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Less Crime Means Fewer Victims

The Police Association of NSW has welcomed the news that New South Wales is outperforming any other state in the country in reducing thefts and robberies.

New figures show there has been a 58.9 per cent drop in robberies across NSW in the past decade. This is compared to a national fall of 49.1 per cent, according to the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR).

During this time NSW also experienced a 63.4 per cent decrease in burglaries, the largest reduction in the country.

The NSW Police Commissioner acknowledged the statistics were, “nothing short of breathtaking”, and the hard work of officers combined with a more scientific policing approach in the past decade had helped crime rates fall.

Police Association Vice President, Pat Gooley said, “This is good news for the people of NSW and for everyone in the NSW Police Force who work so tirelessly to fight crime and protect the public. I see every day the determination and ability shown by police officers working closely with their communities.

These results further vindicate the Association's long campaign to secure more frontline police and the decision by the NSW Government to provide an extra 550 police officers. Police numbers make a difference on the ground - Less crime means fewer victims.

There are now far fewer people who will have to experience the trauma of having their house burgled. Like the young couple returning home from their honeymoon to find their apartment ransacked and their wedding gifts gone. This young couple suffered emotions ranging from anxiety, anger and aggravation.

Or the grandparents returning from a visit to children and finding their most valued possessions and a lifetime of irreplaceable family memorabilia stolen.

It's not just the inconvenience of cancelling ATM & credit cards, downloading new applications for Medicare and passports, changing e-mail passwords, making a list of all of the stolen belongings for the police and the insurance company - There's nothing that prepares anyone for the shock and loss of being robbed.

Core values like safety and trust are shattered just as belongings are scattered down the footpath and streets. There is strength in numbers, and the more uniformed men and women we have on the street, the safer everyone in the community is.

While we celebrate success where we can, our focus remains on victims of crime to ensure they get the best service we can deliver, while also protecting the wider community so they feel safe as they go about their day to day lives.”

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