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**Police carry the burden**

The Northern Territory Police Force's public calls for parents to 'step up to stop youth crime' are a clear message that the lawlessness in our community continues.

Leader of the Opposition, Gary Higgins has continually called for parents and carers to take responsibility, and be part of the solution in stemming youth crime and bad behaviour.

"Police and their fellow frontline workers undertake a difficult and dangerous job to keep the rest of us, and our property safe.

"This latest public call for parental responsibility from Police reinforces the importance of all government services, including Territory Families, working together to identify why these youth are on the streets, and to intervene when necessary.

"The Opposition has consistently maintained that parents and carers need to take responsibility and be held to account when kids commit crimes or take part in anti-social behaviour.

"I thank the Territory Police Force for reinforcing this important and obvious message," said Mr Higgins.

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