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TO THE OCCUPIER

ROUTINE POLICE TRAINING EXERCISE – VACANT ARLINGTON APARTMENTS, CNR HANKEY, TARANAKI AND HOPPER STREETS, CENTRAL WELLINGTON

This is to advise that members of the New Zealand Police Special Tactics Group will be conducting a series of routine training exercises over the next few weeks at the vacant Arlington Apartments in central Wellington, starting from 23 February 2016.

Thanks to support from the Wellington City Council, use of the empty buildings provides specialist Police staff an important opportunity to practise their skills in the urban environment.

The exercises will be conducted periodically over the next 1-4 weeks and will involve the use of explosives and other equipment which will cause occasional loud bangs.

Noise is expected to be confined to within daylight hours, and residents and businesses should not be concerned if they hear loud noises during this period.

These noises will be preceded by three short bursts of an air horn.

Police apologises for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Police staff will also be deployed in full tactical gear and maybe carrying firearms as part of the training, so please do not be alarmed if armed officers are seen in and around the area during these times.

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact the Wellington Police Communications Centre on (04) 381-2000.

Regards,

New Zealand Police.