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POLICE TEAMS TO TARGET DFV OFFENDERS

The NSW Liberals & Nationals Government will roll out Domestic Violence High Risk Offender Teams in the NSW Police Force to target recidivist offenders and investigate domestic and family violence matters.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Police Troy Grant, and the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Pru Goward, today announced two Domestic Violence High Risk Offender Teams each comprising a sergeant, six senior constables and an analyst.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Police Troy Grant said the teams will be trialed in 2016, and if successful will be rolled out in all six Police regions over the next three years.

“The NSW Liberals & Nationals Government is committed to breaking the cycle of domestic violence in NSW,” Mr Grant said.

“Domestic Violence High Risk Offender Teams will be able to utilise specialist expertise to target recidivist offenders and offer the best possible support to victims.

“These Teams will complement the significant work already undertaken by the NSW Police Force to tackle domestic violence.”

Ms Goward said for decades effective action has been focused on supporting DFV victims and this new domestic violence package builds on that further by targeting perpetrators.

“Domestic violence offenders are now on notice, the Police are targeting your unacceptable behaviour and crimes,” Ms Goward said.

“The NSW Government will also fast-track the roll-out of the 24 Domestic Violence Liaison Officers (DVLOs) promised prior to the March 2015 election.

“DVLOs play a critical role for Police in investigating and supporting victims of domestic and family violence. They connect with community issues and concerns related to domestic violence and utilise information and intelligence.”

Additional measures include the expansion of the Suspect Target Management Plan, which has been expanded to cover recidivist domestic violence offenders. The Suspect Target Management Plan involves a standardised, co-ordinated approach to the assessment, targeting and management of offenders.

FACT SHEET

TARGETING DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE PERPETRATORS

The NSW Government has committed a **\$60 million package** to target perpetrators and support women, men and children who have experienced domestic and family violence (DFV).

The package includes new measures for the NSW Police Force to respond to DFV. These include new Police Domestic Violence High-Risk Offender Teams to target perpetrators and reduce the rate of reoffending, as well as DFV Suspect Target Management Plans that will put offenders on notice. It also includes fasttracking the rollout of the Domestic Violence Liaison Officers (DVLOs).

What are High Risk Offender Teams?

Domestic Violence High Risk Offender Teams will target recidivist offenders and investigate domestic and family violence matters. Each team will comprise a sergeant, six senior constables and an analyst. The teams will be trialled in 2016, and if successful will be rolled out in all six Police regions over the next three years.

Domestic Violence High Risk Offender Teams will be able to use specialist expertise to target recidivist offenders and offer the best possible support to victims. These teams will complement the significant work already undertaken by the NSW Police Force to tackle domestic violence.

What is a Suspect Target Management Plan?

The Suspect Target Management Plan has been expanded to cover recidivist domestic violence offenders. The Suspect Target Management Plan involves a standardised, coordinated approach to the assessment, targeting and management of offenders. This is in line with approaches the NSW Police Force takes to crime management of other serious crimes. The Central Metropolitan Region started using the Plan in October 2015 with the view of rolling it out across all regions in 2016.

What are Domestic Violence Liaison Officers?

DVLOs play a critical role for Police in investigating and supporting victims of domestic and family violence. They connect with community issues and concerns related to domestic violence and use information and intelligence. The NSW Government will fast-track the rollout of 24 Domestic Violence Liaison Officers.

GETTING HELP

- Anyone in immediate danger should call **000**.
- For information and support call the NSW Domestic Violence Line on **1800 656 463** or **1800 RESPECT** on **1800 737 732**.
- For information and referral to crisis accommodation and support call Link2home on **1800 152 152**.
- Men having problems with violent behaviour can call the Men's Referral Service on **1300 766 491**.