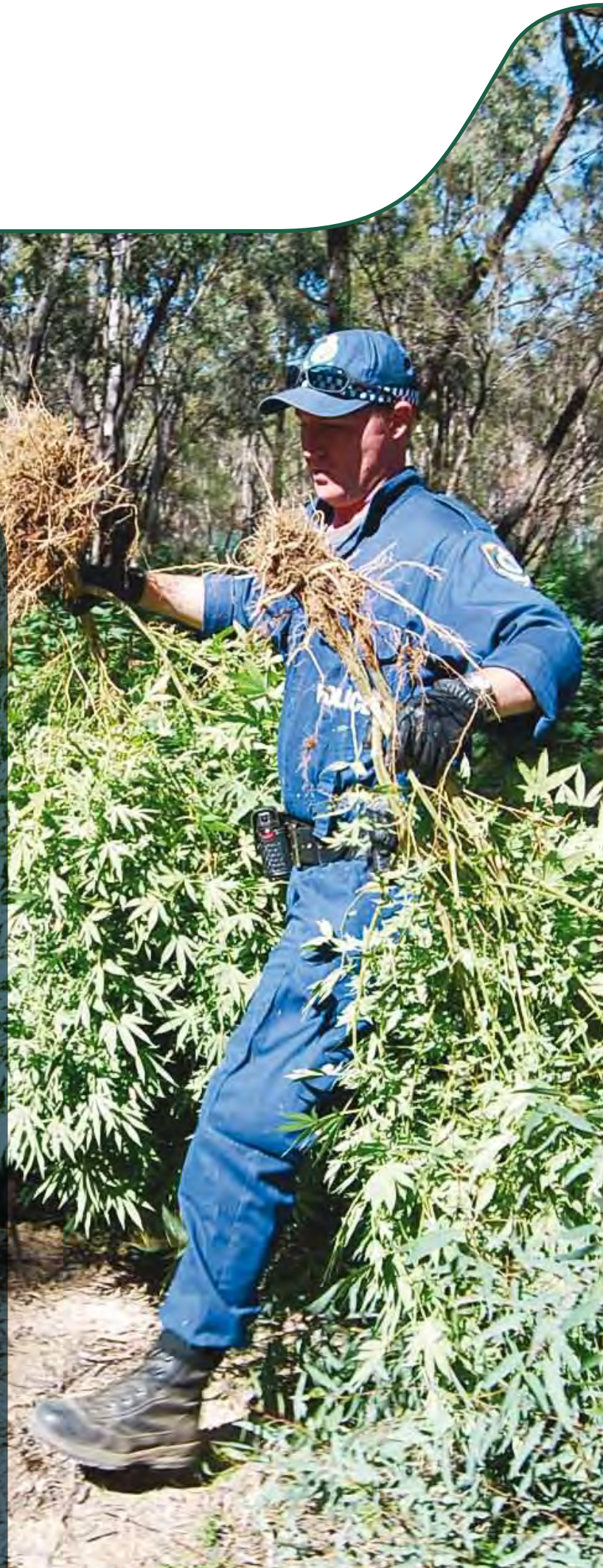


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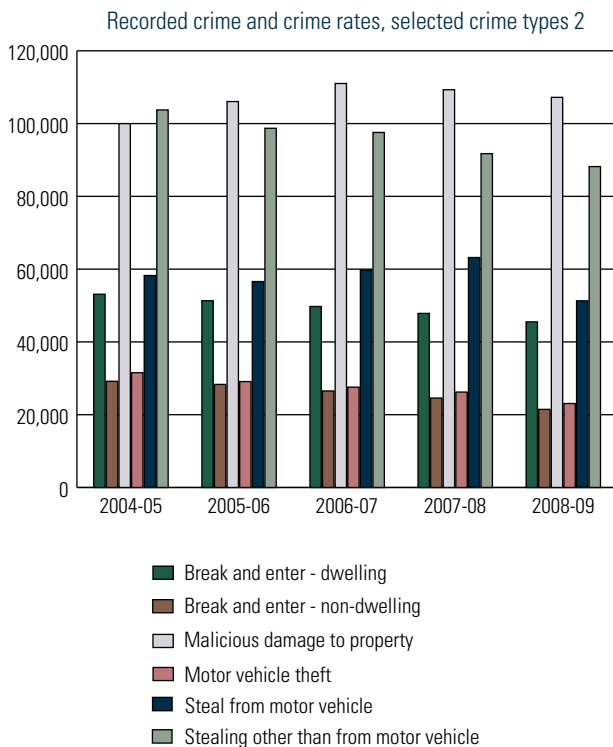
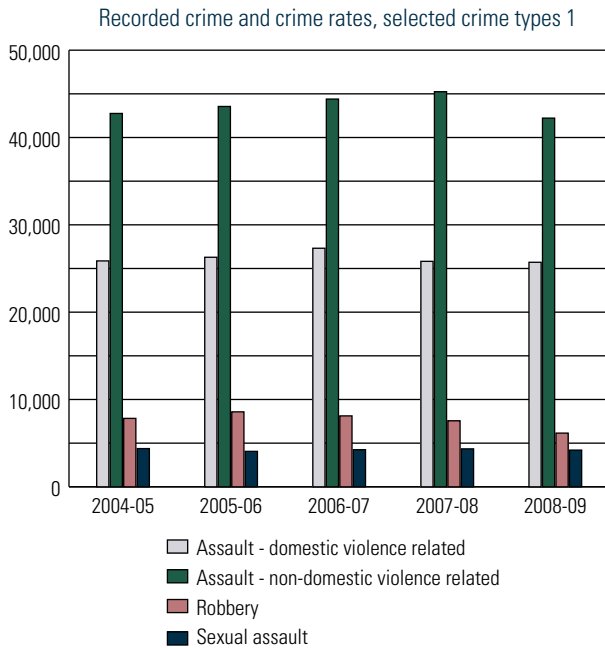
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CRIME and THE STATE PLAN (R1)

This year crime reduction has been driven by the State Plan priority R1: Reduce rates of crime particularly violent crime.



Source: NSW Police Force COPS / EDW

WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE:

TARGETS:

- Property crime reduction by 15% by 2016
- Violent crime reduction by 10% by 2016

Each of these are rolling targets in a 10 year plan. This reporting year we have reached all of the targets we set ourselves.

CORE STRATEGIES EMPLOYED IN 2008-09:

- Focus on crime reduction
- Target locations
- Target our operations
- Target crime types
- Target repeat offenders.

PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS

Recorded crime for most crime categories is the lowest since 1995-96.

Decreases were noted in recorded incidents of:

- break and enter dwellings (-4.7%)
- motor vehicle theft (-12.2%)
- assaults – non-domestic violence related (-6.6%)
- robbery (-18.5%).

State Plan driven strategies of focused crime reduction, including targeting locations, operations, crime types and repeat offenders, translated into operational results.

We coordinated resources dedicated to crime prevention

The State Crime Command was restructured in response to the changing face of crime and the needs of the community

The investigative component of the State Crime Command was separated into two crime directorates. The **Serious Crime Directorate** comprises the Fraud Squad, Homicide Squad, Property Crime Squad, Sex Crimes Squad, Joint Investigation Response Squad, and Robbery & Serious Crime. The **Organised Crime Directorate** comprises the Asian Crime Squad, Drugs Squad, Firearms & Organised Crime Squad, Gangs Squad, Middle Eastern Organised Crime Squad and Organised Crime Targeting Squad.

We launched the pride of our fleet

Police Launch Nemesis, a 32 metre offshore patrol vessel (OPV), commenced operations in July 2008 after its construction and delivery from Western Australia. Nemesis took two years to build and boasts advanced technology. With a range of 1,400 nautical miles, it is the largest police vessel in the southern hemisphere and is able to stay at sea for extended periods. This reporting year Nemesis has responded to offshore rescues, major events and multi-agency operations.

Polair crews continued to target crime hot spots from the air

In May 2009, the **Aviation Support Branch (ASB)** commemorated the 30 year anniversary of the introduction of helicopters to the NSW Police Force. The first of three helicopters that formed the Police Air Wing was purchased in 1979.

