



Premier Remembers Fallen Officers

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Premier Nathan Rees today joined the NSW Police Force at a ceremony to honour the memory of officers who have lost their lives carrying out their duties.

“There are currently over 15,300 police officers serving communities across NSW,” said Mr Rees.

“Every day they, and their families, must deal with the risks that come with the job.

“Our police officers are highly trained professionals, but there are inherent dangers in the role they perform.

“That these officers choose to accept these risks and protect the community with such dedication is a great tribute to every one of them.

“I believe the community would echo that sentiment, and join me in thanking our police officers for their service.

“National Police Remembrance Day is an opportunity for officers, their families and the broader community to remember the sacrifices made by those officers who have lost their lives on the job.

“It is also a time for us all to take a moment to thank serving officers who work so hard to keep our communities safe,” said Mr Rees.

NSW Police Minister Michael Daley said it was a relief that no names would be added to the Wall of Remembrance this year, but it was no less important for the community to honour the memory of all officers whose lives have been cut short.

“We should remember that the families, friends and communities of those officers continue to feel grief and loss,” said Mr Daley.

“Being a police officer is a unique job. We all rely on this group of men and women to help and protect us and, every single day, they commit themselves to that role.

“Frequently, that requires police officers to put their own personal safety on the line.

“I’d encourage everyone in NSW to reflect on the contribution made by our police officers, and offer their thanks for their hard work and sacrifices,” said Mr Daley.