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PRESS RELEASE

Supporting the family of Sergeant Geoffrey Richardson

The Police Association of NSW (PANSW), in conjunction with NSW Police Legacy, has set up a fund for the family of Sergeant Geoffrey Richardson killed in a motor vehicle accident on the weekend.

Fund details are as follows:

NSW Police Legacy Appeal

BSB: 815 000

A/C: 282951 (Add S1 for Police Bank to Police Bank transfers)

Donations can also be made via the GoFundraise site

<http://geoffreyrichardson.gofundraise.com.au/>

Police Association President, Scott Weber, said, "Sergeant Richardson was killed on his way to help colleagues engaged in a pursuit in the Hunter Valley, NSW.

"Our thoughts are with our fallen colleague, his family and friends and fellow officers at Port Stephens Local Area Command during this difficult time.

"It's at these times the strength of the police family is fortified as we rally together to support the family and loved ones impacted by this tragic loss.

"The 43-year-old Sergeant whose wife is also a police officer, was a much-loved husband and father with two young children, who gave 18 years of dedicated and distinguished service to the people of NSW.

"This sad event demonstrates the danger police officers put themselves in to keep the community safe. They come to work, day in day out, knowing the risks they all face.

"When the unthinkable happens it reminds us of the sacrifices made by police officers and their families every day.

"Like any member of the emergency services would know – it takes a great deal of courage to leave your own family behind to protect those you have never met on a daily basis.

"It takes a particular type of person to step forward, often into harm's way, and commit himself or herself to such a job, and to give up peace of mind to preserve it for others."

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