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PRIVATE SECURITY INDUSTRY AND TASMANIA POLICE WORKING TOGETHER

The private security industry in Tasmania and Tasmania Police recently collaborated in a National first to provide some high level training and assessments in crisis management.

A joint Australian Security Industry Association Limited (ASIAL) and Tasmania Police initiative resulted in a discussion type exercise being held at Hobart for twenty five (25) middle managers from various private security firms throughout Tasmania and five (5) senior police representatives.

A scenario was progressively presented to the participants to identify operational issues ranging from risk assessment, planning, command and control, manpower availability, equipment, communications, and training needs as they relate to a joint operation at a mass casualty incident.

The aim of the discussion exercise was intended to primarily evaluate the security industry's capacity to provide venue security for major international meetings and arrangements to respond to mass casualty incidents with police and other government agencies.

Mr Michael Brazendale, Acting Assistant Commissioner said that Tasmania Police members are highly trained in the various command and control elements of crisis management for emergency response and exposure to these concepts by the private security industry can only be beneficial.

"We recognize that there will be requirements for the security industry and police to work together in crisis management in the future to resolve issues and any opportunity to assess strengths and weaknesses from both perspectives is a most worthwhile exercise", Mr Brazendale said.

Mr Bryan de Caires, CEO of ASIAL (the peak national body for Australia's \$4.5 billion private security industry), who observed the exercise as it progressed, said that the days activities had been extremely productive in not only bringing police and security officers together, but in identifying a number of practical administrative and operational issues that will need refinement.

“The exercise provided a most worthwhile opportunity for the Tasmanian private security industry and Tasmania Police to assess their respective capabilities and to work together in removing potential barriers to their effective inter-operability in the event of major crisis. We will be sharing the outcomes of the exercise with all ASIAL member States and Territories with a view to enhancing existing relationships with other law enforcement agencies”, Mr De Caires said.

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