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Injured Police can still help keep community safe: Police Association

The Tasmanian Department of Police and Emergency Management had an obligation and responsibility to find non-frontline roles for operational police injured while serving the Tasmanian community, according to Tasmanian Police Association.

The Police Association has commissioned a poll of members which found 98% agreed the Department should look after police who are injured on duty.

89% of police agree that the Department should find a non-operational role for police injured on duty.

Police Association President Sergeant Randolph Wierenga said today that it is clear from the poll that police do not feel that the Department is doing enough to look after injured officers.

"Policing is a dangerous job, and police officers are highly loyal servants of the community. So much so that when they're injured, many police wish to continue in whatever capacity they're able.

"Officers need reassurance that if they are injured while on duty, they won't be forced to leave the police service if they're still capable of performing a non-frontline role.

"The Department's unwillingness to accept that those injured can still benefit to the community is disappointing.

"You would expect that individuals injured in the line of duty should be given a position off the frontline out of respect for the individual and the work they perform," said Sergeant Wierenga.

About the poll

The poll of 528 Tasmanian Police was conducted between Feb 19 and March 11 2010 by Essential Research.

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