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NSW POLICE FORCE & RAILCORP LAUNCH OPERATION VISION V

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Minister for Police Michael Daley and Minister for Transport David Campbell today launched a major offensive against anti-social and criminal behaviour on the rail network.

Mr Daley said *Operation Vision V (five)* – a three-month crackdown on crime and irresponsible behaviour on our train network – would target robberies, assaults, vandalism and alcohol-related crime.

“Starting this week, police will be out in force on our trains, railway stations, transport interchanges and commuter car parks across the Sydney metropolitan area, the Illawarra and Hunter regions,” he said.

“This will include 300 Commuter Crime Unit and General Duties police officers and 600 RailCorp Transit Officers.

“To those who insist on behaving dangerously or recklessly, I send this message: you will be caught and you will be dealt with, because the community deserves to be able to catch public transport in the knowledge that they will arrive home safely,” Mr Daley said.

Minister Campbell said RailCorp staff would be working closely with the police to make sure anti-social and criminal acts were dealt with swiftly.

“This operation is all about making the rail network safer for the travelling public and we make no apologies for taking these steps,” he said.

“Police and RailCorp officers will monitor an extensive network of closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras which will allow for the rapid deployment of our resources should an incident occur.

“Earlier this year, Operation Vision IV was very successful in cleaning up our train network, with 2,395 arrests, 2,216 charges and 65,565 infringement notices.

“We hope to see the same level of success in Operation Vision V, and beyond, because we will not rest when it comes to commuter safety,” Mr Campbell said.

Mr Daley said the operation would reinforce the good work already being done by frontline police in reducing crime across NSW.

“The latest Bureau of Crime Statistics figures are proof the hard work police are doing to reduce crime in their local communities is paying off.

“Police will continue to run high-visibility and intelligence-based operations to combat crime and anti-social behaviour,” Mr Daley said.