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From: Wheeler.MarkP[COMMOFF]
Sent: Thursday, 8 February 2018 10:58
To: Kelly.SimonJ[CCC]; Stewart.PaulE[SPECOPS]; Carless.MauriceJ[SCC]
Cc: Executive Support COP
Subject: FW: Firearms Operations
Attachments: S.73

Importance: High

Hi Simon,

Arising out of this morning's briefing with the Commissioner – there is an intention to push out some positive media on these operations and involve the Min.

It is anticipated this will occur during the week commencing 19 February 2018.

Further discussion will occur during a future morning briefing to confirm details.

Thanks.

Mark Wheeler
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Chief of Staff
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QPS RTI&P Unit

From: Sch4p4(6)
To: [Kelly.SimonJ@ccc](mailto:Kelly.SimonJ@ccc.qld.gov.au)
Subject: Re: Updated firearms stats
Date: Monday, 26 February 2018 07:58:45

Thanks Simon

Sent from my iPhone

On 26 Feb 2018, at 7:53 am, Kelly.SimonJ[CCC] <Kelly.SimonJ@police.qld.gov.au <<mailto:Kelly.SimonJ@police.qld.gov.au>>>
> wrote:

Hi Sch4

Updated stats for the firearms op were provided late yesterday. That would mean the following sentences in the draft media release read as:

The operation which commenced on February 1 and is focused on removing illicit weapons from our communities and preventing firearms related offences, has already resulted in the recovery of 869 (as at Feb 25) across the state.

“Since the start of the campaign we have had some significant results with 869 firearms being recovered across the state. A large number of these firearms were recovered during proactive firearm audits conducted by police and as a result of information provided from our communities via Crime Stoppers.

The public have also been very supportive during the campaign with 101 (as at Feb 25) incidents of people contacting police with firearms to hand in, resulting in the surrendering of 227 firearms.

During the operation and on the back of information provided, police have also executed 110 search warrants state wide resulting in the location of 119 (as at Feb 25) weapons.

Regards

Simon

<image005.jpg>Simon Kelly

Director

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Subject: FW: Firearms media op
Date: Monday, 26 February 2018 08:05:00
Attachments: [25 February Daily Update .xlsx](#)
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[firearms tps.docx](#)

Good morning,

Here are some additional talking points as requested.

- Operation Quebec Camouflage is aimed at increasing community safety and confidence, increasing firearm security and targeting the illegal use and distribution of firearms in Queensland.
- Since the start of this month police have been conducting a state-wide blitz on the illegal use and distribution of firearms in Queensland and ensuring compliance with all firearms legislation.
- Any offences involving firearms are concerning. Overall we have seen a decrease in the number of incidents in which firearms are being used but it is important to conduct these types of operations.
- The theft of firearms from rural communities is of particular concern.
- Queensland has a very healthy firearms community with more than 195,000 licensed weapons holders, the vast majority of who are extremely safety conscious, however there remains an element who through poor or insufficient security measures contribute to the firearm issue.
- We have specialist teams focused on systemic firearms issues and continually establish regional task forces to address instances of firearms activities.
- We have an excellent working relationship with our state and national law enforcement partners, where there is sharing of technology, investigative practices and intelligence.

Regards
Simon

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Subject: Firearms media op

Hi Mark,

As discussed, I've attached Q&As and the updated operation stats as of late yesterday.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

If possible, could I get a lift with the Commissioner to the op?

Regards

Simon

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Background on the campaign:

The concept of the firearms campaign is to provide a series of operational strategic options, in support of current regional activities, to increase community safety and confidence, increase firearm security, target illegal use and distribution of firearms in Queensland, while focusing specifically on personal offences involving firearms, and actioning Crime Stoppers information

How big of an issue is gun crime in Queensland?

Ensuring the safety of the Queensland community remains a key priority for this organisation.

It is important for us to acknowledge that there has been a lot of excellent work done by police and the firearm community, both individually and collectively, to address firearm crime in Queensland and whilst we must acknowledge that a times there is a spike in firearm related incidents, overall we have seen a decrease in the number of incidents where firearms are being used.

That said we can never become complacent and it is incumbent on us to continually work towards making our communities safer.

The four key areas where we believe firearms are originating:

- Theft from legitimate firearms holders (rural and remote communities are often targeted)
- Illegal Importation of firearms
- Possession of “grey market” firearms
- Illegal manufacture of firearms

Where are these offences taking place?

The theft of firearms from our regional communities remains a concern and whilst it is not the only way firearms enter the criminal environment our regional areas continue to be overrepresented in terms of firearm theft.

Queensland has a very healthy firearm community with over 195,000 licensed weapons holders, the vast majority of who are extremely safety conscious, however there remains an element who through poor or insufficient security measures contribute to the firearm issue.

Our focus is to work with and educate the communities to ensure that all firearms are secured correctly.

Not surprisingly, the major city hubs are where we see an increase in firearm related activities. The Queensland Police Service has an ongoing focus on the investigation of all firearm related activities and those that would involve themselves in this criminal enterprise.

Are there any particular hotspots in Queensland?

There is a continued focus on accessing intelligence which can provide us with the best understanding of our environment. Identifying “hotspots” and adapting our operational strategies remains our best chance to keep ahead of the game and ensure our resources are deployed effectively.

In recognising firearm offences were on the increase, we have taken a series of proactive steps to reformulate our operational response to these crimes in the last two years.

Whilst much work has been undertaken in the way of education and awareness campaigns, including the Firearms Amnesty, Crime Stoppers, Handgun Buyback, social media and television campaigns, we decided to broaden the scope of some of our specialist investigators.

State Crime Command took the Drug Squads located in Townsville and Cairns and broadened their charter to focus on major and organised crime, including firearms.

In addition, the ten stock squad units, traditionally focused on stock and rural crime were last year also reformulated. The Major and Organised Crime Squad (Rural) now falls under the Drug and Serious Crime Group’s Major and Organised Crime Squad umbrella (Gold Coast, Townsville and Cairns), strengthening our position across the state and ensuring we are addressing these crimes head on.

State Crime Commands Task Force maxima has expanded their role to include all Gang related activities and the Gold Coast District commenced Operation Papa Trench to address firearm related matters

By implementing new taskforces and refocusing our existing teams towards a broader charter we began a process of addressing how we respond to these crimes.

Are imported firearms an issue?

