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CHIEF INSPECTOR J.R. BESWICKREGISTERED NO 5972NO 35 DIVISIONN.S.W. POLICE FORCE 1948 - 1984

John Robert Beswick was born on 24 March, 1924 at Bega, New South Wales. His previous employment before joining the New South Wales Police Force was as a truck driver, involved in rural work. He presently resides at Carramar, Sydney.

Chief Inspector Beswick began his outstanding Police career as a Trainee on 19 January, 1948. He was attested as a Probationary Constable on 2 February, 1948 and was confirmed as a Constable on 19 January, 1949. So began a steady progression through the ranks until he attained his present rank of Chief Inspector on 22 December, 1982.

Chief Inspector Beswick has performed his Police duties in the Metropolitan Area, at Stations which include Concord, Lidcombe, Ashfield, Burwood, Liverpool, Parramatta, Flemington, Bankstown, Phillip Street, Merrylands and his present Station of Campbelltown.

Throughout most of Chief Inspector Beswick's Police career he has been involved in the particular field of traffic work and has performed duties as a solo motor cyclist, Assistant Traffic Sergeant, Divisional Traffic Sergeant, District Supervisor and Assistant Officer in Charge, Highway Patrol, Traffic Branch.

Chief Inspector Beswick has been commended three times throughout his Police career. In 1956 he was commended for his alertness and good policing displayed at Lidcombe in connection with the arrest of Henry Albert Jones, who was convicted of Break, Enter & Steal, Causing Grievous Bodily Harm and other offences.

In 1960 he was again commended for his part in the search for Kevin John Simmonds and Leslie Allan Newcombe, who escaped from the State Penitentiary, Long Bay, on 9 October, 1959.

On 9 September, 1965 he was commended for the part played by him in fighting the disastrous bush fires which occurred in the County of Cumberland during March of that year.

On 13 May, 1971 Chief Inspector Beswick was awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

On 12 July, 1978 he was awarded the Granville Train Disaster Medal.

Chief Inspector J.R. Beswick is retiring from the New South Wales Police Department on 23 March, 1984, taking with him an outstanding career which has spanned 36 years, something not too many people accomplish.

Our Best Wishes go to you, Chief Inspector Beswick.