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THEY risk their lives each day. The state's newest batch of police officers were reminded of that very fact moments before they were sworn in on Friday. More than 300 students officially became police officers at the final attestation of 2012 on Friday. Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione took the opportunity to remind the recruits of the harsh realities the job entails.

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AT OUR SERVICE: More than 300 students graduated from the Police College on Friday. Photo: Brittany Murphy.

Council's \$20,000 Christmas wish list

By TOM SEBO

COUNCILLORS will be asked to spend \$20,000 of ratepayers' money on Christmas decorations for the city when they meet tomorrow night.

Council staff have recommended purchasing and installing new street banners for the CBD at a cost of \$5000; spending \$7500 to purchase and install Christmas lights at Belmore Park, the Visitor Information Centre and other places around the CBD; and shelling out \$7500 to buy and install power pole Christmas decorations as well as forking over an additional \$1000 to put up the existing ones.

The funding for the project was set aside in Council's 2012/2013 budget. However, there are those who see the seasonal splurge as a waste of money.

Cr Sam Rowland believes the amount being spent is excessive and he plans to let his colleagues know.

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