Polair conducted targeted patrols over known trouble spots and high crime areas. Air crews supported major events including the Bathurst car races, World Youth Day, New Year's Eve and Australia Day. Polair was also deployed to support searches for missing people and involved in transporting emergency service personnel into inaccessible areas, as well as flood recovery operations, investigations into fatal aviation accidents and investigations into aviation related crime.

DNA profiling is a useful tool in law enforcement

In 2008-09 we linked more than 7,000 DNA profiles from crime scenes to other crime scenes in New South Wales and to people around Australia. These links often provide vital information to investigators and can identify

persons of interest, eliminate people from investigations, prove or disprove that a person was at the scene of a crime; or they can link a person or piece of evidence to a crime where no previous connection was known.

In 2008-09 we achieved full matching for DNA across Australia

In 2008-09 there were 1,090 links between New South Wales crime scenes and people in another state where no charges had been made prior to the DNA link; and 416 New South Wales offenders linked to interstate crime scenes.

In one example, blood samples taken from an armed home invasion in suburban Sydney provided a DNA sample that linked the crime to a person on the Queensland database.

In July 2008 police laid charges for several sexual assault offences that occurred in 2001 following a national DNA profile link. The offender has been convicted and sentenced to four years of imprisonment.

A New South Wales / Queensland taskforce was established following the link between a break and enter crime scene in New South Wales and a murder in Queensland, and led to a person being charged with murder in Queensland.

Division of Analytical Laboratories achieves 10,000 cold links

The Division of Analytical Laboratories (DAL), operated by NSW Health, analyses DNA samples for the NSW Police Force. Sometimes police investigating a crime may not realise the offenders may be linked to other crime scenes. When a link is made that was previously unknown to police it is referred to as a 'cold link'. A milestone 10,000 cold links were achieved during the reporting period to assist police solve criminal investigations.

We targeted repeat offenders and crime hotspots

We led the way in managing outstanding arrest warrants

One strategy to meet our State Plan targets was to reduce outstanding warrants by 4,000 in 2008 which we exceeded with a total reduction of 5,705.

Strike Force McCabe was established to investigate the activities of a high profile criminal who was featured on various news and current affairs programs, as well as in

newspaper articles, discussing his former life of crime. The investigation was a joint effort between the NSW Police Force and Queensland Police, focusing on trafficking illegal firearms and illicit drugs across the state borders. Four people were subsequently charged in New South Wales and a further three people were arrested and charged by Queensland Police for serious drug offences. Police seized large commercial quantity of ecstasy tablets and five firearms.

We dismantled a large vehicle rebirthing syndicate, which extended across New South Wales and Victoria

In July 2008, detectives from the Middle Eastern Organised Crime Squad began to investigate all facets of the rebirthing cycle, including how orders were taken for specific types of stolen cars; the stolen vehicles being stripped at 'chop shops' and fitted with stolen parts; RTA registrations; and advertising and selling of the rebirthed vehicles. **Strike Force Deeble** detectives gathered evidence to strongly suggest that while each of these phases were performed independently, they were all ultimately controlled by the head of the syndicate. Following the execution of six search warrants, seven people were arrested in New South Wales and Victoria.

The prescription drug OxyContin® is an investigative challenge

In recent years, concern has grown about the dramatic increase in the abuse of the prescription drug OxyContin and other strong pain killers.

In late 2008, Barwon police received information that OxyContin was being sold illegally as an alternate to opiate based drugs in the township of Moree. In December 2008, **Strike Force Wamoon** was formed and detectives began investigating a Moree couple who were allegedly selling large amounts of OxyContin. Following an undercover operation, a search warrant was executed in April and both offenders were arrested and charged with supply a prohibited drug on an ongoing basis.

We targeted alcohol related crime

The new **Alcohol & Licensing Enforcement Command (ALEC)** commenced operation on 1 July 2008. It is focused on reducing alcohol related crime and antisocial behaviour by targeting identified hotspots and licensed premises. ALEC consists of 30 police including six region based licensing coordinators who deliver a statewide licensing structure that provides coordination, consistency and support to all local area commands.

ALEC and the **Office of Liquor Gaming & Racing (OLGR)** liaise quarterly to clarify organisation roles, exchange information and to develop a joint approach to licensing that includes education and enforcement strategies. The implementation of the **Alcohol Related Crime Information Exchange (ARCIE)** system enables the free exchange of information between police, the OLGR, NSW Office of State Revenue and the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR).

