

1Malaysia Patrol is a good way to reach out to the community

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THE 1Malaysia Patrol involving several government agencies is a good way of reaching out to the community and getting to know their problems besides preventing crime.

USJ8 police station Chief Insp Mohd Farid Mohd Fisol said the programme could be seen as a bridge for the agencies to get closer to the residents.

“Residents should also take this opportunity to bring up their enquiries and concerns regarding their safety and wellbeing,” he said.

Among the agencies in the programme are the Prison Department, Rela, Civil Defence, National Registration Department, the National Anti-Drug Agency and the Film Censorship Control and Enforcement Division.



Listen up: Insp Mohd Farid (left) briefing his patrolling team at the police station.

According to Insp Mohd Farid the main approach is meet and greet the people. All police stations will take turns to patrol their respective neighbourhoods.

“For example, in the Subang Jaya state constituency there are three police stations — Sunway, Subang Jaya and USJ which will patrol the areas on rotation every day.

“A station chief will lead a patrol group of at least 15 people from the different agencies and after a briefing we will visit an area at night.

“The residents association will be informed of the patrol and they are expected to help the team in their neighbourhood,” said Insp Mohd Farid.

Registry of Societies of Malaysia (ROS) officer Mohd Faiz, said he had joined the patrol eight times since it first started in October last year.

“By joining this patrol we can inform and remind the unregistered residents associations to register and become more accessible.

“We also take this opportunity to introduce and tell them more about the department and answer their enquiries,” he said.

Mohd Faiz said he and his colleagues took turns every week to join the patrol in Selangor.

Recently, Insp Mohd Farid led a patrol team to Kampung Kenangan, Batu 13, Puchong, the only village in the Subang Jaya constituency.

“Kampung Kenangan is a good example of an area to have the 1Malaysia patrol because it is diversified with local people, permanent residents and foreign workers with various issues,” he said.

Kampung Kenangan Rukun Tetangga head Pardi Yunos said the residents welcomed the effort by the Home Ministry.

“There are drug problems and snatch thefts in our neighbourhood and we believe that crime will decline with the patrols carried out regularly,” said Pardi.

Susan Gan, 41, of USJ19 said the concept of the programme was good as it was not only to fight crime but also to reach out to the people.

“I hope that the programme is conducted regularly with the involvement of more parties,” she said.

1Malaysia Patrol will be conducted between 8.30pm and midnight from Sunday to Thursday and 10pm to 2am on Friday and Saturday.