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GETTING OUR POLICE OFFICERS BACK ON THE JOB

A NSW Government program aimed at helping injured police get back to work has helped almost 1000 NSW Police Officers since its inception in 2015.

Speaking at today's Dedication Ceremony of the NSW Police Force Service Memorial today, Premier Gladys Berejiklian said the RECON program had provided vital support for the men and women on the front line of policing.

The RECON program focuses on three areas of rehabilitation – treating injury, preventing injuries and improving wellbeing to prevent mental health issues.

“The health and safety of our police officers is paramount – they spend their days looking after us, we need to look after them in times of injury too,” Ms Berejiklian said.

“Two years in, I am pleased to see how the program is providing practical support to our frontline officers when they need it.

“The success of RECON means more than 90 per cent of the police officers who have participated in the program after sustaining a physical injury in the line of duty have been able to return to work, which means more police on the streets protecting the people of NSW.”

The NSW Government is providing \$17.1 million over four years to health and wellbeing initiatives for police, including the RECON program.

“We want to give every police officer the best possible chance of getting back to work if they sustain an injury – physical or psychological – in the line of duty,” Ms Berejiklian said.

“This Government will continue to work with the NSW Police Force to evolve and improve its practices and procedures to minimise the psychological impact of policing on its officers.”

The RECON program is currently run at three locations across NSW.

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