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MINISTER UNVEILS NEW MOBILE COMMAND CENTRES

Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Michael Gallacher has today been joined by NSW Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione and other senior officers to unveil two high-tech mobile command centres.

The buses are a significant boost to the Police Force's operational capabilities at major events across the state.

The new mobile command centres feature state of the art equipment, enabling senior police to view 'live' footage as it is streamed from sources such as Polair and the Police Operations Centre.

The capabilities of the buses are vast and their use will boost major operations such as major crime scenes, New Year's Eve celebrations, Mardi Gras and the NRL Grand Final.

"These mobile command centres are literally a Police Station on wheels," Minister Gallacher said.

"The community of New South Wales expects our police to be equipped with the best possible resources to ensure they remain one step ahead of the game.

"These buses provide officers with the confidence they need to perform their duties to the community.

"The Police Force is responsible for the safety and success of hundreds of events every year, many of which attract national and international exposure, and I am committed to providing them with what they need to make that job a little easier," Minister Gallacher concluded.

Commissioner Scipione said the buses make a very welcome addition to the police fleet.

"Whilst command buses have been used by the NSW Police Force for some time, improvements in technology allow us to remotely do things which were never thought possible in the past," Mr Scipione said.

“Police Commanders will be able to directly patch into and control any available CCTV feeds, an invaluable tool, particularly for those dealing with roving anti-social behaviour or specific policing operations.

“Crucially, each bus enables police to access the ‘COPS’ database, both wirelessly and via cable, at remote locations anywhere in the state.” Commissioner Scipione concluded.

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