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## **Injury toll grows from violent assaults on police**

The number of police officers being assaulted and injured in the course of their duties in the last seven days shows the risks that police take every day says the Police Association of New South Wales (PANSW).

PANSW President Tony King: “Coupled with the high frequency of assaults, which is appalling, our concern is focused on the ever-present risk that an attack during a routine police matter could lead to the death of an officer – as tragically occurred in New Zealand last week.

“The latest assault of an officer also followed on from a routine vehicle stop and now one of our officers, Sergeant Mick Innes of Port Stephens-Hunter Police District [photo attached] – has suffered a fractured eye socket that has put the sight in his left eye at risk”.

“Over the last week we have seen assaults where officers have been senselessly punched, headbutted and bitten as well as having bottles thrown at them and cars driven at them.

“No injury is minor. Over this last week the injuries have required a succession of hospital visits for treatments for everything from fractures and lacerations to tissue damage.

“This has to stop before more serious injuries with worse outcomes occur.

“What we need to see now is for the inquiry into assaults on police announced by the Premier this month to be a priority for the Government”.

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### **Assaults and alleged actions:**

- Sunday 21 June: Officers injured after vehicle stop – Maitland (Officers punched and one officer later treated for a fractured eye socket)
- Saturday 20 June: Multiple persons charged after house party brawl – Moree (A male constable sustained facial bruising during the incident and the police vehicles sustained minor damage)
- Saturday 20 June: Officer headbutted, man charged following vehicle stop – Bathurst (Male constable punched in the face multiple times and headbutted)
- Saturday 20 June: Officers assaulted – Granville (Two male officers kicked, and one bitten on the wrist)
- Thursday 18 June: Two officers assaulted; man and woman charged – Dubbo (Two officers punched and one struck on the hand with a large tool).
- Tuesday 16 June: Central Coast man charged after officers allegedly punched, choked (A male and female officer assaulted after attending reports of a domestic incident)
- Sunday 31 May: Man arrested after allegedly dragging police officer with car – Albury (Officer dragged along a driveway when a stolen car was reversed at speed; bruising and minor injuries).