

TE AROHA:

St John Ambulance personnel in Te Aroha responded to 15

calls during the past week. Six were of a medical nature, plus four accidents, one to assist another ambulance, an event and three where the service was not required.

MORRINSVILLE:

St John Ambulance personnel in Morrinsville responded to 30 calls over the past week. Eighteen were of a medical nature, plus two transfers, one motor vehicle accident, an event standby and eight other accidents.

**AMBULANCE****TAHUNA**

No calls.

MORRINSVILLE

December 12: Medical call, 8.45am, Studholme St. Assisted ambulance.

December 12: Water tanker to assist Te Aroha, 1.35pm, No 1 Rd, Waitoa.

December 15: Scrub fire, water tanker to assist Hamilton brigade, 6.25pm, Holland Rd, Eureka.

December 16: Scrub fire, water tanker to assist Hamilton brigade, 7.20am, Holland Rd, Eureka.

December 17: Scrub fire, water tanker to assist Hamilton brigade, 7.50pm, Holland Rd, Eureka.

TE AROHA

December 12: Small fire, 1.36pm, No 1 Rd, Waitoa. Extinguished.

December 14: 12.24pm, Waiheka Rd, Waitoa. No action required.

December 16: Medical call, 5.51pm, Follis St, Te Aroha. Assisted ambulance.

**FIRE****MORRINSVILLE**

December 11: Motorist collided with a cow on SH26, Tatuani, after it escaped with two other cows from a nearby paddock. The driver was uninjured, but the cow was put down.

December 13: A 15-year-old was referred to Youth Aid after he was caught shoplifting at Countdown supermarket.

**POLICE**

December 15: Two males, aged 16 and 17, referred to Youth Aid after they were caught on the roof of the Town and Country Store in Morrinsville in what police believe was an attempted break-in.

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December 10: Green Kawasaki KX125 motorcycle stolen from a Whitaker St address. A few days later there was an

Rugby hero gives support

Chiefs, Waikato and Morrinsville Sports' rugby player Alex Bradley is fronting a campaign against domestic violence in Matamata-Piako.

He is featured on billboards in each of the district's three towns – Morrinsville, Te Aroha and Matamata.

The billboards, on SH26 and SH27, give a strong message that Family Violence is not OK.

They have been produced by the Matamata Piako Family Safety Network with support from the nationwide campaign It's not OK.

Matamata-Piako sub area manager, Senior Sergeant Rod Carpinter, said the devastating effect family violence has in communities is well-known.

"By putting up bill-



boards we aim to bring this problem out into the open and encourage people to talk about it, to ask for help and to offer help if they know someone who is experi-

encing violence at home," Mr Carpinter said. "This could be physical violence or other forms of controlling behaviour such as verbal abuse, threats

and intimidation, keeping someone's money from them or neglect of children.

"Family violence increases at Christmas time so it's timely that the billboards are going up now," he said.

The Matamata Piako Family Safety Network was formed in 2009 to address family safety issues within the Matamata Piako district.

The team meets weekly to discuss every incident of reported domestic violence in the district.

TAKING A STAND:

Matamata-Piako District Mayor Hugh Vercoe, left, Morrinsville Community House representative Roslyn Nancekivell and Matamata-Piako Police sub-area manager, Senior Sergeant Rod Carpinter are campaigning against domestic violence in the community.

The network is assisted by a family safety intervention team which promotes family violence prevention activities and provides direction to the safety network.

Bradley said he put his name to the billboards to encourage all members of the community to get involved in prevention of family violence.

"We all have a role to play whether it's standing up publicly or offering help to a friend or neighbour," he said.

attempted burglary at a Seddon Rd property where the offenders tried to break into a garage containing four motorcycles, but were unable to gain entry.

Morrinsville Police Sergeant Mark Toomey said a group of offenders in the area was targeting motorbikes and he urged residents to ensure their bikes were locked up in a secure building.

December 12: Te Aroha male, 20, arrested after a domestic incident.