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Media Release

Policing community rallies behind injured members to launch recovery fund

Victoria's policing community will band together this morning to launch a fund to support the three police officers who were badly injured in an explosion last week.

Sergeant Tony Scully, First Constable Emma Quick and Constable Varli Blake all received horrific injuries from the blast as they attended a routine welfare check at Middle Park last Saturday night.

The new recovery fund - an initiative undertaken by the injured members' fellow officers from the St Kilda and South Melbourne police stations - has been set up to assist the three members and their families cope with the years of recovery and rehabilitation that lie ahead of them.

Police Association Secretary, Greg Davies, Victoria Police Chief Commissioner Ken Lay, and BankVic Chairman, John Mugavin, will today launch the new fund to which the wider public will be invited to donate.

All three organisations will kick-start the fund by each making a substantial donation. Every cent donated to the fund will go to the injured members.

Victorians wishing to donate to "***The Tony, Emma, and Varli Recovery Fund***" can do so online, or at any BankVic or Westpac branch by using the following account details;

Account Name: "The Tony, Emma & Varli Recovery Fund"

BSB: 704 230 Account Number: 100 484 824

Alternatively, cheques made to "The Tony, Emma & Varli Recovery Fund" can be posted to BankVic, 121 Cardigan Street, Carlton Victoria 3053

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Media conference / opportunity:

What: Launch of the "***Tony, Emma and Varli Recovery Fund***"

Who: Victoria Police Chief Commissioner Ken Lay, Police Association Secretary Greg Davies and Chairman of BankVic (formerly known as Police Credit), John Mugavin will launch the fund and speak to media.

When: 10am, Friday, January 10

Where: The Police Association building car park, 1 Clarendon Street, East Melbourne (corner Albert St)

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