We work with our counterparts in the Australian Border Force and Australian Federal Police to counteract the importation of illegal firearms and firearm parts into Queensland.

As part of this collaborative approach these agencies, along with representatives from all policing jurisdictions, sit on a working party named Operation Athena to address firearms issues at a national level.

Who are you focused on? (sporting shooters, unregistered firearms holders, illegal firearms)

The campaigns focus is on illegal firearms in the community not on any particular group. Removing illicit firearms from our community and working towards measures to reduce further illicit firearms from entering the community is our priority.

Firearms fall into the community from a variety of different means, including the theft of firearms from legitimate firearm licence holders. Targeting any one particular group is not of interest to us, however providing education and awareness to anyone holding a firearm is our priority.

We will also support this with operational tactics to increase not only our knowledge of firearms in the community, but to remove any illegal firearms. We will also use the opportunity to remind anyone who is still holding weapons that are required to be registered, of their obligations under the Weapons Act. The community has been given ample notice that illegal firearms must be surrendered or registered with police.

How many reported offences?

INCIDENTS INVOLVING FIREARMS BY YEAR AND REGION

| REGION | BRISBANE | CENTRAL | NORTHERN | SOUTH EASTERN | SOUTHERN | Total |
|--------|----------|---------|----------|---------------|----------|-------|
| 2012 | 167 | 99 | 67 | 201 | 122 | 656 |
| 2013 | 132 | 112 | 59 | 184 | 115 | 602 |
| 2014 | 108 | 131 | 87 | 166 | 132 | 624 |
| 2015 | 131 | 112 | 103 | 181 | 157 | 684 |
| 2016 | 141 | 143 | 89 | 180 | 174 | 727 |
| 2017 | 94 | 111 | 85 | 177 | 165 | 632 |

2016 – 2017

762 Firearms were reported stolen

2017 – present

396 Firearms have been reported stolen

How many offences are going unreported?

Educational campaigns including the Firearms Amnesty and the Handgun Buyback have helped us provide education to the community in terms of firearms licensing and the importance of updating and renewing your firearms licence.

During the Firearms Amnesty (July 1- 30 Sept 2017) 14, 969 firearms were surrendered across Queensland. Of those, 6530 unregistered firearms were then registered and returned to the owner. This tells us that prior to the latest amnesty there were a large number of unregistered firearms within the community and potentially there are many more still held within the community.

Our experience would indicate that victims of property theft, only report those firearms which are registered as stolen. Unregistered firearms are generally not reported as there is still a fear in the community of the repercussions of reporting stolen unregistered firearms to police.

The Drug and Serious Crime Group proactively reviews all instances of firearms theft to determine if the owner of those weapons or the owner's security of those weapons

was complicit in the theft. Where it can be demonstrated that a lack of security contributed to the theft of these firearms, police will take action.

What are police doing?

The police have their focus in a number of different areas.

Firstly, we are working with the communities to ensure everything is done to reduce the number of firearms being stolen. This is done through education, media campaigns and working with the firearm industry.

We have specialist teams focused on systemic firearm issues and continually establish regional task forces to address instances of firearm activities.

We have an excellent working relationship with our state and national law enforcement partners, where there is sharing of technology, investigative practices and intelligence.

We also work very closely with Crime Stoppers Australia and look towards legislative change to provide police with greater powers to target those persons who present as the greatest risk to the community

What is the campaign focused on?

To conduct a state-wide blitz on the illegal use and distribution of firearms in Queensland and ensure compliance with all firearm legislation.

What types of guns are we talking about?

Our statistics for 2017 would suggest that long arms (rifles and shotguns) are the most common type of firearm to be used in a criminal offence. That said the number of incidents involving handguns is increasing.

In terms of reported stolen weapons, rifles are the most commonly stolen firearm.

Background stats only:

Brisbane (291) and South East Region (213) have the highest number of Armed Robberies recorded

Similarly Murder and Attempted Murder – Brisbane (23) South East (21)

Southern Region – highest area where firearms are being used

From: [Lampe.AmandaM\[CCC\]](#)
To: [Kelly.SimonJ\[CCC\]](#)
Subject: FW: media release - firearms campaign
Date: Friday, 23 February 2018 12:49:36
Attachments: [firearms draft release lv changes.docx](#)

This is the release with the changes from Charysse in it. From our point, this is the final version. Jason will send through the final figures Sunday night.

Amanda

From: Pond.CharysseA[SCC]
Sent: Friday, 23 February 2018 9:47 AM
To: Lampe.AmandaM[CCC] <Lampe.AmandaM@police.qld.gov.au>
Cc: Wacker.JonH[SCC] <Wacker.JonH@police.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Re: media release - firearms campaign

Amanda

Thanks for this a few suggestions - the sentence that refers to 'blame' please consider rewording to words along the line of 'is a contributing factor' or something like that.

Additionally- I like the refocus section -please reward as org crim gangs groups - that includes maxima Instead of how is presently reads.

Regards

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Sent from my iPad

On 23 Feb 2018, at 9:33 am, Lampe.AmandaM[CCC] <Lampe.AmandaM@police.qld.gov.au> wrote:

Good morning all,

I'm not sure if this had been sent through, but this is the final draft of the release for Monday's firearms media opportunity.

D/I Vercoe had seen and approved and I have now inserted the figures as at last night. Given this will be changed, we will need to provide the updated figures on Monday morning for inclusion.

The release has quotes that have been left unattributed and will be sent to the Mins office for reworking into a Ministerial version.

If there are any issues, please let me know as soon as you can. The release is due to the Mins office this morning.

Amanda.

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MEDIA RELEASE

Month XX, 201X

QPS campaign focused on reduction of illegal firearms

X.XXa/pm

A statewide operation focused on the safety of all Queenslanders and a reduction of illegal firearms in Queensland is currently underway across the state.

The operation which commenced on February 1 and is focused on removing illicit weapons from our communities and preventing firearms related offences, has already resulted in the recovery of 783 (as at Feb 23) across the state.

“Our intention is to increase community safety and confidence by complementing our existing strategies with a targeted campaign during the month of February.

“While we have seen a decrease in the number of incidents involving firearms, we understand the community views any firearm incident as a concern. We are committed to doing what we can to minimise the risks surrounding unregistered or stolen firearms within the community,”

Operation Quebec Camouflage has incorporated several strategies to address the existence of illicit firearms and is harnessing the resources of our regional and specialist police, federal law enforcement and members of the firearm community.

