



On patrol

The role of community policing is an integral part of the work of the Australian Federal Police – through the commitment and talents of the personnel of ACT Community Policing.

ACT Policing covers the gamut of activities associated with the traditional concept of law enforcement.

Led by Chief Police Officer John Murray, the ACT organisation works with the community of the national capital, carrying out functions which underpin law and order in that city.

Since March 2000, the AFP has provided policing services to the ACT through a Policing Arrangement between the Commonwealth Minister for Justice and Customs, the ACT Deputy Chief Minister, the ACT Attorney General and ACT Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Corrections.

The main features of this five-year arrangement to 2005 are:

- an enhanced framework to ensure a flexible and effective response to emerging crime trends in the ACT;
- increased accountability of the ACT Chief Police Officer to the Minister responsible for policing in the ACT; and
- an annual Purchase Agreement, incorporating performance measures for policing services to be provided to the ACT community.

These photographs, by Brian Hartigan, capture the flavour of a working day in the life of two ACT police officers, covering their beat. They show community policing as a challenging, rewarding and personal endeavour.

