

Superintendent Bob Shepherd

THE funeral of Superintendent Bob Shepherd was held in Perth on 8 June 1993.

Superintendent Shepherd was among 132 people killed in a plane crash in South America in May.

He was aboard Sociedad Aeronautica De Medellin (SAM) Flight 501 which crashed in rugged mountains south of Medellin while en route from Panama to Bogata, via Medellin.

The AFP was officially represented at the funeral by DC (Ops) Brian Bates on behalf of the Commissioner, and Commander David Schramm of International Division.

Superintendent Shepherd had been the AFP Liaison Officer in Buenos Aires since mid 1992 and was on routine liaison duties when the crash occurred.

The AFP liaison post in Buenos Aires was established in 1989.



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Commissioner Peter McAulay, expressed deep sorrow over the tragic death of Superintendent Shepherd.

"He was held in high regard in the AFP, both as an officer and a person," Mr McAulay said.

Before his posting to South America, Superintendent Shepherd served in Perth for a number of years and before that he worked out of Melbourne.



*Friends and colleagues of Bob Shepherd carry his casket to the crematorium.
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