The *Liquor Amendment (Special Licence Conditions) Regulation 2008* commenced last December to provide additional licence conditions for targeted licensed premises with a high frequency of alcohol related assaults. These new laws and procedures are aimed at reducing incidents of alcohol fuelled violence in and about licensed premises.

Operation Jindalla was developed and implemented to ensure licensed premises complied with legislated conditions and was executed over the 2008-09 summer months providing a highly visible presence of uniformed police in targeted licensed premises the subject of special licence condition arrangements.

ALEC took a lead role in the coordination of resources from local area commands, Education & Training, Communications, region commands and the OLGR. In addition, the new Licensing Education Program has been established to train general duties and licensing police in relevant legislation and associated practices and procedures.

We targeted drug related crime

We dismantled a major drug syndicate operating in Western Region

In June 2008 Orana's rural crime investigators identified a local resident allegedly supplying amphetamines and illegal firearms in the Western Region. **Strike Force Vanda** was formed and a number of controlled purchases of amphetamines were made. The investigation broadened to target other suppliers within

We now share DNA profiles with other Australian police jurisdictions via the National Criminal Identification DNA Database





Strike Force Raptor was formed in March 2009 to target escalating violence among outlaw motorcycle gangs in New South Wales.

Orana LAC and eventually lead to a large supplier in Sydney. Given the level of evidence obtained following a covert investigation, police from Strike Force Hebbard began working with officers from the Firearms & Organised Crime Squad (FAOCS).

On 14 March 2009 officers from both strike forces executed six search warrants simultaneously in Dubbo and western Sydney. During those raids, police recovered cash, firearms, amphetamines and cannabis, precursor chemicals and equipment used to manufacture amphetamines.

We dismantled crime syndicates manufacturing MDMA

In October 2007, Drug Squad detectives identified members of a syndicate who were allegedly manufacturing MDMA (ecstasy). Following an investigation by **Strike Force Bildera**, 11 search warrants were executed across Sydney in October 2008. Police seized five clandestine laboratories, more than one tonne of precursors and other chemicals, a large quantity of scientific equipment and a tablet press. Quantities of prohibited drugs and firearms were also seized. Six people were arrested and charged for their involvement in the conspiracy to manufacture illicit drugs and supplying prohibited drugs.

Strike Force Leonello was formed to investigate a crime syndicate believed to be supplying MDMA on the Central Coast and also in North Sydney. Police arrested 10 people on 46 charges and seized 5,375 MDMA tablets with an estimated street value of \$160,000, along with anabolic steroids, cocaine, cannabis, cash and two shotguns.

We confronted the rise in violence between outlaw motorcycle gangs

In March 2009, **Strike Force Raptor** was formed immediately following an outbreak of violence between rival outlaw motorcycle gangs (OMCGs) in Sydney. The strike force comprised 81 officers drawn from the metropolitan regions, the Public Order & Riot Squad, highway patrol, the Alcohol & Licensing Enforcement Command and the Professional Standards Command.

As well as targeting the illegal activities of outlaw motorcycle gangs, **Strike Force Raptor** conducted intelligence based, high impact police operations targeting the illegal activities of, and aimed at preventing conflict between, OMCGs. Since its inception, the strike force has executed 30 search warrants, been involved in 4,350 proactive events, and charged 306 people for 600 offences. Investigators have also made significant seizures including 24 firearms, 30 prohibited weapons, over \$780,000 in cash, and a large quantity of prohibited drugs including 8.5 litres of the prohibited drug GHB (fantasy).

Gangs Squad detectives teamed up with police from North West Metropolitan and South West Metropolitan Regions to investigate 12 drive by shootings in Sydney's west in November and December 2008. Police believed they resulted from a conflict between the Rebels and Bandidos. Following the investigation detectives from **Strike Force Highcro** charged four members of the Bandidos OMCG with drive by shooting offences.

