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One year Old and going Strong IPRC for a Safer Bali

On Tuesday November 30, 2010, IPRC, the 'Integrated Police Radio Community', celebrated its first birthday at Aston Grand Kuta Hotel. The celebration was attended by almost 100 representatives of Bali's tourism and business community as well as the police. Amongst the guests were Chief of Denpasar Police Mr. Suryanbodo, Head of Kuta Police Mr. Ganefo as well as Bali Hotels Association [BHA] Security and Safety Director Andrew Gall. The celebration ended with a fire dance and the commitment of all parties to further develop IPRC in 2011. The celebration started with a blood donation session at Harris Kuta Hotel last Saturday.

IPRC links businesses throughout Southern Bali with Kuta Police Headquarters via UHF radio. The system is geared to provide reliable communications during emergencies as well as better accessibility to regular police assistance, 24 hours a day. Regular round calls provide situation updates – assisting the police to anticipate problems before they arise, track suspicious persons and to exchange security and safety related information without delays from Tabanan to Ubud , from Nusa Dua to Sanur.

The public private partnership [PPP] initiative was started after last year's Jakarta bombings. Initial equipment such as antennas and base stations was donated by Bali Hotels Association [BHA]. The system is managed by IPRC in close cooperation with Kuta Police headquarters.

IPRC members pay a very reasonable monthly service fee to keep the nonprofit initiative running.

The system empowers the police to provide better services to the community. It is also a trust building tool. At the same time Bali's business community can be informed and communicate at the push of a button in times of crisis and call for assistance without delays.

A win-win situation for everyone and a definite improvement to Bali's security situation. Because of its success the IPRC concept was recently introduced to Jakarta.

New members are always welcome.

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BHA Security & Safety Director Andrew Gall presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Chief of Denpasar Police Mr. Suryanbodo as well as Head of Kuta Police Mr. Ganefo.