

Vision of the Queensland Police Service

'We are determined to be a professional police service, dedicated to excellence and committed to working in partnership with the people of Queensland to enhance the safety and security of our community.'

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Commissioner's Foreword



Bob Atkinson APM, Commissioner of Police

The Queensland Police Service *Annual Statistical Review 2006/07* provides a comprehensive record of crime statistics for Queensland and includes information on levels of reported and cleared crime, traffic related matters and police personnel. The Statistical Review is a key component of the Police Service's overall performance management and accountability requirements and provides valuable information for strategic, information-based policing that will assist the Service in aligning policing for the future.

The delivery of professional policing services continues to progress in response to the social, demographic and technological changes occurring throughout the State. Queensland now has over four million residents living across a land mass of 1.7 million square kilometres, equating to around one quarter of Australia.

In response to meeting the challenge of rapid growth and change, the Queensland Government, in partnership with the Police Service and other stakeholders, is delivering a comprehensive program of regional planning, major infrastructure development and responsive policing services. These key initiatives are directed at ensuring a positive outcome of safe and secure communities across the State in a rapidly changing policing environment.

In June 2007, the Police Service introduced Phase 2.1 of the Queensland Police Records and Information Management Exchange (QPRIME) as part of supporting policing for the future. QPRIME provides enhanced information tools and systems to prevent, detect and solve crime by providing faster access to a single, integrated operational policing system. To date, QPRIME has replaced more than 100 systems and police officers now have immediate access to advanced information analysis.

In this year's *Annual Statistical Review*, it is encouraging to note there has been a continued decrease in the level of most categories of reported crime compared with the previous year.

Total Offences Against Property fell by 5% in 2006/07 and has continued the trend from the previous year. Reductions occurred in all property offence categories except Other Property Damage. Of particular note was a 16% decrease in reported Fraud offences.

The number of Offences Against the Person reported in 2006/07 increased by 1% compared with the previous year. Whilst there is a reported increase of 7% in Sexual Offences, there was a 9% decrease in Robbery and an 8% decrease in Other Homicide. Reported Homicide (Murder) fell by 6%.

In the Other Offences aggregate, Liquor Offences and Good Order Offences increased by 30% and 16% respectively. These increases reflect the Police Service's activity in targeting alcohol and violence related incidents in and around licensed premises.

The positive results of this year's *Annual Statistical Review* reflect the professionalism and commitment of all members of the Service in *Protecting our Children and Enhancing Community Safety*.

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Bob Atkinson APM.
COMMISSIONER

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