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State Crime Command – Homicide Squad Business Charter

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<p>The Homicide Squad leads and drives the New South Wales Police Force response to homicide and coronial investigations at all levels. This is achieved through the development of tactical intelligence products, policy advice and the provision of good practice and specialist investigative service.</p> <p>Head of Discipline The Commander, Homicide is the New South Wales Police Force Head of Discipline on this crime type and deals with the media on such issues as well as representing New South Wales Police Force on various committees and workings groups, including the New South Wales Child Death Review Team.</p>	<p>Specialist Investigations Capabilities The Homicide Squad specialises in the investigation of murder, suspicious deaths, specific critical incidents and specific coronial investigations as determined by the New South Wales State Coroner.</p> <p>Strike Forces (Investigations) Homicide led Strike Forces are initiated to investigate murders, likely murders, suspicious deaths and critical incidents which have been deemed to require the specialist skills and expertise of the Homicide Squad. In addition, strike forces investigate or assist in the investigation of serious, complex and major coronial matters and provide assistance to all Police and Coroners through help desk, on-call response, specialist advice, short-term investigative assistance and professional development.</p> <p>Unsolved Homicide Team The Unsolved Homicide Team conducts investigations into historical/unsolved murders, suspicious deaths and disappearances. The Unsolved Homicide Team also maintains a register of all unsolved homicides and track the status of each case, manage the case screening process for all cases, prioritise cases after the case screening process is completed, make recommendations as to the scope of any investigation resulting from the case screen process and develop investigation plans for this purpose.</p> <p>Subject matter experts The Homicide Squad provides subject matter experts in the fields of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Murder • Suspicious Deaths • Coronial Investigations • Critical Incidents; and • Unsolved Homicide Investigations <p>Help desk The Homicide Help Desk is a facility provided to Policing Commands, interstate jurisdictions and/or external agencies whereby they are provided with investigative and/or analytical advice or support (either directly or telephone assistance) to</p>

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	<p>further their respective investigation/s. All assistance provided to any of these clients is recorded on e@gle.i</p> <p>On-Call A mandatory notification to the Homicide Squad is required for all murders, suspicious deaths, specific critical incidents (as dictated by the Critical Incident Guidelines) and coronial investigations. The investigative role of the Homicide Squad will normally include attendance at crimes scenes. The Homicide on-call Detective Inspector will, in consultation with the Policing Command representative, make an assessment of the incident and determine whether Homicide Squad attendance is required.</p> <p>If attending, the Homicide Squad will normally lead an investigation for the first 72 hours unless otherwise determined by the Homicide Squad. After 72 hours, an assessment is made as to the Squad's ongoing involvement. This assessment will determine if the investigation is to be conducted by the Homicide Squad or whether the investigation will remain with the Policing Command. If the investigation of a homicide or suspicious death is being led or conducted by an officer other than an officer from the Homicide Squad, that officer can at any time liaise with the Homicide Squad for advice either informally or formally by requesting a review of their investigation to date. This review process will be in front of a panel of investigators from the Homicide Squad.</p> <p>Education & Training The Homicide Squad provides education and training to members of the New South Wales Police through the Homicide Investigators Course, conducted at the New South Wales Police College, Goulburn. The Homicide Squad also provides specific training to/at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Squad / Local Area Command training days • Detective Education & Training Program • Senior Detectives Course • Arson Investigators Course • Department of Corrective Services • New South Wales Fire Brigade – Fire Investigation Course



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Federal Police – Critical Incidents Course • Asian Pacific Coroners Conference; and • External Conferences and/or Seminars as identified and/or requested • Australian Defence Force (Military Police) – Investigators Course <p>Victim Management The Homicide Squad meet the needs of victims of crime through constant awareness of victim's family's needs and ensure those needs are met by regular updates regarding investigations and informing them of significant developments and seeking feedback. Regular attendance at Victim Support Group Meetings to afford them the opportunity to interact with investigators and Command from the Homicide Squad. Referral of families to appropriate counselling and support services. The Squad abides by the Charter of Victims Rights and the New South Wales Police Force Customer Service Charter.</p> <p>Homicide Victims Support Group Is a State Government funded organisation that provides support to victims of homicide. A mandatory notification to the Homicide Victims Support Group is required from the Homicide Squad for all murders. The Homicide Victims Support Group then initiates counselling for victims.</p>