



Minister Congratulates ATM Strike Forces

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Minister for Police Michael Daley today congratulated two NSW Police Strike Forces on the success they've had in cracking down on ATM crime.

Mr Daley said the NSW Police Force had established two dedicated Strike Forces to deal with ATM crime, which had resulted in several arrests relating to numerous attacks.

"Piccadilly II has had great success in targeting ATM bombers, while Strike Force Mail is dedicating to targeting ATM skimming fraudsters," he said.

"Last month, Piccadilly II executed 10 simultaneous search warrants and arrested six men allegedly responsible for 13 separate attacks against Sydney ATMs.

"Strike Force Mail has also been successful with the initial arrest of seven people in relation to ATM skimming, all charged with numerous fraud and ATM skimming related offences.

"These arrests are the result of hard, diligent work of the NSW Police officers and they deserve praise for their persistence.

"Apart from putting the criminals responsible for these robberies behind bars, the success of these two Strike Forces sends a simple message to others who commit ATM crimes – you will be caught.

"The success rate in getting money from ATMs using explosives is low, but these types of attacks are highly dangerous and put the whole community in danger.

"Explosive attacks cause substantial damage to ATMs and surrounding buildings.

"More importantly, these explosions are a significant danger to innocent passers-by.

"That's why the NSW Government, the NSW Police Force and industry are currently investigating the introduction of note degradation technology, or dye-bombs into ATMs and cash-in-transit vans.

"I commend the officers of both Strike Forces who are continuing to bring criminals to justice and working to prevent these crimes occurring again in the future," Mr Daley said.