













International Deployment Group

Operational Response Group

In 2005, the AFP created a team to support AFP missions including the Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Island (RAMSI) and other international incidents. This team was the Operations Response Team (ORT).

In 2006, the AFP responded to three significant crises, including civil unrest in the Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste and Tonga. As a result the Australian Government announced additional funding to increase the capacity of the International Deployment Group and expand the ORT to develop the Operational Response Group (ORG), a permanent specialist policing capability able to rapidly respond to international incidents.

Since its inception the ORG has undertaken additional international deployments to Timor-Leste and Solomon Islands and has also executed large scale multi-jurisdictional operations throughout Australia including providing assistance to the Victoria Police during the 2009 bushfire disaster.

In 2010, the ORG assumed responsibility for high and medium risk AFP national operations. As a result ORG has undertaken numerous successful operations in many states and territories across Australia while also continuing to service international operations.

The ORG operates with four Operational Response Units (ORUs). Each unit comprises one Tactical Response Team (TRT) and a Stability Response Team (SRT) and is responsible for International Deployment, International Response, National Operations, and Training. The responsibilities of each ORU are rotated regularly.

The TRT provide an immediate high level tactical response to complex and high risk tasks while the SRT provides a specialist response to crisis situations to manage social instability or large scale civil disorder.

The ORUs are supported by an aviation unit, marksmen, tactical intelligence officers and communications specialists. The ORG is also supported by other specialist areas of the AFP as required.

The unique skills and flexibility of the ORG enables the International Deployment Group to maximise its response to diverse operations by tailoring deployments to meet individual mission requirements.

More information about specialist policing roles with IDG can be found at www.afp.gov.au