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POLICE TRANSPORT COMMAND OPENS CENTRAL OFFICE

Minister for Police and Emergency Services Michael Gallacher, Minister for Transport Gladys Berejiklian, and NSW Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione have officially opened the Police Transport Command (PTC) office at Central Railway Station.

Minister Gallacher said this office will be the main hub for the North/Central Sector of the PTC with officers being deployed from one of Sydney's busiest train stations.

"The official opening today of the new Central office will mean officers are operating out of the heart of the transport network. They will be available to respond to incidents as well as starting and finishing their patrols among the general public.

"This is part of their ongoing commitment to be a highly-visible presence aimed at reducing crime on public transport.

Since coming on line on May 1 last year, the NSW Police Transport Command has had a significant impact in reducing crime across the transport network.

Since May 1, 2012, Police Transport Command officers have made nearly 2,900 arrests, laid more than 5,260 charges, issued some 53,620 infringements and conducted over 470 operations.

Minister for Transport Gladys Berejiklian said having a police presence on public transport was vital to ensuring customers are safe.

"The new office at Central is an ideal location for officers to be based and to continue their work to ensure our public transport network is safe.

"Nothing beats a police presence and police and transport agencies are working together to ensure customers can travel safely wherever they need to go, at all times of the day and at all locations," Minister Berejiklian said.

Commissioner Scipione said the Police Transport Command would continue their work to reduce crime and encouraged the public to report incidents on the transport network.

"We have seen the efforts of the PTC have an immediate impact in crime reduction on our transport network, with a 10.8 per cent increase in detection of transport offences.

"We want to continue these results and are encouraging the community to report incidents on public transport," Commissioner Scipione said.

The NSW Police Force and Transport for NSW today also announced the 'See Something, Say Something' campaign, encouraging commuters to speak out about crime on public transport.

The joint initiative, which is advertised on posters in buses, trains and ferries, encourages all members of the community to report crime and anti-social behaviour on public transport.

The message is:

"If you see a crime or an emergency that is happening right now call Triple Zero (000).

"If you have information about a crime call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Commissioner Scipione said it is about providing the community with the tools to speak out, and not to hesitate before calling for help.

"We want people to know if they 'see something to say something' to police and transport officials," Commissioner Scipione concluded.

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