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Specialist Services Branch

The Specialist Services Branch (SSB) was established in 1993 and forms part of the Queensland Police Service's Operations Support Command.

The role of the branch is to ensure that regional police have appropriate specialist support during operational activities that occur within our community.

SSB consists of 10 specialist units that are available to provide a diverse range of skills and tactics that exceed normal policing capabilities.

The units within SSB are based in the Brisbane metropolitan area with the exception of the Cairns Special Emergency Response Team and are deployed throughout the state as required.

These specialists provide a diverse range of policing functions to Queenslanders and complement the highly trained members of the Queensland Police Service.

The individual units within SSB include:

- Brisbane Dog Squad
- Brisbane Water Police
- Explosive Ordnance Response Team
- Marine Technical Unit
- Mounted Police Unit
- Negotiators
- Public Safety Response Team
- Police Diving Squad
- Railway Squad
- Special Emergency Response Team

The Special Emergency Response Team is only deployed with my prior approval to assist local police in defusing high-risk situations, water operations and high-angle rescue.

The Public Safety Response Team provides a public order response and support to local police operations in the movement and management of large crowds and the prevention of disorder in the community.

Another specialist unit is the Brisbane Dog Squad which provides valuable assistance with tracking offenders as well as providing drug detection dogs used in major drug detection operations.

The Police Railway Squad also provides a seven-day policing presence on the Queensland Rail Citytrain network which extends from Gympie to Robina.

In addition, SSB has undergone specialist crowd management training to supplement the number and capability of the Public Safety Response Team.

Integrated Specialist Services Branch deployments have in the past assisted with major demonstrations and crowd management situations.

The combined specialist skills of SSB personnel provides a valuable tool for the remainder of the Service in maintaining law and order.