Following violent conflict between the Hells Angels OMCG and the Notorious criminal group, a joint investigation was formed between the NSW Police Force Gangs Squad, the Australian Crime Commission and the NSW Crime Commission. Since the commencement of the **Strike Force Wolsley**, 20 people have been arrested and charged with 65 offences. Police seized 23 firearms, three stun guns and



other prohibited weapons, a large quantity of ammunition and prohibited drugs. Investigators also located a clandestine laboratory. In addition arrests have been made in South Australia based on information provided by the strike force.

Strike Force Taran was an 11 month investigation conducted into the alleged drug manufacture and supply by members of the Rebels OMCG on the Central Coast. Four members of the gang were arrested and charged with significant offences including supply large commercial quantity of prohibited drugs. Police seized 6,000 MDMA (ecstasy) tablets at the time of arrests, and during subsequent search warrants, seized \$38,000 in cash and two motor vehicles.

Strike Force Kook was a long running covert operation undertaken by Surry Hills Region Enforcement Squad which resulted in well publicised arrests of prominent members of an outlaw motorcycle gang (OMCG) in New South Wales. Undercover police gathered considerable evidence on commercial drug manufacture and supply. Nine search warrants were executed on premises allegedly linked to the Rebels OMCG, including the clubhouse of the Cronulla Chapter. Police uncovered a clandestine drug laboratory and seized 6.5 kilograms of precursor chemicals, 60 litres of pseudoephedrine liquid and 600 grams of pure pseudoephedrine, along with ammunition and cannabis leaf. A number of alleged high level suppliers were arrested and charged with supplying commercial quantities of prohibited drugs.

In March 2009, Balmain detectives formed **Strike Force Emex** to investigate a criminal syndicate believed to have been supplying heroin in the inner Sydney area for sometime. Detectives coordinated a number of controlled heroin purchases from the targets, which led to the arrest of two men in possession of 60 bags of \$50 heroin deals.

Detectives then simultaneously executed two search warrants at Erskineville and Sans Souci. They seized an amount of heroin, \$503,000 in cash, valuable jewellery and two vehicles. Three men were charged with supply commercial quantity of heroin, supply prohibited drugs on an ongoing basis and two of the men were also charged with deal with proceeds of crime.

Three strike forces seized \$33 million worth of cannabis

Drug Squad detectives conducted six cannabis eradication programs this financial year under **Strike Force Aster** and seized 9,131 cannabis plants, worth an estimated \$18 million. Investigations covered huge rural areas on the far north coast of New South Wales, the New England area and the far south coast. A number of offenders were charged with cultivating a prohibited plant.

Detectives from **Strike Force Morvan** dismantled two crime syndicates allegedly involved in hydroponically growing and distributing cannabis in the Sydney metropolitan region. Police arrested 15 people on 53 charges, and seized 1,233 cannabis plants and 82.93 kilograms of cannabis leaf with an estimated potential street value of \$6,261,440.

Strike Force Pennington was formed to investigate the cultivation of cannabis at three homes in St Marys. In total, police seized 2,706 hydroponic cannabis plants with an estimated street value of \$9 million. In total, 17 people were charged with serious drug offences, the majority of whom pleaded guilty and have been sentenced at district court.

We strengthened our response to domestic and family violence

This reporting year, our focus has been on improving our systems and crime management practices to better respond to emerging trends and issues in domestic and family violence.

As the lead agency under the State Plan for domestic violence we're continuing to work with government and non-government organisations to deliver integrated, coordinated services to victims and their families.

Our Domestic & Family Violence Team monitors trends and emerging issues in domestic violence (DV) crime; coordinates the DV Liaison Officer Program; promotes compliance with corporate policies and procedures; helps to develop referral pathways for victims; identifies risk management strategies; reviews the performance of LACs in achieving corporate plan targets; as well as providing operational and strategic advice to internal and external stakeholders.

New Domestic & Family Violence Standard Operating Procedures were implemented in November 2008 to provide contemporary advice to operational police. These procedures were supported by the implementation of the NSW Police Force Domestic & Family Violence Policy, which is available to the public from our website. We're also continuing to implement the recommendations from the Ombudsman's Report Domestic Violence: improving police practice.

We targeted repeat domestic violence offenders

Crime management units target offenders with intrusive crime reduction strategies designed to disrupt and reduce domestic violence.

