



Future Events:

**Police Association of South
Australia Conference**
20 -21 October 2015
Adelaide, South Australia

**New Zealand Police
Association Conference**
21 – 23 October 2015
Wellington, NZ

**Police Federation of Australia
Conference**
15 – 17 November 2015
Hobart, Tasmania

**Western Australia Police
Union Conference**
23 – 24 November 2015
Perth, Western Australia

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ICPRA Chairman's Welcome

Greg O'Connor

Welcome to this edition of the ICPRA e news. This is an important communication tool, as there is no equivalent document which brings together updates and trends from policing jurisdictions around the policing world.

Since the last issue, ICPRA has attended a conference with OIP, an organisation composed of and representing Police Associations from Portuguese speaking countries. The largest affiliate from this group is the Brazilian Federal Police Union. We look forward to consolidating our relationship with this group as it extends the influence of ICPRA considerably, while at the same time opening up a considerable range of opportunities to share research, and to recognise and understand changes to the policing world.

We are anticipating representatives from this group will join us in Malaga, Spain in April 2016 for the biannual conference of ICPRA. Planning is well underway for this conference, which will coincide with a Eurocop Board meeting. Eurocop will be hosting the ICPRA meeting. Invitations to attend this event will be sent out shortly.

In the meantime, the work of ICPRA continues. We have been in contact with the Namibian Police Association who, like Police in many countries, are struggling to gain permission to form a legitimate police union. We will assist them, hopefully utilising the services and advice of the ILO officials the secretary and myself met with in Geneva recently. There is clearly a need for an organisation like ICPRA to provide services, research and an international voice for Police Officers.

In the meantime, our thoughts go out to police officers and their families around the globe, who have become part of the new front line in the fight against international terrorism. The recent killing of a Police Employee in Sydney highlights the vulnerability of civil police officers, who cannot barricade themselves in compounds and behind armour, and must continue to be a visible and active part of the communities they serve.

We must stay strong for our colleagues and our communities.

Greg O'Connor
Chairman.

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Status of Policing in South Africa

SAPU

The background of SAPU, current resources, political interference in policing, top leadership of SAPS, moral of the police, training of police and role of organised labour in the police.

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Taser Decision a Significant Improvement for Policing in New Zealand

Greg O'Connor, President, New Zealand Police Association

In July, New Zealand Police made a significant advance in policing policy by agreeing to frontline officers carrying a Taser at all times. The move followed lobbying from the New Zealand Police Association, prompted by an increase in serious assaults on police.

Also, for the first time, the Police administration asked the Association to take part in a press conference to announce the new policy. Both organisations agreed that allowing officers to carry Tasers on their hips, instead of the having to access them from lockboxes inside vehicles, would improve safety for the public and police officers.

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United States Law Enforcement Under Siege

Chuck Canterbury, President, National Fraternal Order of Police

Recent months have been brutal and tragic for law enforcement officers in the United States. The level of violence aimed at law enforcement officers has escalated in every region of our country, and it is being fanned by the seething hatred of a small, but vocal few who are adept at manipulating the media.

It is not just talk; it is not just rhetoric. Those spewing this hatred and those calling for violence are having an impact. They have been given a platform by the media to convey the message that police officers are the enemy, and it is time to attack that enemy by ambush, from hiding. Social media accounts are full of hatred and calls to target and kill police officers. There is a very real and very deliberate campaign to terrorize our nation's law enforcement officers.

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European Agenda on Migration – What Role for Europe's Police Forces

Anna Nellberg Dennis, President of the European Confederation of Police (EuroCOP)

Europeans are increasingly becoming aware of the migration crisis that the European Union (EU) is facing. Recent events in Calais, Budapest and in Turkey were front page news across Europe and sparked public, political and media outcry over the way Europe currently manages its external borders. Everyone agrees that it is imperative that political leaders step up their efforts to manage migration better. With the migration crisis, not only the EU's internal and external security is put under pressure but also its human rights reputation is at stake.

To read this article in full please click on the link below

<http://neurope.eu/article/european-agenda-on-migration-what-role-for-europes-police-forces/>

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Playing into the Hands of Private Security Firms a Danger to Our Democratic Gains

Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (POPCRU)

Over the past months this year, our country has been marred by senseless acts of police killings which up to so far have left just over 60 families losing loved ones at the hands of criminals. At face value, these acts reflect the state of the multiple challenges our democracy inherited from the apartheid regime, mainly focused on the socio-economic challenges and its remnants borne out of the social ills emanating from these conditions a majority of South Africans face, and at another level, most recently, reflects a concerted effort by detractors to paint a negative image that seeks to portray the police service as being incapable of maintaining law and order in the country, but more so, raising sinister, emergent views that seek to promote the utilisation of unregulated Private Security Firms as an alternative, an idea being constantly sold to the middle class in the country, backed by opposition parties and several NGOs in their quest to diminish the public's trust in our democratic institutions.

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Workforce Survey Reveals Morale at Rock Bottom

Mark Lindsay, Chairman, Police Federation for Northern Ireland

For some time now, we were aware of significant issues that were eating away at the men and women who make up the PSNI. Levels of disquiet and unhappiness were talked about, but there were no cold, hard facts to back up Officer concerns.

Now, there's ample evidence on the table, and it makes for worrying reading. In an unprecedented survey, 37% of federated ranks – from Constable to Chief Inspector – have given voice to their fears and criticisms.

This 'as-we-see-it' survey of 2, 527 Officers points to an organisation with significant challenges. If this was a factory shopfloor survey, you would have to conclude that this was a grossly unhappy workforce.

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Wall to Wall Ride for Remembrance 2015

Mark Burgess, CEO, Police Federation of Australia

On 12 September over 2,000 police officers on motor cycles made their way to the National Police Memorial in Canberra for the 2015 Wall to Wall Ride for Remembrance. Riders had made their way from every state in Australia to meet in Canberra for the final ride through the city, around our Parliament House & to the Memorial in Kings Park where a service honoring our fallen members was held.

This is the 6th ride to be held, the first ride in 2010 attracting almost 600 riders. In the six years since, number have more than trebled. The first five years of the ride also saw us raise \$400,000 for Police Legacy organisations nationally. It is anticipated that in excess of &100,000 will be donated from this years' ride as well.

For a copy of photos and stories about the event, go to the Wall to Wall Ride website at <http://www.walltowallride.com/>

For a copy of the speech given at the Memorial Service by PFA President Mark Carroll [\(click here\)](#)

UN Peacekeeping Force

Mark Burgess, CEO, Police Federation of Australia

Leaders of more than 50 countries gathered for a summit on United Nations peacekeeping operations to pledge new commitments and strengthen existing capabilities, with Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon saying “the demand for peacekeeping has never been greater”.

For a copy of the United Nations News Centre article [click here](#)

To read the UN Security Council Resolution 2185 (2014) as reported in the December 2014 ICPR E News [Click here](#)

ICPRA will need to keep abreast of peacekeeping developments at the UN as many of ICPRA affiliates have members involved.

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Police Standing in the Community

Mark Burgess, CEO, Police Federation of Australia

At a time when police officers around the world are being criticized for their alleged actions or inactions its pleasing to see that at least one senior national journalist in Australia appreciates good policing.

[Click here](#) for the article by Greg Sheridan Foreign Editor of The Australian – News Corp Australia (formerly News Limited) Newspaper

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