



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Forde — July-September Edition 2023

Police Attendance 131 444 Gungahlin Police 6123 4301

Emergency 000

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800 Lifeline 131 114

Domestic Violence Crisis Service 6280 0900

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SECURE SEPTEMBER

‘Secure September’ is an annual project by ACT Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) in conjunction with ACT Policing to highlight ways in which residents can help to keep themselves and their property safe and secure.

The key message is that everyone should accept responsibility for crime prevention - it is not just a matter for law enforcement agencies.

Under normal circumstances, when people adopt simple safety measures around their home, their property and themselves, they assist in reducing crime.

However, the arrival of Covid changed many things in our lives, and circumstances are far from normal and we are finding it necessary to look beyond the boundaries of our homes in keeping ourselves and our family and friends secure.

While most people are familiar with the usual advice on personal security, the pandemic has brought additional elements into the equation, such as personal hygiene and mental health, misinformation, cyber crime, unemployment, education and childcare issues.

Police Online Services Launched

ACT Policing has launched its online services portal, providing an additional way for the Canberra community to report certain incidents, submit requests, and provide information to police.

As part of the portal, ACT Policing also launched a brand new capability, enabling members of the community to report crime to police using a new online form.

The community will still be able to report emergencies and life threatening incidents to Triple Zero (000) or non-urgent matters to 131 444 or by attending their local police station.

At the launch, Chief Police Officer Gaughan spoke about the benefits of online reporting for both police and the community.

You can check out the new Online Services Portal via the ACT Policing website police.act.gov.au

FORDE CRIME STATISTICS

Forde Statistics	Jun 23	Jul 23	Aug 23
Motor vehicle theft	-	-	-
Burglary—dwellings	-	1	1
Assault other	-	2	-
Assault causing ABH	-	-	-
Other theft	1	1	-
Property damage	-	1	1
Numberplate theft	-	-	1



Forde looks like a nice place to raise our signets.

Vehicle Theft Still a Worry

ACT Policing has received numerous reports of vehicles being entered illegally, particularly high-end, high performance vehicles.

A number of these incidents have included offenders smashing the passenger’s side window and rummaging through glove boxes and centre consoles.

These matters continue to be an investigative focus for members from Operation TORIC and the Proactive Intervention and Diversion Team.

ACT Policing's Live Community Q&A

On Thursday 29 June, ACT Policing held their first Facebook Live Community Q&A for 2023.

The Q&A was an opportunity for community members to tune in from anywhere to hear from, and ask questions of, the Chief Police Officer for the ACT Neil Gaughan; Detective Acting Inspector Libby Swain, Officer-in-Charge of Proactive Policing; Detective Inspector Simon Coady, Officer-in-Charge of Communications; and Constable Katelyn O'Connor from Tuggeranong Police Station.

In their July newsletter, ACT Policing said they appreciated so many people getting involved and wanting to know more about ACT Policing, career opportunities and community safety.

ACT Policing value this type of meaningful engagement with the community, as it gives police the opportunity to hear the community's thoughts and allows them to answer questions that matter to you.

The panel worked hard to answer as many questions as possible but for those that they did not get to, another Facebook live Q&A will be held later this year. Keep an eye on the ACT Policing Facebook page to find out more details.

More Police on the Way

The ACT Government has unveiled an unprecedented commitment to enhance community safety by investing over \$107 million in the recruitment of 126 ACT Policing personnel over the next five years.

This represents the largest single investment ever made in ACT Policing.

The substantial financial commitment will enable the commencement of an additional annual recruit course for the next five years, further fortifying the ranks of ACT Policing.

The new officers will be deployed across a range of priority areas consistent with the new police services model and the statement of direction from the Minister for Police. This includes additional police in suburban growth areas such as Molonglo and Gungahlin, and established areas such as Tuggeranong, Woden, Weston Creek, Belconnen and Central Canberra.

Alongside this recruitment drive, the funding will be used to expand crucial supporting resources, including the provision of vehicles, body-worn cameras, and operational equipment.

These enhancements will significantly bolster the capabilities of our dedicated officers in their efforts to ensure the safety and security of the community.



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If you see or suspect a **crime**, call ACT Policing on 131 444 without delay. If you have **information** but don't require police attendance, call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or report online at act.crimestoppers.com.au. When reporting to Crime Stoppers we encourage you to mention NHW. You can still do this and remain anonymous.