Investigating police continue to seek apprehended violence orders and suitable bail conditions to protect victims from immediate and ongoing danger during court proceedings and beyond. We have also introduced a Community Support Card which provides DV victims with contact details for a range of support and advocacy services.

The Domestic & Family Violence Policy the policing of domestic and

CRIME IS DOWN

Context

Being a victim of crime may have acute effects on the quality of life enjoyed by individuals and communities. The level of crime affects the perception of the safety of the environment and thereby the use of public space.

Desired result

A continuing reduction in the level of crime.

Findings

Recorded personal crime: Domestic violence related assaults decreased by 0.4% and non-domestic violence related assaults decreased by 6.6% between 2007-08 and 2008-09. Robberies fell by 18.5% and sexual assault incidents were 3.3% lower. **Recorded property crime:** Between 2007-08 and 2008-09 decreases were recorded in most incident categories – break and enter dwelling (-4.7%), motor vehicle theft (-12.2%), malicious damage (-2%), and stealing from a motor vehicle (-19.1%).

Future actions under the State Plan for 2009-10

We will:

- coordinate resources dedicated to crime prevention
- improve capability to respond to crime
- continue to focus on alcohol and drug related crime
- maintain focus on domestic and family violence
- coordinate patrols and presence of visible authority.

Note

Recorded crime statistics represent only those matters reported to police. A change in recorded crime may reflect changes in the propensity to report to police as well as the actual incidence.

We supported victims of crime from initial contact and through the investigation and prosecution of offenders

Domestic violence liaison officers (DVLOs) attend court to support victims and link them with appropriate court advocacy services for additional assistance. Our *Victims Support Policy and Guidelines*, and the *Charter of Customer Service* ensures support, advice and information are provided swiftly to victims. Changes were made to our computer system to capture and track information in relation to victims and the services provided to them during investigations.

Many first response police vehicles have been equipped with video and digital cameras to collect evidence relating to crime scene and victim injuries at domestic violence incidents. Police have been trained to use the kits to improve the quality of evidence put before courts.

We're combating organised and serious crime

Strike Force Kariboo was formed to investigate alleged arson attacks on commercial premises between 2006 and 2007 in metropolitan Sydney, which resulted in an estimated \$4 million worth of damage. An offender was charged with three serious arson offences in addition to a drug offence.

Strike Force Padley was established to investigate an organised crime group involved in supplying illegal firearms in the central west of New South Wales. As a result of this investigation, police seized 140 illegal firearms (rifles, pistols and shotguns); 70 prohibited weapons (firearm silencers, high powered sling shots, extended firearm magazines and hand grenades); and a large amount of ammunition. Five people were charged with serious firearm and prohibited weapon offences.

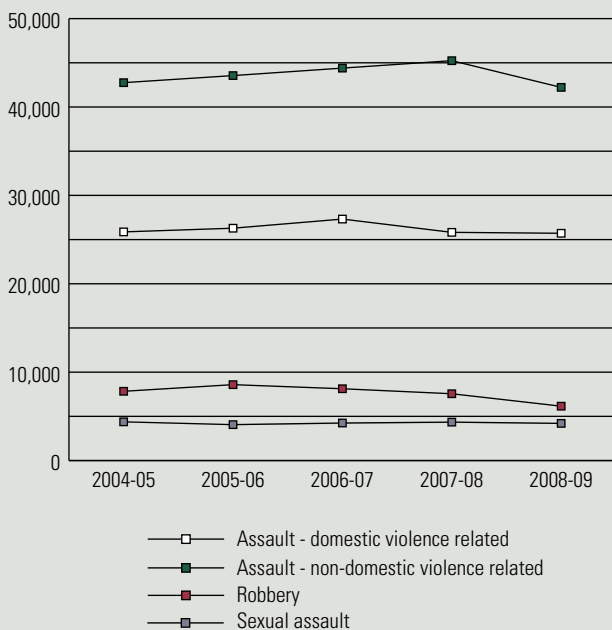
We're targeting Middle Eastern organised crime

Strike Force Skelton detectives charged 24 people with 141 offences relating to a range of alleged offences including major drug distribution, extortion, serious assaults, firearm offences, vehicle rebirthing, major credit card frauds and identify theft. The strike force was formed in April 2008 to investigate a high profile Middle Eastern organised crime syndicate operating in New South Wales and interstate.

