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MINISTER CONGRATULATES POLICE ON LATEST TREND IN CRIME STATISTICS

Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Michael Gallacher, has today congratulated NSW Police on the latest data from the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research which shows all major categories of crime have remained stable or fallen.

The report found that for the last 24 months to September 2011 there were decreases in 7 major offence categories:

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| • Assault – non domestic violence related | Down 5.8% |
| • Robbery without a weapon | Down 17.9% |
| • Break and enter dwelling | Down 3.3% |
| • Break and enter non-dwelling | Down 2.1% |
| • Motor vehicle theft | Down 8.0% |
| • Steal from person | Down 5.6% |
| • Malicious damage to property | Down 6.0% |

All other major offence categories remained stable.

“These figures send a very clear message to anyone engaging in criminal behaviour, that Police and the community will not tolerate it,” Minister Gallacher said.

“It also shows extra resources given to police such as Move on Powers have helped drive down assaults.

“The NSW Government is committed to giving police the resources they need to do their jobs effectively, which includes an additional 550 officers and \$7.2 million over two years to roll out 100 Mobile Automatic Number Plate Recognition Units to improve road safety,” Minister Gallacher said.

The data also indicates that ‘discharge firearm into premises’ has risen to 88 or an average of 7.3 incidents per month, up from 73 incidents recorded in the previous year.

“It is important to stress that these offences do not necessarily relate to conflict between groups,” Minister Gallacher said.

“Police treat each incident seriously and have undertaken a range of proactive strategies to prevent further incidents. This proactive approach along with public assistance has and continues to be successful.

“I applaud Police for their work to date and their continued efforts to drive down crime and fear within our communities,” Minister Gallacher concluded.

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