



BODY-WORN CAMERAS WELCOME

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The Police Association of Tasmania today welcomed the announcement of the introduction of body-worn video cameras by Tasmania Police.

Association Acting-President Gavin Cashion said the new equipment will increase the safety of members and deliver crime-fighting and crime-solving efficiencies.

“Capturing evidence as any incident unfolds, and being able to present that to the court on a first appearance will mean less hours for our members sitting behind a desk, completing files,” Mr Cashion said.

“It is pleasing to see this Government’s continued support of Police Association members, who along with Tasmania Police, are moving forward with technology and resources.

“We look forward to this continuing and strengthening our front line.”

Mr Cashion said the Association first called for the introduction of this technology in 2004.

“Body-worn video cameras will also assist greatly in baseless allegations of impropriety ... which cause our members undue stress and can hamper career progression, transfers and lifestyle choices.”

Mr Cashion said the new technology will also be invaluable in dealing with Family Violence cases.

“Domestic violence incidents are time-consuming and stressful for frontline police.

“This technology should reduce the time by many hours and correspondingly save victims and police a lot of stress.

“In fact, we believe the cost savings in both time and resources for Tasmania Police, the court system and the taxpayer will far exceed the investment of \$3.4 million.

“Body-worn video cameras will be good for cops, make law-abiding Tasmanians and the community safer... but extremely bad for crooks or those who choose to assault or obstruct Tasmania Police officers.”

Acting-President, Police Association of Tasmania, Gavin Cashion, is available for media interview

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