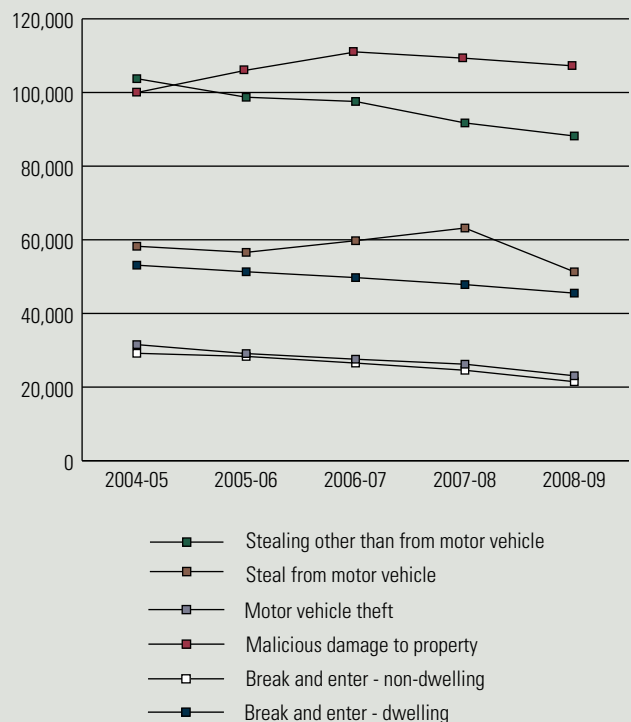
The **Middle Eastern Organised Crime Uniform Unit** monitors known criminals and disseminates contemporary intelligence reports to police across the state. The unit is supported by 50 uniform police including highway patrol and general duties officers. The MEOC Uniform Unit also conducts multi-agency operations with the Tow Truck Authority, Corrective Services, Customs and Centre Link. This reporting year, the unit has arrested 401 offenders on 813 charges. They have been involved in 7,065 vehicle stops and issued 1,323 traffic infringement notices.

and procedures are integral to the process of continually improving family violence. It's available on our website www.police.nsw.gov.au

Recorded crime and crime rates, selected crime types 1



Recorded crime and crime rates, selected crime types 2



Source: NSW Police Force COPS / EDW

Contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 if you have information about people wanted by the police, people who have committed a criminal offence, unsolved crimes, crimes being planned and suspicious or unusual activity.

We've arrested a gang involved in attacks on ATMs

Strike Force Piccadilly 2, which includes Detectives from the Property Crime Squad and local police, has resulted in the dismantling of a criminal group involved in explosive attacks on automatic teller machines (ATMs). As at 30 June 2009, police have arrested six people on 44 charges relating to ATM gas attacks and other offences. They also provided support to Queensland police, who arrested two people from New South Wales in relation to an explosive attack on an ATM in Queensland in December 2008.

Strike Force Luskin is a major investigation into organised container theft. A large number of shipping containers were being stolen from storage yards and warehouses with a substantial amount of property being stolen. Twenty people have been arrested for break, enter and steal offences involving approximately \$3.15 million worth of stolen property. Police were able to recover approximately \$2.91 million worth of stolen property. This strike force dismantled an entire organised crime syndicate, the majority of whom have pleaded guilty at court.

We arrested armed robbers

In August 2008, a group of heavily armed offenders began committing robberies on financial institutions in the city and inner suburbs. These robberies became increasingly violent and in one case, a firearm was discharged at bank staff. Following an investigation by the Robbery & Serious Crime Squad, detectives from Strike Force Youl identified three alleged offenders who were also linked to a shooting at Ingleburn. The offenders were arrested in a busy shopping centre, close to another bank. They were charged with 54 offences relating to six armed robberies.

Strike Force Townsville was formed following a spate of armed robberies on shops and jewellery stores in Sydney. In the most brazen attack, the offenders drove a vehicle through the front window while staff were still on the premises. In late 2008, detectives executed 12 search warrants and arrested eight offenders on 57 charges relating to 16 robberies.