“Since the start of the campaign we have had some significant results with 783 firearms being recovered across the state. A large number of these firearms were recovered during proactive firearm audits conducted by police and as a result of information provided from our communities via Crime Stoppers.

“Illicit firearms fall into the hands of criminals and the inexperienced in a number of ways including the theft of firearms from residential properties, the illegal manufacture of firearms, the illegal importation of firearms and the existence of unregistered firearms.

“Queensland has a very healthy firearm community; however, we still see a large proportion of firearms stolen from regional communities where insufficient firearm security is at least in part a contributing factor. This campaign is not about singling out anyone. It is, in part about reaffirming with firearm holders the importance of ensuring their firearms are secured and stored correctly.

The public have also been very supportive during the campaign with 78 (as at Feb 23) incidents of people contacting police with firearms to hand in, resulting in the surrendering of 188 firearms.

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“This could simply be a case of someone finding a firearm that had been sitting in a garden shed following the passing of a relative or a firearm located when a property has been purchased. We are grateful to the public for taking the initiative and helping keep the community safe.

During the operation and on the back of information provided, police have also executed 89 search warrants state wide resulting in the location of 103 (as at Feb 23) weapons.

“These search warrants located firearms and other contraband and it is very satisfying to have removed these firearms from the criminal environment and once again demonstrates the power of community in solving these crimes.

The Queensland Police Service also has a very strong working relationship with other policing jurisdictions including the Australian Federal Police and Australian Border Force.

“We are constantly developing strategies, sharing intelligence and working collaboratively on operations targeting the importation of firearms and the illegal possession of firearms.”

It is vital that the Queensland Police Service continues to develop its operational response to all criminal activity including illicit firearms.

“Whilst a significant body of work has been done to raise firearm awareness during the Firearms Amnesty, Handgun Buyback and social media and television advertising, over the last two years the Queensland Police Service has also broadened the scope of some of our specialist investigators.

“State Crime Command refocused the Drug Squads located in Townsville and Cairns by broadening their charter to focus on major and organised crime, including firearms. In addition, the 10 stock squad units located across the state were reformulated and now fall under the Major and Organised Crime Squad umbrella.

State Crime Command’s Organised Crime Gangs Group (including Taskforce Maxima) has also expanded their role to include all gang related activities and the Gold Coast District commenced Operation Trench to specifically address firearms related matters.

“Our operational focus remains on ensuring the safety of Queenslanders and the reduction of illegal firearms in Queensland.”

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From: Pond.CharysseA@police.qld.gov.au
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Subject: Fwd: Media
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Simon,

This is what I have asked SCC to do once advice recent your office.

Regards

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Vercoe.LanceW@police.qld.gov.au <<mailto:Vercoe.LanceW@police.qld.gov.au>>
Subject: Media

Morning,

Simon Kelly will confirm today the time and date for the QPS media advice re Op Camouflage.

It is proposed for this Thursday. This may include a 'call to action' for the community to provide information re person with illegal firearms.

Once you can confirm the date/time with Simon - can I ask for the following please:

1. Advice to RCC's so they are prepared for hopefully additional crime stoppers information.
2. Advice to our stations/safety message or email re firearms (perhaps people may hand in to counters - I don't know but let's ensure that some constable standing at a front counter doesn't get the wrong impression if people are approaching with weapons).
3. SCC / ICMC to work up crime stoppers info expeditiously and SCC be in a position to execute warrants asap (before the end of the month if resources permit).
4. I heard ABF advertising on the radio yesterday to call them re any firearms (and suspicious behaviour) - have we got much firearm info from them during the op?

Regards

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From: [Lampe.AmandaM\[CCC\]](#)
To: [Hindmarsh.JasonM\[SCC\]](#)
Cc: [Kelly.SimonJ\[CCC\]](#)
Subject: RE: draft release for firearms
Date: Friday, 23 February 2018 12:43:09
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Jason,

I think lance mentioned there were a few other guns going over that you had seized during the campaign. I think it's really important that we don't put all the guns that we have over there out as it will be misinterpreted as what we have gathered during the campaign.

Would it be possible to lay out the guns you guys have seized during the campaign and then if we separate off ones seized previously for destruction then we can do that if necessary. I think telling Steve that we may look to do that would be good (but not if he needs to go to too much trouble as we do have some gun destruction video to give media already).

Amanda.

From: Hindmarsh.JasonM[SCC]
Sent: Friday 23 February 2018 12 12 PM
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Subject: RE: draft release for firearms

Amanda

Your thoughts in relation to CEF?



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Thanks for letting me know Lance.

Jason can you let me know what time the entourage can be expected and what you would like us to prepare for the presentation. That way we can have things set up for you. We did a fairly substantial gun destruct today with about 200 firearms so if you wanted our gun bin opened for videoing and inclusion as background context we can do that. Its about half to three quarter full. This would only be suitable if it is a very small media group (QPS media only is preferable) as we don't want external media staff to have access to the secure warehouse.

Steve

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Steve/Jason

The COP media presentation (along with the Minister) is going to be conducted at the West End Facility at midday on Monday. It was supposed to be today but there were some delays

Steve the guys brought in a lot of firearms yesterday which I would want out for show and tell whilst the COP gives his speech. Jason could you organise a couple of members of FACT to assist please.

S.73

Ok I am out of here. Enjoy next week. Send me an email and I'll make sure I ignore it

Lance (ex DSCG) out

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Hi Lance

Good idea but I already know the CoP and probably the Min won't have enough time for travel to Forest Hill. We might have to go with West End.

Regards
Simon

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Ok well I have more photos. Where can I put them

From: Kelly.SimonJ[CCC]
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To: Vercoe.LanceW[SCC] <Vercoe.LanceW@police.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: draft release for firearms

I'll have the cleaner on standby!

Yes, it's at midday on Monday.

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Yes I thought that would be the case. Ill pick up some sugar cane mulch and spread it around

Did you have a time when the media presentation would be

From: Kelly.SimonJ[CCC]
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Subject: RE: draft release for firearms

Simon

I was speaking with Amanda this morning about where we could do the media presentation on Monday. Those Sch4p3(7) at West End Sch⁴ so effectively we could do the presentation there. That said it would be nice to do something with a more regional background and the suggestion was that perhaps we could take the firearms to Forest Hill which is outside of Ipswich (about 30minute drive) and do it there. My preference would be to do the Forest Hill thing as it would provide some context around where the firearms were located and the issue we have with the theft of firearms from our regional areas, however its not lost on me that it would take some time for everyone, including the commissioner to get out there and back.

