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ISSUE: MINISTER VISIT TO GREAT SOUTHERN DISTRICT – 2 NOVEMBER 2021

BACKGROUND:

The Great Southern policing district encompasses a large portion of the Noongar land area and is bordered by Mandurah District to the North West, Wheatbelt to the North, Goldfields Esperance to the East and South West District to the West. There are 24 police sub-districts, two Detective Offices, one Traffic Enforcement Unit and a District Engagement and Support Unit. Albany Police Station is the 24/7 district hub for public contact and police response.

Superintendent Kim Travers APM is the District Officer and is supported by the District Management Team including:

- [REDACTED] – Inspector for Crime, District Engagement and Support, Great Southern Traffic, Albany Police Station, Great Southern District Forensic Investigation Office (DFIO), Great Southern Family Violence, Great Southern/Narrogin Prosecuting, Youth Policing and Occupational Safety and Health.
- [REDACTED] – Inspector for Northern Division, 12 police sub-districts (Wagin, Narrogin, Dumbleyung, Williams, Corrigin, Boddington, Kulin, Wickopin, Kondinin, Brookton, Lake Grace and Pingelly).
- [REDACTED] – Inspector for Southern Division, 11 police sub-districts (Hopetoun, Kojonup, Mount Barker, Katanning, Cranbrook, Gnowangerup, Tambellup, Walpole, Denmark, Jerramungup and Ravensthorpe).

The Great Southern is a popular tourism destination. Many towns receive a steady stream of tourists with numbers increasing on weekends and during school holiday periods. The police presence is increased during this time to manage road user behaviour, particularly of people travelling to and from their destinations.

The Great Southern District operations team manage level two and three emergencies, principally bush fires, Land Search and Rescue (LandSAR) and road crashes. The Great Southern District are key members of the Operations Areas Support Group (OASG) to manage the district response to COVID-19.

The Emergency Management capability of the Great Southern District has been enhanced with a recently acquired Forward Command Vehicle, providing Police Forward Commanders a mobile command centre asset with competent data and communication at the site of the emergency. The district recently secured two Remote Piloted Aircraft (drones) and trained four officers as pilots, which has already been effective in emergency, crime and other responses.

The Great Southern District has strong relationships with the Southern Aboriginal Corporation, Menang elders and Aboriginal lead community groups providing cultural awareness sessions to most of the district staff. These sessions are valuable in building relationships, collaboration and creating better understanding between police and Aboriginal people.

Youth issues remain a priority for the district, a recent additional Youth Policing Officer (YPO) based in the Narrogin Police sub-district has strengthened the district capabilities to work collaboratively with government and non-government agencies supporting young people at risk, including the partnership with the Police and Community Youth Centre.

CURRENT STATUS:

Brookton Police Station – [REDACTED]

Officer in Charge, [REDACTED]

- Crime in Brookton is low, policing effort is focused on Traffic activity and working with local youth at risk.

Attendees: Nil.

Pingelly Police Station – [REDACTED]

Officer in Charge, [REDACTED]

- This financial year burglary, stealing and damage in Pingelly and Wandering rose. In response ongoing operations in reducing crime and identifying suspects resulted in the arrest of a prolific offender and identification of suspects visiting the area.

Attendees: [REDACTED]

Narrogin Police Station – [REDACTED]

Officer in Charge, [REDACTED]

- Second largest Police Station in the Great Southern District.
- A recent additional YPO based in the Narrogin Police Station has strengthened district capabilities to work collaboratively with government and non-government agencies supporting young people at risk.
- A full station rebuild is in progress. The estimated time of completion is the end of October 2021.

Attendees: Nil

Williams Police Station – [REDACTED]

Officer in Charge, [REDACTED]

- A full station rebuild was completed in August 2021.
- There is a focus on policing Albany Highway and surrounding areas to reduce road trauma by education and enforcement.

Attendees:



Boddington Police Station –

Officer in Charge,



- Focus on policing Albany Highway and surrounding areas to reduce road trauma by education and enforcement.
- Significant infrastructure and mining projects in sub district with Boddington Goldmine.

Attendees:



OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION:

Not applicable.

CURRENT AS: 20/10/2021

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20/10/2021

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