The Robbery & Serious Crime Squad also investigated a number of daylight robberies of armoured security vans. In each incident, heavily disguised offenders armed with firearms threatened security guards as they made cash deliveries or collections. The offenders would then take significant sums of money and firearms from the guards before escaping in stolen luxury performance vehicles. During the investigations, Detectives from Strike Force Britannia identified a number of groups, one of which was preparing to rob an armoured vehicle as it delivered cash at Kellyville. In a carefully planned operation, the offenders were arrested as they waited in the car park for the arrival of the armoured vehicle. Specialist police continue to work with members of the cash in transit industry to review procedures and enhance their security arrangements.

We continue to bring offenders to justice

Mr Felipe Flores was murdered at Woolloomooloo in September 1991. Nearly 10 years after his death, the Homicide Squad's Unsolved Homicide Unit working with Tasmania Police, arrested a man. He has been extradited to New South Wales and charged with murder.



Under **Strike Force Strathnook**, the Unsolved Homicide Unit investigated the murder of Donna Hicks on 22 April 1995 at Minchinbury. DNA found on the body of the victim was linked to an inmate in Victoria. With this and other evidence obtained throughout the investigation, detectives have charged the inmate with the murder.

On 7 November 1998, Rachel Campbell was found in the grounds of a church at Rosebery. She had been stabbed several times. Investigators from **Strike Force Hillend** identified a man who had moved to Perth. With the help of Western Australian Police, the 32 year old was arrested, extradited to Sydney in January 2009 and charged.

We arrested sex offenders

In December 2008, members of the **Joint Investigation Response Squad (JIRS)** based in Port Macquarie commenced an investigation into 729,000 images of graphic child pornography and 2,700 videos of child pornography, many of which were located on the internet. An offender was identified and charged with a number of offences including child sexual abuse (48 occasions), use a child under 14 for child pornography, possess child pornography, and use a carriage service to transmit child pornography and to access child pornography. On 8 April 2009, the offender was sentenced to 24 years' imprisonment with a non-parole period of 18 years.

Strike Force Luxford was established to investigate a serial sex offender operating in western Sydney. Between 18 April and 22 August 2008, seven girls and young women, aged between 16 and 19 years, were attacked while on the street. The offences caused significant media interest and fear among local residents. With the assistance of the media, appeals for information were broadcast and more than 200 calls were received that provided detectives with a number of lines of inquiry. On 27 August 2008 a man was identified, arrested and charged with these offences.

We dismantled one of Sydney's crime gangs

Detectives from **Strike Force Rounce** arrested 40 gang members who were allegedly involved in organised extortion, intimidation and offences of violence committed at brothels, restaurants and entertainment venues within Sydney. They were charged with more than 115 offences including grievous bodily harm, shoot with intent to cause grievous bodily harm, malicious wounding, kidnapping, riot, affray and assault person. The charges also included breach of bail, custody of knife in public place, fraud, goods in custody, commercial quantity of prohibited drugs, pervert the course of justice and extortion. Detectives executed seven search warrants during the investigation and seized 12 machetes, one Samurai sword and more than 15 knives.

In January 2009 police attached to the Central Metropolitan Region Enforcement Squad formed **Strike Force Bachelor** to investigate a criminal syndicate using eBay to sell thousands of electrical and other items believed to be purchased through skimmed credit cards. A total of 24,000 items sold on eBay were believed to be obtained through fraud to the value of \$7 million. The items were purchased throughout Australia and resold in Sydney via two eBay seller sites. Investigators identified that the items were being forwarded through a number of Australia Post offices. Search warrants were executed on a post office and a number of items were seized. During March 2009 a further five search warrants were executed with approximately 60 electrical items, power tools and documentation relating to large scale fraud were located, as well as thousands of dollars worth of alcohol. A number of offenders were arrested and charged.

Outlook for 2009-10

- Use targeted operations (pre-planned police deployment) to combat organised and serious crime
- Use targeted operations to combat crime hotspots and repeat offenders
- Bail compliance operations: Targeting repeat offenders to ensure their compliance with bail conditions
- Strategic use of police resources and high visibility policing to reduce crime
- Conduct law enforcement activities targeting alcohol related crime, particularly relating to licensed premises
- Address five key crime types: assault non-DV, sexual assault, break enter and steal from dwelling, robbery, stolen vehicle/vessel

