists in the Wollongong Local Area Command and that this role can and should be utilised. Therefore, as your organisation is an important one in our local area and operates to serve people that may be from culturally and linguistically diverse communities, I would like to ask for your assistance and invite you to contact me at any time and provide me with general information about your organisation or notify me of any upcoming events. Alternatively if you would like to seek further information about my role or require my assistance on any issues where you may need police advice or assistance to help your community please do not hesitate to contact me.

I am located at the Wollongong Police Station at the address below Monday to Friday. My email address is elhalrim@police.nsw.gov.au and my direct number is (02) 42267864. I appreciate your time and look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Kind Regards

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