

# Chief Superintendents A to Z



Chief Superintendent Gordon Law Bruce (O.I.C. Traffic Division.)

Chief Superintendent Bruce's police career began in the Lankashire Constabulary in Scotland. Mr Bruce, who was born on October 6 1927 in the small Scottish village of Eastfield, also served with the Scots Guards.

After being demobilised he entered the No. 4 District Police Training College in Staffordshire where he later graduated as an Assistant Inspector with the Colonial Police and was posted to Northern Rhodesia.

Mr Bruce was awarded three police commendations for outstanding investigative ability.

Mr Bruce retired from Her Majesty's Overseas Civil Service in 1974 with the rank of Assistant Commissioner, C.I.D.

On his arrival in Australia he joined the Commonwealth Police Force as O.I.C. of the newly formed V.I.P. Protection Branch.

Attachments during his long police career have included terms with the City of Glasgow Police, Victoria Police, Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary and the United States Secret Service.

In 1967 Mr Bruce was awarded the Zambia Police Medal and in 1979 the Queen's Police Medal.

Mr Bruce is married and has two children. The family enjoys equestrian pursuits and owns four horses.



Chief Superintendent Peter Gilbert Dawson (O.I.C. Training Division.)

Chief Superintendent Dawson, was born at Tumut, NSW, on April 12 1938 and joined the former A.C.T. Police as a constable in 1959. In 1963 he joined the C.I.B. and within three years had progressed to the rank of Detective Sergeant.

Mr Dawson transferred from C.I.B. to the Recruitment Training Branch in 1969 where he spent four years before becoming an inspector. Shortly after he was assigned to the position of duty officer and in 1976 became the first O.I.C. of the new Belconnen Police Station. There he helped establish a new system known as unit beat policing based on the U.K. system in which suburban residents more readily identify with a particular policeman because he is continually assigned to a specific suburban area.

Mr Dawson later led the 40-man contingent of A.C.T. police assigned to mopping up operations in Darwin in the wake of Cyclone Tracey.

At the time Mr Dawson was head of the A.C.T. Police Search and Rescue Squad, a role which saw him leading several searches for missing persons in or near the A.C.T.

In 1977 Mr Dawson was promoted to Superintendent and O.I.C. of the C.I.B. in Canberra before heading the General Policing Division, A.C.T., 18 months ago.

Mr Dawson is married and has three children.