

Public order and safety

The table below provides an overview of the QPS's performance against service standards from the *2011-2015 Strategic Plan* and *2011-12 Service Delivery Statement*.

Public order and safety	Notes	2010-11 Actual	2011-12 Target/Est.	2011-12 Actual	2011-12 National average
Rate (per 100 000 population) of good order offences detected	1	1 072	1 000-1 200	1 142	N/A
Public satisfaction with police dealing with public order problems	2	68.3%	≥ 65%	69.2%	65.4%
Public satisfaction with police dealing with disasters and major events	3	87.2%	≥ 85%	89.2%	N/A

Notes:

1. 2010-11 Actual figures may differ from those reported in the QPS Annual Report 2010-11 due to settlement of data and revised Queensland population figures. The ABS has reviewed all population figures for Australia based on the 2011 census.
2. Derived from the *National Survey of Community Satisfaction with Policing*.
3. Derived from the *National Survey of Community Satisfaction with Policing*. No national average is available for this measure.

The QPS commits significant resources and effort towards maintaining public order and safety across Queensland. Its focus ranges from drunken and disorderly behaviour, youth violence, drug use, early intervention and diversion programs, to large scale public order incidents including natural disasters, and major events such as the 2011 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting.

Achievement highlights

Drink Safe Precincts and Banning Orders were introduced in December 2010 in response to the Parliamentary Committee's Inquiry into Alcohol Related Violence in Queensland.

Three Drink Safe Precincts were created, in Townsville, Fortitude Valley and Surfers Paradise. In the precincts, state and local government agencies, industry and community organisations deliver coordinated local plans.

During the 2011-12 financial year, 35 019 additional police hours have been worked in the precincts and 6 641 arrests made. Police also intervened on 7 324 occasions to prevent conflict, and issued 2 611 move-on directions.

Within the three precincts, 140 banning orders have been issued between December 2010 and June 2012. In non drink safe precinct areas, 299 banning orders have been issued during this period.

The Party Safe initiative continued providing the community with information on holding safe and lawful parties, and providing a process for people to register their parties with local police. It provides practical strategies for planning safe parties and improves police monitoring and early intervention. During 2011-12, 6 437 parties were registered with police.

Operation Unite is a joint initiative of Police Commissioners across Australia and New Zealand. It demonstrates the united determination of police to challenge alcohol misuse, crime, violence and anti-social behaviour. A two-day campaign was conducted in 2011-12. All QPS regions were involved in the operations, with over 850 uniformed and plain-clothed police officers proactively patrolling liquor precincts across Queensland.

During the campaign, police arrested 285 people and issued 306 Notices to Appear for a total of 760 charges. Of those charges, 33 related to offences committed by juveniles.

More than 10 000 random breath tests were conducted, with 141 drivers detected drink driving. Police also took 376 people to a place of safety, issued 151 move-on directions and conducted 1 845 street checks.

The QPS has run a number of operations to target drugs. For example, Operation Echo Star in Townsville has led to the arrest of seven offenders on 21 drug charges and the seizure of over a kilogram of amphetamines. Operation 'Walk the Line' in Fortitude Valley has led to the arrest of 12 offenders on 17 drug charges, and a significant seizure of ecstasy. Following this operation, there was a downturn in drug use in the Valley for an extended period of time.

Police also located and seized 379 clandestine illicit drug laboratories in 2011-12.

In 2011-12, the QPS provided funding for crime prevention projects across the state through the Community Crime Prevention Fund. The Fund supports partnerships between the QPS and community groups to develop local responses to local problems.

The Coordinated Response to Young People at Risk (CRYPAR) program is a whole-of-government initiative that aims to assist young people and families in addressing factors that contribute to criminal and self-harming tendencies and anti-social behaviour. The program allows police to refer persons at risk, with their consent, to an appropriate support agency that has agreed to respond within 48 hours. This is done via SupportLink, an electronic management system. There were 21 475 referrals for persons at risk made in 2011-12.

The Board of Xstrata Coal Queensland has agreed to provide \$5 million between 2011 and 2013 to facilitate the program's expansion across Queensland.

In October 2008, the QPS formed a partnership with the Brisbane City Council to tackle graffiti. During 2011-12, the Taskforce Against Graffiti charged 71 offenders with 3 187 offences.

Between late January and February 2012, parts of Queensland experienced monsoonal weather conditions. Police assisted the townships and surrounding areas of Roma, Charleville, St George, Mitchell and Longreach. The QPS provided 302 staff in addition to local police to help respond to flooding.

Police supported the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in October 2011. Staff provided a range of functions including venue security, traffic duties, media support, close personal protection duties and specialist response.

The state election campaign was conducted from 19 February to 24 March 2012. A significant security response was provided to ensure the safety of the Premier and the Leader of the State Opposition, members of the parties and the public. There are 115 officers across the state qualified to provide dignitary protection services.

The QPS actively participated in the National Counter Terrorism Committee to enhance Australia's capacity to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from threats or acts of terrorism. During 2012, Queensland hosted the Committee meeting on 14-15 May in Brisbane.

Future initiatives

The QPS will undertake significant planning to deliver security and public safety services for the G20 Summit in 2014. Approximately 4 000 staff will be required to provide security and public safety to the Leaders' Summit in Brisbane, and up to 2 000 for the Finance Ministers' Meeting in Cairns.

The QPS will work with the Office of Games Coordination and the Gold Coast 2018 Organising Committee to prepare for the 2018 Commonwealth Games. This will ensure security matters are considered throughout all elements of Games planning. A security operation over some 29 days will be required to support the Games. The operation will include around 2 000 police per day during the 12 days of competition.

The next Operation Unite is planned for December 2012. Police across Australia and New Zealand will work to address alcohol misuse, crime, violence and antisocial behaviour.

The QPS will continue to contribute to the National Counter Terrorism Committee's development of security guidance material for the operators of mass gatherings and events. This material is designed to enhance their understanding of security threats and improve coordination with emergency responders, should an incident occur.