Just a thought

From: Kelly.SimonJ[CCC]

Sent: Thursday, 22 February 2018 11:08 AM

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Subject: RE: draft release for firearms

Thanks Lance. I've asked Amanda to follow up today.

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From: Vercoe.LanceW[SCC]

Sent: Thursday, 22 February 2018 8:43 AM

To: Kelly.SimonJ[CCC] <Kelly.SimonJ@police.qld.gov.au>

Subject: RE: draft release for firearms

Simon

The boys pick up 72 firerarms yesterday and assure me they have some video of it. Can I get that to you to include into the media presentation

From: Kelly.SimonJ[CCC]
Sent: Wednesday, 21 February 2018 3:04 PM
To: Vercoe.LanceW[SCC] <Vercoe.LanceW@police.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: draft release for firearms

Ok, I'll talk to Amanda tomorrow and we'll consolidate all materials then for final approval.

Regards
Simon

Simon Kelly

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From: Vercoe.LanceW[SCC]
Sent: Wednesday, 21 February 2018 2:01 PM
To: Kelly.SimonJ[CCC] <Kelly.SimonJ@police.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: draft release for firearms

Yes I am aware of that. Thanks

From: Kelly.SimonJ[CCC]
Sent: Wednesday, 21 February 2018 1:23 PM
To: Vercoe.LanceW[SCC] <Vercoe.LanceW@police.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: draft release for firearms

Hi Lance,

I don't have an update from the version Amanda provided at 2.30pm yesterday.

Please note I have since confirmed the media op won't be tomorrow. It will be at midday on Monday.

Sorry for the delay in letting you know. It was confirmed with the Minister and Commissioner last night.

Regards

Simon

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From: Vercoe.LanceW[SCC]

Sent: Wednesday, 21 February 2018 12:54 PM

To: Kelly.SimonJ[CCC] <Kelly.SimonJ@police.qld.gov.au>

Subject: RE: draft release for firearms

Simon

Is there any changes to the draft that I sent Amanda yesterday

From: Kelly.SimonJ[CCC]

Sent: Tuesday, 20 February 2018 3:02 PM

To: Lampe.AmandaM[CCC] <Lampe.AmandaM@police.qld.gov.au>

Cc: Vercoe.LanceW[SCC] <Vercoe.LanceW@police.qld.gov.au>

Subject: RE: draft release for firearms

Thanks Amanda. Much appreciated. I'm still trying to confirm the launch date.

Regards

Simon

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From: Lampe.AmandaM[CCC]

Sent: Tuesday, 20 February 2018 2:31 PM

To: Kelly.SimonJ[CCC] <Kelly.SimonJ@police.qld.gov.au>

Cc: Vercoe.LanceW[SCC] <Vercoe.LanceW@police.qld.gov.au>

Subject: draft release for firearms

Simon,

I have drafted a media release for the firearms media opp and Lance has made his suggested changes (all included in the attached).

Lance still needs to send a draft up the chain tomorrow once finalised. They haven't seen this draft as yet.

The stats will be subject to change and could be significantly different by Thursday. He will send the updated stats through.

Amanda

Amanda Lampe

Senior Media Advisor

Media and Public Affairs Group

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M: Sch4p4(6)

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sig



QPS RTI&P Unit

From: [Smith.KerriE\[COMMOFF\]](#)
To: [Kelly.SimonJ\[CCC\]](#)
Subject: RE: Firearms operation media op
Date: Tuesday, 20 February 2018 18:34:54
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thanks Simon - COP diary noted accordingly.

Kerri Smith | A/Executive Assistant to the Commissioner|Queensland Police Service
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3364 4650 | smith.kerrie@police.qld.gov.au | <<mailto:smith.kerrie@police.qld.gov.au>> w:
<<http://www.police.qld.gov.au>> www.police.qld.gov.au

From: Kelly.SimonJ[CCC]
Sent: Tuesday, 20 February 2018 4:33 PM
To: Smith.KerriE[COMMOFF] <Smith.KerriE@police.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Firearms operation media op

Thanks Kerri,

Please confirm midday to 12.30pm with travel time either side. I will confirm the location ASAP tomorrow.

Regards

Simon

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<<http://www.mypolice.qld.gov.au/>>

From: Smith.KerriE[COMMOFF]
Sent: Tuesday, 20 February 2018 4:27 PM
To: Kelly.SimonJ[CCC] <Kelly.SimonJ@police.qld.gov.au <<mailto:Kelly.SimonJ@police.qld.gov.au>> >
Subject: RE: Firearms operation media op

Simon

COP availability on Monday 26:

8.30am – 9am

11.30am – 1pm

2pm – 3pm

Dependent on location.

Kind regards

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<<http://www.police.qld.gov.au>> www.police.qld.gov.au

From: Kelly.SimonJ[CCC]
Sent: Tuesday, 20 February 2018 3:34 PM
To: Executive Support COP <CSV-D-ExecutiveSupportCOP@qldpolice.onmicrosoft.com <<mailto:CSV-D-ExecutiveSupportCOP@qldpolice.onmicrosoft.com>> >
Subject: FW: Firearms operation media op

Good afternoon,

The proposed time no longer suits the Minister. Is any time on Monday an option that suits the Commissioner instead?

Regards

Simon

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<<http://www.mypolice.qld.gov.au/>>

From: Kelly.SimonJ[CCC]

Sent: Tuesday, 20 February 2018 10:49 AM

To: Executive Support COP <CSV-D-ExecutiveSupportCOP@qldpolice.onmicrosoft.com> <<mailto:CSV-D-ExecutiveSupportCOP@qldpolice.onmicrosoft.com>>

Subject: Firearms operation media op

Good morning,

We are in the process of scheduling a media op to promote the current firearms operation.

It suits the Minister to do it at 11am this Thursday (February 22). This also suits SCC. The venue is TBC.

Is the Commissioner available and would he like to be involved?

Regards

Simon

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<<http://www.mypolice.qld.gov.au/>>

QPS RTI&P Unit

From: Sch4p4(6)
To: [Kelly.SimonJ\[CCC\]](mailto:Kelly.SimonJ@police.qld.gov.au)
Subject: RE: Firearms release
Date: Friday, 23 February 2018 15:47:42
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thanks for the correction! And the vision.

