Police Minister Paul Henderson has welcomed a new police operation that will see Alice Springs Police working with youth services workers and community groups to target juvenile offenders.

"Juvenile crime, and particularly rock throwing, is of great concern for the people of Alice Springs at the moment," Mr Henderson said.

"Earlier this month Police ran Operation Hurricane, which specifically targeted rock throwing, and they will build on the success of this campaign when they launch Operation Spitfire 2 next month."

During Operation Hurricane, Police used overt and covert tactics, including night vision goggles, attending 18 confirmed rock throwing incidents and identifying 33 people of interest to be interviewed at a later date.

A 28 year-old man was arrested after being found carrying rocks, and large groups of juveniles moved on. Other arrests made during the campaign included seven arrests for unlawful entries, and one arrest for drug offences.

"A key factor in the success of Hurricane was the analysis of past incidents to identify the time and place that Police resources would be most efficiently applied to crackdown on anti-social behaviour and this information will be put to use in Spitfire 2," said Mr Henderson.

Mr Henderson said the Operation would use a holistic approach to identify at risk juveniles and target juvenile offenders.

"This approach to dealing with crime and crime prevention is achieving success throughout the Territory, and all involved in Spitfire 2 have the full support of the Government as they attack the causes of juvenile crime in Alice Springs."

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