



Team Member: Chris Ahearn
Age: 36
Profession: Police Officer/Senior Manager
Employment: Senior Sergeant/Officer in Charge
Palm Beach Police Division
Gold Coast District, Queensland

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Personal Profile

In 1991, at the age of 17, Chris began his police recruit training at the Queensland Police Service (QPS) academy. On graduating he was posted to the Gold Coast as a general duties patrol officer, rising through the ranks to Detective Sergeant investigating serious crime including homicide, armed robbery, rape, extortion and major fraud activities.

Keen to diversify his experience, Chris transferred to Brisbane where he was appointed team leader responsible for investigating paedophilia, organised crime (drug and firearms trafficking, money laundering activities) and corruption. This period included a secondment to the Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC). For involvement in the prosecution of the first case in Australia of procuring a child via the internet for sexual exploitation, Chris received the CMC Chairperson's Award for Investigative Achievement. He was also awarded the QPS Award for excellence in policing operations for the development and application of software to identify paedophiles using the internet to offend against children.

Chris returned to the QPS to head a team responsible for the investigation of the infiltration of illicit drugs into Queensland's 13 correctional facilities. In his current role as Senior Sergeant, Officer in Charge of Palm Beach Police Division, he is in command of 50 officers and responsible for the delivery of policing services to a population of 80,000 people across a 200 sq kilometre area.

Chris graduated through the Queensland Police Detective Training Program and the Management Development Program. He holds an Advanced Certificate in Policing, Advanced Diploma of Investigative Practices, Advanced Diploma of Public Safety (Policing) and holds an MBA from the Southern Cross University. He is a recipient of the QPS Medal for ethical and diligent service and the National Medal for meritorious service in a police force.

Chris lives on the Gold Coast with his wife, Angelique and two sons, Ford and Harvey. He is a passionate traveller and relishes the opportunity to immerse himself in foreign culture. He enjoys sport and is interested in NFL football and baseball.