

## Media Release

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### **\$5.5 BILLION TO HELP SUPPORT POLICE AND KEEP OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE**

The NSW Government has announced a \$5.5 billion investment for the NSW Police Force to ensure police have even more resources to drive down crime and keep our communities safe.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Police Paul Toole said the 2022-23 NSW Budget included a record \$434 million of capital expenditure for new and upgraded police stations, buildings and training facilities across the State.

“The NSW Government is committed to providing our 22,000 sworn police officers and staff with world-class infrastructure and equipment to ensure they have all the tools they need to stay ahead of the game when it comes to tackling crime,” Mr Toole said.

Specifically, the record \$434 million capital expenditure will include:

- New police stations in Blayney, Byron Bay and Port Macquarie
- \$54.3 million for the continued upgrade of the Goulburn Police Academy including new technology and training facilities, building refurbishments, driver training and Critical Incident Response Training facilities upgrade
- A multipurpose Active Armed Offender Training facility in Dapto and the fit-out of metropolitan Active Armed Offender Training facilities
- Upgrades to the NSW Police Firearms Registry in the Tweed Heads area

In addition, \$95.9 million has been allocated for the additional 550 police officers that will join the front line during 2022-23, as part of the NSW Government’s \$583 million commitment to recruit 1,500 police over four years.

Other NSW Police Force funding commitments include:

- \$96.3 million over five years for fully integrated digital devices that increase connectivity between police vehicles and command posts, and to introduce automatic activation of body-worn video when Glock pistols and tasers are used
- \$3.8 million to provide a permanent armoured-vehicle capability in four targeted regional locations in NSW and provision of an additional motorcade armoured vehicle
- \$18.6 million over four years for the replacement of various specialised vehicles allocated to a broad range of commands, including Forensic Command Vehicles, Search and Rescue Vehicles, and Operational Support Vehicles
- \$16.6 million over five years for specialist vehicles to contain and transport individuals in custody

- \$48.7 million over four years to establish an ongoing training program for major Information and Communications Technology infrastructure

Mr Toole said the Budget also included funding for an Integrated Biometric Platform that would enhance the systems police use to create profiles of offenders.

“Streamlining the process for key evidence such as DNA, fingerprints and photographs will drastically improve the capabilities of police to identify offenders involved in serious crimes,” Mr Toole said.

Acting Commissioner David Hudson welcomed today’s Budget announcement, saying it was a much-needed boost that would continue to modernise the police force.

“We’re training hundreds of new police officers every year who are committed to keeping communities safe, often putting themselves in harm’s way to protect others,” Acting Commissioner Hudson said.

“Simply put, they wouldn’t be able to do their jobs safely and efficiently without specialist equipment and technology.

“The funding announced today will significantly improve the capability of our general duties and specialist police officers resulting in improved community safety across the State.”

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