NEW POLICE AND FIRE STATION OPEN FOR BUSINESS

The Territory Government will deliver on another election promise - and provide police with another resource to fight crime - when Chief Minister, Clare Martin, officially opens the new $2 million Humpty Doo Police and Fire Station at a Family Fun Day.

“Today is an historic day as Darwin’s rural area realises a dream of having its own police and fire station, and my Government is proud to be delivering on this important election commitment,” she said.

“Rural residents have been waiting more than 20 years for their own station and now the wait is over.

“From tomorrow, police and fire officers will be stationed right in the heart of the rural area, providing an improved level of policing and fire service to local businesses and residents.”

The $2 million station was built by local business Norbuilt, and is the second police station to be built by the Martin Government during its first term of Government.

The NT Police will staff the facility with seven officers (one sergeant, four constables and two auxiliaries) each weekday from 10am to 6pm, and 8am to 4pm on weekends, providing a general duties patrol and shopfront response.

The Fire and Rescue Service will station four officers at the facility from 8am to 4:30pm Monday to Friday.

After hours response for both services will continue to be sourced from Palmerston, with support from the volunteer fire fighting brigades in the rural area.

“My Government is delivering on its commitments, including 200 extra police on the beat by 2006, and this new Police and Fire Station comes on top of our $75M Building our Police Force Plan,” Ms Martin said.

“I would like thank everyone involved in today’s celebrations and it’s great that people can come out to have a look through the Territory’s newest police and fire station.”

The Family Fun Open Day is being held from 1pm to 4pm, and the Chief Minister will officially open the station at 2pm.

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