

# Community SafetyNews

June/July 2006

# Challenges Facing Youth

# **EDITORIAL**

**Youth Day Celebrations 2006** 

**Leonard Ramatlakane Minister for Community Safety** 

On June 16, 1976 — 30 years ago — a number of young people in our country took to the streets in the struggle to put an end to Bantu Education, and to ultimately attain liberation from apartheid.

These young people rallied around the mutual call to establish a non-racial, non-sexist democratic South Africa.

Today we reflect on their contribution. I would like to salute some of them in particular. These include Hector Zolile Peterson, the Guguletu Seven, Ashley Kriel, Nkosinathi Hlazo, Patrick Madikane, Andile Majola, Fezile Hanse, Robbie Waterwitch, Colline Williams, Christopher Truter and Anton Fransch. I pay tribute to them for their determination in showing the youth of today the honourable path of self-sacrifice, and in serving the cause of justice and dignity for all. Our memories of them have also taught us that responsible citizenship requires that young people adopt means and ways of overcoming the struggles we face daily. It is my belief that the 30th commemoration and celebration of 16 June 1976, allows us to confront the challenges we face in this age.

Due to the social disparities of the past, the vast majority of young people in our Province continue to be affected by a number of serious challenges. These include:

- The recent sporadic resurgence of gang conflict that erupted in Hanover Park,
- The rise of gangsterism in our townships, such as in New Crossroads, Guguletu, where young boys are forming rival groupings that are terrorising people.
- The increase in the use of substances like "Tik", heroine and other harmful drugs.



MEC for Community Safety, Leonard Ramatlakane and Western Cape Provincial Commissioner of Police, Mzwandile Petros, interacting with young people

While looking into confronting these challenges, the Department of Community Safety is embarking on a number of initiatives aimed at working with young people.

Firstly, as part of the Provincial Government's Strategy against substance abuse affecting our youth, we have developed the Choose 2 Live Project. Details of this project are discussed in this edition. I am sure that as you read you will get to know how the Department engages with youth facing challenges of drugs and gangs.

# some still bear the brunt of the legacy, such as the lack of skills, unemployment and poverty.

Secondly, as many of our youth come from historically disadvantaged communities, some still bear the brunt of the apartheid legacy such as the lack of skills, unemployment and poverty. The Department of Community Safety will continue to train our youth from the disadvantaged communities at the Chrysalis Academy. Currently there are 107 young

women registered at the Academy. Up to 200 youth will be involved in leadership and cadreship training, as well as Civic Education programmes so that they become role models in building social cohesion and sharing of norms and values.

I remember the words of Anton Lembede, who once said, "We need young men and women of high moral stamina and integrity, and of courage and vision... we need warriors. This means we have to develop a new type of youth, not the pleasure-loving, frivolous, dissolute, light minded type, but youth of stoical discipline, trained to endure suffering and difficulties."

Ambition and a determination to work are some of the characteristics of the kind of men and women our country needs.

It is my hope that, as we look towards the year ahead, our young people, working in partnership with government, will deepen their commitment to create work, fight poverty and create a Safer Home for All. This is our resolve in realising the age of hope for the young people living in the Province of the Western Cape.



PAGE THREE

# Choose 2 Live

Drugs and Gangs Reduction Project 2006/7



Community
Liaison
Directorate Road

Safety Management

# **Foreword by HOD**



Head of Department, Mr Mbuyiseli Deliwe

It is with great excitement that we announce the arrival of this newsletter. What excites me even more is that this edition is dedicated to our youth. As you read this edition, it is my hope that you will gain a deeper insight into the work of the Department, particularly with regards to how we seek to build social capital in

partnership with our youth.

We have developed this edition in remembrance of the youth of 1976. These young people taught us a lesson. They taught us that it is possible for young people to stand up and confront challenges facing them. We remember them because they have left a legacy of bravery and determination in the face of what appeared to be insurmountable difficulties. However, despite

everything that has been done, there is still a long road ahead of us before we can say we have made sufficient progress towards achieving the goal of youth empowerment and development. As a Department, through all of our programmes and projects, we have developed a strong partnership with communities all over the Province. Young people in these communities, in partnership with the Department, are driving

many anti-crime projects. As a department, we have tapped into the undying spirit of the morality that inspired the June 16 generation that helped to liberate our country. Today's youth should join the fight against crime, gangsterism, abuse of women and child abuse. They should engage in the struggle against corruption, and ensure that a Safer Home for All is established in our communities.

