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RETIREMENT OF COMMISSIONER SCIPIONE

The Police Association of NSW (PANSW) acknowledges the long and distinguished career of retiring NSW Police Force Commissioner, Andrew Scipione, AO APM including his 10-year tenure as NSW Police Commissioner.

It has been a time of change which has posed ongoing challenges and risks whether originating from a person, extremist group, the mentally ill and/or drug-affected individuals or a direct home-grown terrorism threat.

Police Association President, Scott Weber, said, "Under Mr Scipione's helm, we have faced these on a variety of fronts and we thank him for the leadership he has shown.

"Mr Scipione has been committed to driving down crime rates and they are at the lowest level in 20 years; an achievement benefiting every person in NSW.

"Sadly, this period was also marked by some very difficult times as we faced the worst situation of all; that of losing our colleagues.

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

"There have been some very dark days, including the murders of Detective Inspector Bryson Anderson, VA and Senior Constable David Rixon VA.

"Our fallen comrades killed on duty also included Constable William Crews, Sergeant Geoffrey Richardson and NSWPF civilian employee, Accountant Curtis Cheng.

"We pay tribute to the outgoing Commissioner whose unwavering support during such tragic circumstances will always be remembered.

"He has been a tireless advocate of the families of our fallen officers and the police family as so many mourned the loss of both colleagues and friends.

"On behalf of the PANSW and our members, we wish the Commissioner and his family all the very best for the future."

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