From: Kelly.SimonJ[CCC] [<mailto:Kelly.SimonJ@police.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Friday, 23 February 2018 3:44 PM
To: Sch4p4(6) Sch4p4(6) @ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Firearms release

Hi Sch4
4(6)

The address is correct but it's actually the Sch4p3(7) West End.

Here is a link to the vision we'll release on Monday.

https://s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/cdn.bp.mypolice.qld.gov.au/uploads/2018/02/23/14054_camouflagelong.mp4

We have given a shorter version to 7 and they did an interview with Jon Wacker today for use on Sunday night.

Regards
Simon

Simon Kelly

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From: Sch4p4(6) [[mailto:Sch4p4\(6\)@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:Sch4p4(6)@ministerial.qld.gov.au)]
Sent: Friday, 23 February 2018 2:13 PM
To: Kelly.SimonJ[CCC] <Kelly.SimonJ@police.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Firearms release

Awesome. No dramas. Thanks muchly! Let me know if you have issues with this media alert:

12pm

Police Minister Mark Ryan and Police Commissioner Ian Stewart will announce the results of an ongoing statewide operation focused on the safety of all Queenslanders and a reduction of illegal firearms.
West End Police Station, 36 Vulture St.

From: Kelly.SimonJ[CCC] [<mailto:Kelly.SimonJ@police.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Friday, 23 February 2018 2:08 PM

To: Sch4p4(6) <Sch4p4(6)@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Firearms release

Sorry, I was rushing. Here's the release. You're welcome to use those TPs as background though.

Simon Kelly

Director

Media and Public Affairs Group

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From: Sch4p4(6) [[mailto:Sch4p4\(6\)@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:Sch4p4(6)@ministerial.qld.gov.au)]

Sent: Friday, 23 February 2018 2:03 PM

To: Kelly.SimonJ[CCC] <Kelly.SimonJ@police.qld.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Firearms release

Are you sure this is the release?

This is great though... wouldn't mind this instead of or with talking points! It'd probably save your people some time.

From: Kelly.SimonJ[CCC] [<mailto:Kelly.SimonJ@police.qld.gov.au>]

Sent: Friday, 23 February 2018 1:59 PM

To: Sch4p4(6) <Sch4p4(6)@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Subject: Firearms release

Hi Sch4

Please find attached the firearms release for Monday.

You can pick which quotes to attribute to Minister Ryan and then we can have the rest from the Commissioner.

Regards

Simon

Simon Kelly

Director

Media and Public Affairs Group

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QPS RTI&P Unit

From: Pond.CharysseA@SCC
To: Kelly.SimonJ@CCC
Subject: Re: Firearms
Date: Monday, 19 February 2018 21:50:13

Hi Simon,

Thanks for coordinating.

Dates have no operational impact for SCC however if we are going to do a 'call for action' I would like to acknowledge the impact this may have on the Regions and also Crime Stoppers/Policelink depending on our messaging.

Additionally if we are going to ask the public to contribute I would like a reasonable amount of time for the phone to be open (so to speak).

Regards

Charysse Pond APM
Detective Chief Superintendent
State Crime Command
Mob: Sch4p4(6)
Email: Pond.CharysseA@police.qld.gov.au <<mailto:Pond.CharysseA@police.qld.gov.au>>

Sent from my iPad

On 19 Feb 2018, at 4:26 pm, Kelly.SimonJ@CCC <Kelly.SimonJ@police.qld.gov.au> <<mailto:Kelly.SimonJ@police.qld.gov.au>> wrote:

Potential dates/times for the Minister are:

- * 11am on Thursday, February 22
- * 8.30am on Monday, February 26
- * Midday on Wednesday, February 28

I haven't contacted the CoP's office yet. Any issues with the above? Would you just prefer this Thursday as the earliest date?

Regards

Simon

<image004.jpg>Simon Kelly

Director

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<<mailto:kelly.simonj@police.qld.gov.au>> kelly.simonj@police.qld.gov.au

<<http://www.mypolice.qld.gov.au/>> <image005.jpg>

From: Pond.CharysseA[SCC]
Sent: Monday, 19 February 2018 1:18 PM
To: Kelly.SimonJ[CCC] <Kelly.SimonJ@police.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Firearms

We will be guided by you.

Regards

Charysse Pond APM

Detective Chief Superintendent

State Crime Command

Mob: Sch4p4(6)

Email: Pond.CharysseA@police.qld.gov.au <<mailto:Pond.CharysseA@police.qld.gov.au>>

Sent from my iPad

On 19 Feb 2018, at 12:34 pm, Kelly.SimonJ[CCC] <Kelly.SimonJ@police.qld.gov.au>
<<mailto:Kelly.SimonJ@police.qld.gov.au>> > wrote:

Hi, I think I've got it. I just wanted to talk potential days for media in the next week so we can lock it in.

Regards

Simon

<image004.jpg>Simon Kelly

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<<http://www.mypolice.qld.gov.au/>> <image005.jpg>

From: Pond.CharysseA[SCC]

Sent: Monday, 19 February 2018 12:34 PM

To: Kelly.SimonJ[CCC] <Kelly.SimonJ@police.qld.gov.au <<mailto:Kelly.SimonJ@police.qld.gov.au>> >

Subject: Re: Firearms

Hi I have asked Lance to send through what ever he and Amanda have produced- have you seen it? I'm in a meeting till 330? I'm aware the AC wants a copy asap.

Regards

Charysse Pond APM

Detective Chief Superintendent

State Crime Command

Mob: Sch4p4(6)

Email: Pond.CharysseA@police.qld.gov.au <<mailto:Pond.CharysseA@police.qld.gov.au>>

Sent from my iPad

On 19 Feb 2018, at 12:23 pm, Kelly.SimonJ[CCC] <Kelly.SimonJ@police.qld.gov.au <<mailto:Kelly.SimonJ@police.qld.gov.au>> > wrote:

Hi Charysse,

Would you mind giving me a call when free? I just wanted to follow up on plans for the firearms op.