**Chrysalis Academy** 

Chrysalis Academy was established in 2000 as a Social Crime Prevention Youth Development Programme targeted at youth at risk.

The Chrysalis Academy aims to empower young people with life skills that will contribute to building confidence and selfesteem, in order for them to take charge of their lives, and to allow them to have a positive impact in their communities. The programme provides young people with training and tools to make them economically productive and responsible citizens with positive values and norms. These young people thus become change agents within their communities through intensive and ongoing training and development.

targeted population is young people, females and males, between the ages of 17 and 22 years, who have attained a minimum educational level of Grade 10 (standard 8), are unemployed and have no criminal record. Each course accommodates 120 to 180 participants with a minimum of 100 participants accomodated for the first phase, 12 weeks of which are residential. Following the 12 weeks, graduates are expected to remain on the programme for 5 years, during which they are regularly tracked. The 2nd phase involves retraining and development.

The first part of the programme

is divided into phases: Orientation,

Wilderness, Skills and Community.

These 4 phases make up the 12 -

The Orientation phase lays the

foundation of the programme

week programme.

are emphasised.

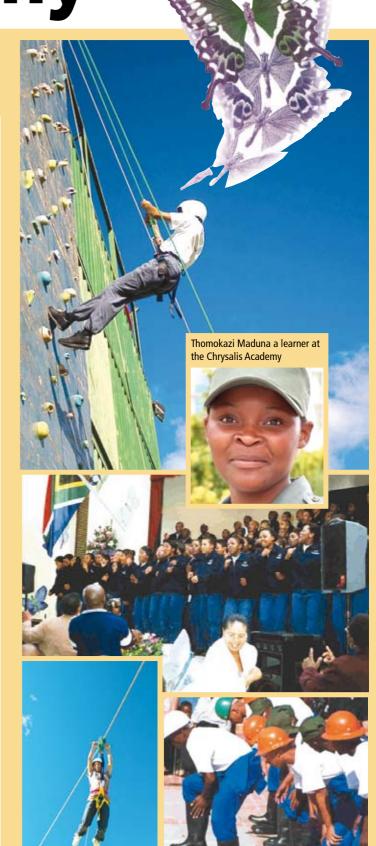
citizenship and communication. The training further covers basic health and nutrition, level one first aid, fire fighting and environmental awareness. In the Wilderness phase, personal limits are tested, and students learn to identify their personal strengths and weaknesses, develop teambuilding skills and discover the power of nature. Abseiling, kayaking, rock climbing and long hikes are included in this phase.

During the Skills Phase, a variety of subjects are offered, and based on the needs of the job market. Students may wish to attend Westlake Technical College, where they are introduced to the Basic Engineering Skills Training (B.E.S.T) course. Car maintenance, welding, brick laying, metal and woodwork, and electrical circuitry, amongst others, are covered in hands-on classes. Participants may also choose agriculture, basic business administration, catering, basic computer skills, tour guiding or tailoring. Sports coaching is also offered during this phase.

The final Community phase prepares participants for life in the real world and focuses on business survival skills, an introduction to computers (for those who have encouraged, with much emphasis being placed on "positive" community work, like school sports coaching, neighbourhood watch patrolling and improving the quality of life at home through greening projects and other cleanup activities. The Graduate Affairs department monitors the progress of graduates for five years after the course, and ensures that information regarding any volunteer or work opportunities are communicated as part of an ongoing service to both graduates and stakeholders. Where 20 or more graduates exist in a particular area, community clubs have been established to assist and support them.

There is no doubt that the Chrysalis Academy is highly successful. Graduates are in great demand, with 70% being employed by over 70 businesses throughout the Western Cape. Unemployed graduates absorbed into projects, such as Swim-safe and Bambanani Against Crime, and many others run by various Government departments and organisations. Participants are also in the process of being linked to community policing forums in order to promote an integrated approach and synergy amongst all safety projects in the communities.

