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The ACT Community will now have access to a specifically designed ACT Policing website, with information about crime statistics and important community safety information, Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Simon Corbell, said today.

Mr Corbell joined with Chief Police Officer, Roman Quaedvlieg, to launch the first ever specific ACT Policing website: http://www.police.act.gov.au/.

"This website is a major step forward in the communication between ACT Policing and the local community, and provides increased information and easier navigation about key safety issues for Canberrans," Mr Corbell said.

"This is a first for the ACT and will become a significant tool for proactively communicating messages important to the community and demonstrating the excellent work performed by ACT Policing.

"The new website is designed to help keep the Canberra community better informed of policing activities in the ACT."

Key features of the new website include:

- Access to crime statistics informationof offences reported or becoming known in patrol regions and ‘sectors' across the ACT. The statistics are issued monthly and presented through an interactive map of Canberra, giving the community a clear understanding of crime in their area;
- RSS (Really Simple Syndication) technology - allowing users to conveniently access ACT Policing news items as soon as they are published;
- Access to the latest traffic information on the front page of the site through the ‘traffic ticker'. Information reported to ACT Policing is regularly updated and can also be accessed via RSS news feeds, and;
- A more advanced search facility allowing users to search media release and news content.

Chief Police Officer for ACT Policing Roman Quaedvlieg said the future success of the website is down to both ACT Policing's ongoing commitment to delivering information through the online medium as well as community participation.

"ACT Policing is committed to driving the website into the future. However, for the website to realise its full potential, we need the community's support and feedback," CPO Quaedvlieg said.

"The public's input will breathe life into the site and we need the community to take ownership of the website to ensure its success."

The new ACT Policing site complements the existing Australian Federal Police (AFP) website which has been redeveloped and designed to include a new media centre incorporating multi-media and video footage.

Minister Corbell said he hoped the Canberra community would embrace the new website.

"I invite the community to enter the world of ACT Policing by taking full advantage of the features contained in the new website," Mr Corbell said.

Organisations previously linking to ACT Policing on the former AFP website are encouraged to review their links.

The new ACT Policing website, police.act.gov.au can also be accessed through the AFP at afp.gov.au.

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