Regards

Simon

<image002.jpg>Simon Kelly

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<<http://www.mypolice.qld.gov.au/>> <image003.jpg>

QPS RTI&P Unit

From: [Whelan.NyreeL\[COMMOFF\]](mailto:Whelan.NyreeL@police.qld.gov.au)
To: [Kelly.SimonJ\[CCC\]](mailto:Kelly.SimonJ@ccc.qld.gov.au)
Cc: [Wheeler.MarkP\[COMMOFF\]](mailto:Wheeler.MarkP@police.qld.gov.au)
Subject: RE: media release - firearms campaign for approval
Date: Friday, 23 February 2018 13:20:21

Hi Simon,

Approved.

Regards Nyree

Nyree Whelan

Inspector

Commissioner's Office

Queensland Police Service

E: <<mailto:Whelan.NyreeL@police.qld.gov.au>> Whelan.NyreeL@police.qld.gov.au

P: 3364 4389 M: Sch4p4(6)

From: Kelly.SimonJ[CCC]
Sent: Friday, 23 February 2018 1:04 PM
To: Wheeler.MarkP[COMMOFF] <Wheeler.MarkP@police.qld.gov.au>; Whelan.NyreeL[COMMOFF] <Whelan.NyreeL@police.qld.gov.au>
Subject: media release - firearms campaign for approval

Hi Mark and Nyree, are you in a position to approve the attached on the CoP's behalf so I can send it to the Min's office this afternoon?

The release has quotes that have been left unattributed and will be sent to the Mins office for reworking into a Ministerial version. Some quotes will go to the CoP.

Final figures will be added first thing Monday.

<firearms draft release lv changes.docx>

From: Sch4p4(6)
To: [Kelly.SimonJ\[CCC\]](mailto:Kelly.SimonJ@police.qld.gov.au)
Cc: [MinisterialLiaison.Officer\[HQ\]](mailto:MinisterialLiaison.Officer@police.qld.gov.au); [Stacey.PeterR\[COMMOFF\]](mailto:Stacey.PeterR@police.qld.gov.au)
Subject: RE: times for guns media opp
Date: Tuesday, 20 February 2018 16:30:27
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Awesome. Thank you!

From: Kelly.SimonJ[CCC] [mailto:Kelly.SimonJ@police.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 20 February 2018 4:29 PM
To: Sch4p4(6) Sch4p4(6) @ministerial.qld.gov.au
Cc: MinisterialLiaison.Officer[HQ] <MinisterialLiaison.Officer@police.qld.gov.au>; Stacey.PeterR[COMMOFF] <Stacey.PeterR@police.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: times for guns media opp

Hi Sch4p

The Commissioner is free between 11.30am and 1pm so how about midday?

I'll have to aim to get more information to you tomorrow if that's ok.

Regards
Simon

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From: Sch4p4(6) [mailto:Sch4p4(6)@ministerial.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 20 February 2018 2:36 PM
To: Kelly.SimonJ[CCC] <Kelly.SimonJ@police.qld.gov.au>
Cc: MinisterialLiaison.Officer[HQ] <MinisterialLiaison.Officer@police.qld.gov.au>; Stacey.PeterR[COMMOFF] <Stacey.PeterR@police.qld.gov.au>
Subject: re: times for guns media opp

Hey,

Cabinet is actually cancelled on Monday so the Min can do anytime the Commissioner is available. But the sooner I find out, the better.

Can I get some more info on the opp too please? Whenever you can – thanks.

WHAT: QPS intend to publicly announce the results of a gun operation underway.

WHERE: West End Police Complex Sch4p3(7) – TBC.

WHEN: Sometime Monday February 26 or Wednesday February 28 at 12pm

Thank you,

Sch4p

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From: [Vercoe.LanceW\[ICMEC\]](#)
To: [Parsons.AnthonyP\[SCC\]](#)
Subject: FW: Media
Date: Monday, 11 June 2018 08:22:51

-----Original Message-----

From: Vercoe.LanceW[SCC]
Sent: Tuesday, 20 February 2018 12:17 PM
To: Lampe.AmandaM[CCC] <Lampe.AmandaM@police.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Media

ok

-----Original Message-----

From: Lampe.AmandaM[CCC]
Sent: Tuesday, 20 February 2018 12:16 PM
To: Vercoe.LanceW[SCC] <Vercoe.LanceW@police.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Media

Right I'll send you through a draft release in a tick for you to review. I just have to sort a press opp for Terry Lawrence.

-----Original Message-----

From: Vercoe.LanceW[SCC]
Sent: Tuesday, 20 February 2018 12:10 PM
To: Lampe.AmandaM[CCC] <Lampe.AmandaM@police.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Media

done

-----Original Message-----

From: Lampe.AmandaM[CCC]
Sent: Tuesday, 20 February 2018 11:57 AM
To: Vercoe.LanceW[SCC] <Vercoe.LanceW@police.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Media

The best bet would be to get onto whoever does **Sch4p4(6)** job over there now and tell them about the campaign. I think it would be best coming from you. If we do it, alarm bells will go off and they'll want to be involved.

-----Original Message-----

From: Vercoe.LanceW[SCC]
Sent: Tuesday, 20 February 2018 11:56 AM
To: Pond.CharysseA[SCC] <Pond.CharysseA@police.qld.gov.au>
Cc: Lampe.AmandaM[CCC] <Lampe.AmandaM@police.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Media

Understood and I think that is a good call

Amanda

Please see the Chiefs response. Did you want me to contact them or will your unit look after this

Lance

-----Original Message-----

From: Pond.CharysseA[SCC]
Sent: Tuesday, 20 February 2018 11:54 AM
To: Vercoe.LanceW[SCC] <Vercoe.LanceW@police.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Media

No need for them to be there - just to mention them as the POC. Could have a flag there if that was available.

