

OFFICE OF THE TERRITORIAL COMMANDER

Australia Southern Territory



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Chief Commissioner Graham Ashton
Victoria Police Centre
GPO Box 913
Melbourne
Victoria 3001

Dear Commissioner Ashton,

The Salvation Army finds the connection between our organisation and the Police to be one of paramount importance.

We are fortunate to have good interaction on a case by case basis, when required and keenly support investigations in relation to matters that are raised (whether by The Salvation Army or by the Police). We strongly believe that all criminal matters, especially around sexual-related issues, should be referred to the Police and investigated. We have been successfully involved in assisting with matters where significant charges have been laid against offenders.

Our Territorial Professional Standards Director, Trevor Walker, is keen to meet with the Police in your State and discuss the possibility of streamlining our reporting process to ensure any, and all, investigations or referrals are directed to the appropriate person, station or area. We are conscious that currently it is a little 'ad hoc' with a possible lack of coordination and correct referral occurring.

It would be ideal if we could arrange a meeting to discuss this issue further with yourself, or your designated representative. I would envisage Trevor and myself, or a representative of our Executive, attending this meeting.

I have enclosed Trevor Walker's business card for your reference.

I am happy to discuss this further if required.

Yours sincerely,

Floyd J. Tidd
Commissioner
TERRITORIAL COMMANDER

cc Mr. Trevor Walker

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