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On Patrol with Ranger Tim and Spot is a free education program available for Childcare Centres across the Central Coast, funded and delivered by Central Coast Council.

The program is for children aged 3-6 years and aims to increase awareness around community safety and the role of the Council Rangers. The program explores responsible rubbish disposal, safety around cars and dogs as well as responsible pet ownership.

On Patrol with Ranger Tim and Spot complements programs such as Take 3 for the Sea, Traffic Safety and the Office of Local Government's Living Safely with Dogs program, and aligns with community safety visits by the NSW Police Force and Fire and Rescue NSW.

The program is delivered at your Centre by staff from Council's Learning Community Section, is interactive and runs for approximately 30 minutes. The program will finish with an activity sheet and take home material.

Placement within the Early Years Learning Framework

On Patrol with Ranger Tim and Spot contributes to the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) Outcomes.

On Patrol's key linkages lie within Outcome 2 -Children are connected with and contribute to their world.

Children will develop a sense of belonging to communities and an understanding of the reciprocal rights and responsibilities necessary for active community participation.

The children will have an opportunity through the program to develop an awareness of the impact of human activity on the environment and living things.
Outcome 4 - Children are confident and involved learners.

Children are encouraged to discuss their ideas. Children will transfer and adapt what they have learned from one context to another.

Additionally, On Patrol includes take home material supporting the National Quality Standards Quality Area One Educational Program and Practice:

- Element 1.1.4 – exchanging information about the educational program with families, and makes use of teachable moments through the use of the Programs 'Trick Words' as outlined.
- Element 1.2.2 – educators respond to children's ideas and play and use intentional teaching to scaffold and extend each child's learning.

If you would like more information or a booking, please contact Council's Education Officer for Community Safety, Sara Blanchfield, on 4350 5377.