Regards

Charysse Pond APM
Detective Chief Superintendent
State Crime Command
Mob: Sch4p4(6)
Email: Pond.CharysseA@police.qld.gov.au

Sent from my iPad

> On 20 Feb 2018, at 12:40 pm, Vercoe.LanceW[SCC] <Vercoe.LanceW@police.qld.gov.au> wrote:
>
> Chief
> Just a query from the Police media. They are asking if you want Crime Stoppers to be at the Media
Presentation or just to advise them of what is planned.
> Lance
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Pond.CharysseA[SCC]
> Sent: Tuesday, 20 February 2018 6:27 AM
> To: Wacker.JonH[SCC] <Wacker.JonH@police.qld.gov.au>; Vercoe.LanceW[SCC]
<Vercoe.LanceW@police.qld.gov.au>
> Subject: Re: Media
>
> Lance,
>
> Additionally can you pls call crime stoppers and advise them of the media date/time so they may prepare.
>
> Regards
>
> Charysse Pond APM
> Detective Chief Superintendent
> State Crime Command
> Mob: Sch4p4(6)
> Email: Pond.CharysseA@police.qld.gov.au
>
>
> Sent from my iPad
>
>> On 20 Feb 2018, at 6:51 am, Pond.CharysseA[SCC] <Pond.CharysseA@police.qld.gov.au> wrote:
>>
>> Morning,
>>
>> Simon Kelly will confirm today the time and date for the QPS media advice re Op Camouflage.
>>
>> It is proposed for this Thursday. This may include a 'call to action' for the community to provide
information re person with illegal firearms.
>>
>> Once you can confirm the date/time with Simon - can I ask for the following please:
>>
>> 1. Advice to RCC's so they are prepared for hopefully additional crime stoppers information.
>>
>> 2. Advice to our stations/safety message or email re firearms (perhaps people may hand in to counters - I

don't know but let's ensure that some constable standing at a front counter doesn't get the wrong impression if people are approaching with weapons).

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>> 3.SCC / ICMC to work up crime stoppers info expeditiously and SCC be in a position to execute warrants asap (before the end of the month if resources permit).

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>> 4. I heard ABF advertising on the radio yesterday to call them re any firearms (and suspicious behaviour) - have we got much firearm info from them during the op?

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>> Regards

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>> Charysse Pond APM

>> Detective Chief Superintendent

>> State Crime Command

>> Mob: Sch4p4(6)

>> Email: Pond.CharysseA@police.qld.gov.au

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>> Sent from my iPad

QPS RTI&P Unit

From: [Vercoe.LanceW\[ICMEC\]](#)
To: [Parsons.AnthonyP\[SCC\]](#)
Subject: FW: firearms tps.docx
Date: Monday, 11 June 2018 08:21:20
Attachments: [firearms tps.docx](#)

From: Vercoe.LanceW[SCC]
Sent: Monday, 19 February 2018 2:47 PM
To: Gray.EricaR[SCC] <Gray.EricaR@police.qld.gov.au>
Subject: FW: firearms tps.docx

This is the one from last week

From: Vercoe.LanceW[SCC]
Sent: Thursday, 15 February 2018 5:22 AM
To: Lampe.AmandaM[CCC] <Lampe.AmandaM@police.qld.gov.au>
Cc: Pond.CharysseA[SCC] <Pond.CharysseA@police.qld.gov.au>
Subject: firearms tps.docx

Amanda

I have worked on the possible questions and provided my responses including stats to support the statements. I have also forwarded a copy of this to the chief at her request.

My understanding (from the chief) is that the Commissioner is looking at doing some media on Tuesday of next week. I will seek to get some more video etc from the regions and put that in the media folder with the material that already exists there.

In terms of accessing industry representation I would think that **Sch4p4(6)** from the Sports Shooters Association of Australia would be a good fit. Tony Parsons has his contact details.

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Lance

Background on the campaign:

The concept of the firearms campaign is to provide a series of operational strategic options, in support of current regional activities, to increase community safety and confidence, increase firearm security, target illegal use and distribution of firearms in Queensland, while focusing specifically on personal offences involving firearms, and actioning Crime Stoppers information

How big of an issue is gun crime in Queensland?

Ensuring the safety of the Queensland community remains a key priority for this organisation.

It is important for us to acknowledge that there has been a lot of excellent work done by police and the firearm community, both individually and collectively, to address firearm crime in Queensland and whilst we must acknowledge that a times there is a spike in firearm related incidents, overall we have seen a decrease in the number of incidents where firearms are being used.

That said we can never become complacent and it is incumbent on us to continually work towards making our communities safer.

The four key areas where we believe firearms are originating:

- Theft from legitimate firearms holders (rural and remote communities are often targeted)
- Illegal Importation of firearms
- Possession of “grey market” firearms
- Illegal manufacture of firearms

Where are these offences taking place?

The theft of firearms from our regional communities remains a concern and whilst it is not the only way firearms enter the criminal environment our regional areas continue to be overrepresented in terms of firearm theft.

Queensland has a very healthy firearm community with over 195,000 licensed weapons holders, the vast majority of who are extremely safety conscious, however there remains an element who through poor or insufficient security measures contribute to the firearm issue.

Our focus is to work with and educate the communities to ensure that all firearms are secured correctly.

Not surprisingly, the major city hubs are where we see an increase in firearm related activities. The Queensland Police Service has an ongoing focus on the investigation of all firearm related activities and those that would involve themselves in this criminal enterprise.

Are there any particular hotspots in Queensland?

There is a continued focus on accessing intelligence which can provide us with the best understanding of our environment. Identifying “hotspots” and adapting our operational strategies remains our best chance to keep ahead of the game and ensure our resources are deployed effectively.

In recognising firearm offences were on the increase, we have taken a series of proactive steps to reformulate our operational response to these crimes in the last two years.

Whilst much work has been undertaken in the way of education and awareness campaigns, including the Firearms Amnesty, Crime Stoppers, Handgun Buyback, social media and television campaigns, we decided to broaden the scope of some of our specialist investigators.

State Crime Command took the Drug Squads located in Townsville and Cairns and broadened their charter to focus on major and organised crime, including firearms.

In addition, the ten stock squad units, traditionally focused on stock and rural crime were last year also reformulated. The Major and Organised Crime Squad (Rural) now falls under the Drug and Serious Crime Group’s Major and Organised Crime Squad umbrella (Gold Coast, Townsville and Cairns), strengthening our position across the state and ensuring we are addressing these crimes head on.

State Crime Commands Task Force maxima has expanded their role to include all Gang related activities and the Gold Coast District commenced Operation Papa Trench to address firearm related matters

By implementing new taskforces and refocusing our existing teams towards a broader charter we began a process of addressing how we respond to these crimes.

Are imported firearms an issue?

We work with our counterparts in the Australian Border Force and Australian Federal Police to counteract the importation of illegal firearms and firearm parts into Queensland.

As part of this collaborative approach these agencies, along with representatives from all policing jurisdictions, sit on a working party named Operation Athena to address firearms issues at a national level.

