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New police recruits stationed in Rocky, Yeppoon

Nine new police officers will be stationed in North Rockhampton, Rockhampton and Yeppoon after the latest graduation ceremony from the Northern Police Academy.

The Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga welcomed the four new officers in North Rockhampton, which covers about half her electorate, three in the Rockhampton station, and two new officers in the Yeppoon station.

Ms Lauga said the new first year constables had completed intensive training, preparing them for their new roles serving the local community.

The recruit training program provides recruits with a high-quality foundation so they can deliver an excellent level of service to the community and ensure their policing skills have developed to a level necessary for operational policing as First Year Constables under supervision.

Ms Lauga said police performed a vital role in the maintenance of law and order and public safety.

“On behalf of the Palaszczuk Government, I am grateful to the first-year constables who have accepted this responsibility.

The Member for Rockhampton Barry O'Rourke said each officer has sworn they will maintain integrity, professionalism and accountability when serving and protecting the people of Queensland. Queenslanders should feel confident these standards will be met.

“They will help to create a safe environment for residents and visitors, working in partnership with their communities and other government agencies around Queensland.

“First Year Constables breathe new life into the Service with their unique experiences and enthusiasm.

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"I would like to acknowledge the education and support services provided by the QPS People Capability Command and wish our new first year constables all the very best as they embark on their new careers" Mr O'Rourke said.

Police Minister Mark Ryan said the job the new recruits had been sworn into was unlike any other job.

"I thank them for taking on this responsibility and wish them well in their chosen career."

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