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### SEALINK ASSISTS IN ARMED OFFENDER'S SQUAD EXERCISE

SeaLink's Great Barrier Island ferry - Island Navigator assisted in an Armed Offender Squad exercise just off Queen's Wharf today.

The squad regularly conducts activities of this type throughout the country and chose the Island Navigator for their waterborne exercise due to the large deck area available for rope access from helicopters hovering above. As is common practise, the nature of the destination and the exercise itself is not known until the squad is called up on the day so SeaLink was asked to keep the information confidential.

"We are happy to be involved in such a mission" said SeaLink's General Manager Todd Bolton today. "We were prepared to do whatever was necessary to assist in this training exercise as the AOS proficiency in all situations serves to reassure New Zealanders of their safety during potential security threats."

The exercise went completely to plan with two separate squads landing on the vessel over a period of two hours, neither aware of the others' activity.

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