Northern Territory Police are going high-tech to keep our roads safe while freeing-up valuable resources to reduce crime.

Chief Minister Adam Giles has joined police in showing off new mobile technology that will allow officers to speed-up time consuming car and personal identification checks that are currently done manually.

“The use of iPads by officers is an efficient and practical way to enhance the Territory’s police force and keep our community safe,” Mr Giles said.

“It is all part of our push to provide a better service to the public and modernise the way the Territory does business.

“Up to 60 police vehicles will be fitted with the new iPad devices in urban areas of Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs.

“The new mobile policing technology will allow officers to check personal particulars and vehicle registration at the touch of a button.

“This means our police will remain out on the street keeping the community safe, rather than having to head back to the office to check information.”

Other frontline officers, including mounted police, will also be issued with an iPad which links into police databases allowing officers to do name checks and access other police forms in the field.

“Fitting out NT Police with the latest tools of the trade gives instant access to information while freeing-up officers at the communications centre so that they can concentrate on answering calls from the public,” Mr Giles said.

“Like all industries, if you don’t embrace technology you get left behind. This sort of technology is being used by police around the world and we need to keep up with the times.

Eight mobile devices are already being trialled with the full roll-out of 70 devices expected to be complete in coming months.

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