Crime prevention grants for two community groups

Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services Syd Stirling today recognised two recipients of NTsafe crime prevention grants, part of a government funding package for crime prevention projects around the Territory totalling nearly $250,000.

The Police Ethnic Advisory Group received $15,000 for its project, Cross-Cultural Youth with Leadership Program, which aims to create a better cross-cultural understanding between ethnic and non-ethnic youth.

The project will involve a range of activities including workshops, leadership camps and mentoring programs to assist young people in developing positive communication and leadership skills.

The Safety House Association of the Northern Territory received close to $7500 for the publication of up-to-date brochures and the purchase of a lightweight 'IMA Makeover' costume to ensure increased promotion of the Safety House Scheme.

"This government wants to build a safer Territory – it is one of our key commitments," Mr Stirling said.

"Tackling crime and improving community safety is a big challenge – that's why we want a partnership across all tiers of government and the community.

"We must try to stop harm to our people and property before it happens. But we can only achieve our goals if we work together.

"We need to be tough on crime and the causes of crime, and we need to put an equal effort into diverting and preventing criminal behaviour before it happens."

Mr Stirling said that crime prevention must also recognise that different challenges exist in different areas. "We need regional solutions to resolve community safety problems," he said.