Who are you focused on? (sporting shooters, unregistered firearms holders, illegal firearms)

The campaigns focus is on illegal firearms in the community not on any particular group. Removing illicit firearms from our community and working towards measures to reduce further illicit firearms from entering the community is our priority.

Firearms fall into the community from a variety of different means, including the theft of firearms from legitimate firearm licence holders. Targeting any one particular group is not of interest to us, however providing education and awareness to anyone holding a firearm is our priority.

We will also support this with operational tactics to increase not only our knowledge of firearms in the community, but to remove any illegal firearms. We will also use the opportunity to remind anyone who is still holding weapons that are required to be registered, of their obligations under the Weapons Act. The community has been given ample notice that illegal firearms must be surrendered or registered with police.

How many reported offences?

INCIDENTS INVOLVING FIREARMS BY YEAR AND REGION

| REGION | BRISBANE | CENTRAL | NORTHERN | SOUTH EASTERN | SOUTHERN | Total |
|--------|----------|---------|----------|---------------|----------|-------|
| 2012 | 167 | 99 | 67 | 201 | 122 | 656 |
| 2013 | 132 | 112 | 59 | 184 | 115 | 602 |
| 2014 | 108 | 131 | 87 | 166 | 132 | 624 |
| 2015 | 131 | 112 | 103 | 181 | 157 | 684 |
| 2016 | 141 | 143 | 89 | 180 | 174 | 727 |
| 2017 | 94 | 111 | 85 | 177 | 165 | 632 |

2016 – 2017

762 Firearms were reported stolen

2017 – present

396 Firearms have been reported stolen

How many offences are going unreported?

Educational campaigns including the Firearms Amnesty and the Handgun Buyback have helped us provide education to the community in terms of firearms licensing and the importance of updating and renewing your firearms licence.

During the Firearms Amnesty (July 1- 30 Sept 2017) 14, 969 firearms were surrendered across Queensland. Of those, 6530 unregistered firearms were then registered and returned to the owner. This tells us that prior to the latest amnesty there were a large number of unregistered firearms within the community and potentially there are many more still held within the community.

Our experience would indicate that victims of property theft, only report those firearms which are registered as stolen. Unregistered firearms are generally not reported as there is still a fear in the community of the repercussions of reporting stolen unregistered firearms to police.

The Drug and Serious Crime Group proactively reviews all instances of firearms theft to determine if the owner of those weapons or the owner's security of those weapons

was complicit in the theft. Where it can be demonstrated that a lack of security contributed to the theft of these firearms, police will take action.

What are police doing?

The police have their focus in a number of different areas.

Firstly, we are working with the communities to ensure everything is done to reduce the number of firearms being stolen. This is done through education, media campaigns and working with the firearm industry.

We have specialist teams focused on systemic firearm issues and continually establish regional task forces to address instances of firearm activities.

We have an excellent working relationship with our state and national law enforcement partners, where there is sharing of technology, investigative practices and intelligence.

We also work very closely with Crime Stoppers Australia and look towards legislative change to provide police with greater powers to target those persons who present as the greatest risk to the community

What is the campaign focused on?

To conduct a state-wide blitz on the illegal use and distribution of firearms in Queensland and ensure compliance with all firearm legislation.

What types of guns are we talking about?

Our statistics for 2017 would suggest that long arms (rifles and shotguns) are the most common type of firearm to be used in a criminal offence. That said the number of incidents involving handguns is increasing.

In terms of reported stolen weapons, rifles are the most commonly stolen firearm.

Background stats only:

Brisbane (291) and South East Region (213) have the highest number of Armed Robberies recorded

Similarly Murder and Attempted Murder – Brisbane (23) South East (21)

Southern Region – highest area where firearms are being used

From: [Vercoe.LanceW\[ICMEC\]](#)
To: [Parsons.AnthonyP\[SCC\]](#)
Subject: FW: 14 February Daily Update (Autosaved).xlsx
Date: Monday, 11 June 2018 08:19:27

From: Vercoe.LanceW[SCC]
Sent: Thursday, 15 February 2018 4:33 AM
To: Pond.CharysseA[SCC] <Pond.CharysseA@police.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: 14 February Daily Update (Autosaved).xlsx

Chief

I had Amanda with me on Tuesday to discuss this and we have prepared some talking points for the Media strategy. I am currently working on those now just to ensure the figures are correct.

Once I finish these talking points Ill will forward the information to you

From: Pond.CharysseA[SCC]
Sent: Wednesday, 14 February 2018 7:27 PM
To: Vercoe.LanceW[SCC] <Vercoe.LanceW@police.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Re: 14 February Daily Update (Autosaved).xlsx

Hi Lance,

Can I please have a copy of any plan Amanda has put together for the media strategy.

Regards

Charysse Pond APM
Detective Chief Superintendent
State Crime Command
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Sent from my iPad

On 14 Feb 2018, at 7:22 pm, Vercoe.LanceW[SCC] <Vercoe.LanceW@police.qld.gov.au> wrote:

Please find attached. The spreadsheet is getting very tired so its taking some time to get it out

Lance

<14 February Daily Update (Autosaved).xlsx>

From: [Vercoe.LanceW@ICMEC](#)
To: [Lampe.AmandaM@CCC](#)
Subject: RE: gun destruction
Date: Tuesday, 30 January 2018 15:56:00
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Ok cool

From: Lampe.AmandaM[CCC]
Sent: Tuesday, 30 January 2018 12:37 PM
To: Vercoe.LanceW[SCC] <Vercoe.LanceW@police.qld.gov.au>
Subject: gun destruction

Sorry, yes. I've only just had a chance to talk to him.
I'll have to try and organise a camera.

Guys as part of Operation Quebec Camouflage I have organised a firearm destruction day. It would be good to use the destruction of these firearms as a media opportunity. Please see the invite below

Could you please advise if this is doable

Lance

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Bullock.SteveS[SCC]
Sent: Thursday, 25 January 2018 2:43 PM
To: Bullock.SteveS[SCC]; Vercoe.LanceW[SCC]; Everett.CraigR[SCC]
Subject: GUN DESTRUCTION
When: Friday, 2 February 2018 10:00-11:00 (UTC+10:00) Brisbane.
Where: EVIDENCE MANAGEMENT

Lance we have three definite gun destructions planned for next Friday 2nd February if you would like to arrange with QPS media to attend to video this as part of Operation Quebec Camouflage.
Steve

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