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Body Worn Video – The truth now has backup

PRESS RELEASE

The Police Association of NSW today welcomed the announcement by NSW Deputy Premier & Minister for Justice & Police, Troy Grant and NSW Police Commissioner, Andrew Scipione, on the commencement of the roll out of Body Worn Video (BWV) cameras for frontline police.

The NSW Police Force will begin supplying body-worn cameras to frontline police, with the first location, Eastern Beaches Local Area Command, commencing today.

Police Association President, Scott Weber, said, “Policing requires increasingly high-tech resources and responses, and we congratulate the Government for supporting and delivering on this.

“The PANSW campaigned hard for this equipment, and to facilitate today’s roll-out for our members, which is also a great win for the community.

“I can say there is nothing better for a police officer than being able to show a jury exactly how bad an offender has behaved by providing them with footage accurately depicting the entire event.

“It means there is nowhere for these often very violent offenders to hide and try to manipulate the truth in the face of an independent recording, when we can see the truth from the lies.

“Victims can take some comfort that BWV will help remove the secrecy, lying, hiding and fudging in the fictional stories some offenders try and sell when in court.

“We also know there are changes in behaviour of potential offenders by them knowing they are being recorded.

“Any measures that reduce frivolous claims against police for misconduct whilst undertaking their duties will always be supported by the PANSW.

“We look forward to continuing to work with the Government to achieve improved resources and investment in technology for frontline police.”

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