More than 100 people were arrested as 300 additional police conducted sweeps of licensed premises, transit hubs and known trouble spots throughout South West Metropolitan Region last month, during the first Operation Lockdown for 2011.
Officers from every LAC in the region were joined by police from Commuter Crime, Highway Patrol, Dog Unit and the Region Enforcement Squad as part of the major operation targeting repeat offenders.

Region Commander, Assistant Commissioner Frank Mennilli said Operation Lockdown was about reducing crime by targeting often opportunistic repeat offenders across LAC boundaries. “I’m pleased with the results and commend all the officers involved for their achievements during this operation,” Assistant Commissioner Mennilli said.

During Operation Lockdown, the highway patrol team was filmed for the Channel 9 series RBT.

Fairfield Commander and Lockdown Forward Commander, Supt Peter Lennon also praised police efforts during the crackdown. “This type of operation brings together various policing elements, which allows us to saturate high crime locations. This means railway stations were attended by officers from the Commuter Crime Unit; licensed premises were visited by general duties and licensing police; and places of high pedestrian movements were targeted for special attention,” he said. “We were looking for wanted persons developed through technical identifications and bail compliance checks; and our combined team did very well.”

Operations combine to target opportunists

Operations Lockdown Results

- 511 people searched
- 173 move-on directions issued
- 148 traffic infringement notices issued
- 154 bail compliance checks conducted
- 142 drug dog searches
- 1409 random breath tests
- 181 licensed businesses inspected
- 108 charges laid.