The Academy has thus far established 14 clubs in the following areas: Hanover Khayelitsha, Mitchell's Park, Nyanga, Bonteheuwel, Mannenberg, Elsies River, Atlantis, Macassar, Oudtshoorn, George, Knysna, and Piketberg. The clubs serve as a hub for the graduates and voung people and offers support, facilitates information dissemination, and provides job opportunities. The clubs contribute to building social cohesion within communities by encouraging participation in community projects



A range of activities by learners at the Chrysalis Academy

not chosen the subject in the Skills phase and have little or no experience using a computer) and career guidance. A wide variety of socially acceptable activities are also engaged in such as arts and crafts, singing, chess, and leisure reading.

and establishes a disciplined daily routine where basic life skills such Throughout the programme, as neatness and personal hygiene, the students are required to do work-volunteerism This phase is actively promoted. Affiliation includes training in goal setting, motivation, problem solving, with a community organisation is

".. when I am a parent, I will make a better parent"

and providing a service, especially to primary school children, as a way of passing on the ethos of the Academy. Participation is entirely voluntary, and free to all who attend. As the country celebrates the 30th Anniversary of June 16 Uprisings in Youth Month, the Academy is celebrating its 6th

Birthday. It hopes to unleash the potential that all young people have. A former participant of the Academy once said, ".. when I am a parent, I will make a better parent".

The programme is funded by the Department of Community Safety.

# Choose 2 Live

# **Drugs & Gangs Reduction Project 2006/7**

"It is so good to see that the Department of Community Safety is genuinely working with young people in this community in addressing gangsterism and the abuse of drugs...we hope the message will be embraced while they are still young"

(School Teacher at a Primary School in Saldanha)

During the last few years, the Department of Community Safety has embarked on a number of youth crime prevention projects that deal with drugs, gangs, victims and volunteerism. These projects were implemented in various communities in the Province, and were facilitated and coordinated by the Department, in partnership with Community Police Forums, NGO's and CBO's. The Department of Community Safety played the leading role in the roll-out of these youth projects, while also working with other government Departments such as Education, Health and Social Services and Poverty Alleviation. One of these projects is the "Choose 2 Live: Drugs & Gangs Reduction Project." The aim of this project is to mobilise young people against drug abuse and gangsterism. The project contributes towards the reduction of drug abuse and participation in gangsterism by engaging four different steps.

Firstly, the project promotes education and awareness on the risks and dangers of drug abuse and gangsterism to the young people. This is done by groups of young people who reach out to their peers and inform them about the dangers of drug abuse and the involvement in gangsterism.

Secondly, the project provides alternative programmes to gangsterism for youth at risk. The existing alternatives within communities where youth live, are creatively explored and emphasised. Youth are then encouraged to participate in these programmes in order for them to create better communities, free from gangs and drugs.

Thirdly, the programme strengthens communities to be ready to act against drug abuse by providing community based drug treatment initiatives. Community members undergo training in order to provide help to others on drug treatment, so that youth in difficulty are given treatment within their communities.

Finally, the project is also involved in counteracting the demand for drugs and participation in gangs through partnerships with law enforcement structures, such as SAPS, City Police and other law



Young learners attending a Choose 2 Live School Road show

enforcement agencies.

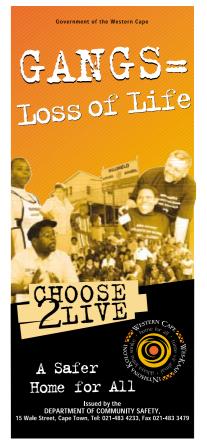
The project provides a distinctive approach through the engagement of youth at risk. Trained presenters are used in a flexible approach to engage learners in schools and youth at risk, at their level of understanding and ability. The underlying philosophy used within the project is one that persuades young people to think

for themselves as they grow up, and to have them make up their own minds about drugs, alcohol and gangsterism. In this way, facts about drugs & gangsterism are presented without creating a scare.

There are a number of different interventions through which the project engages with youth.

# **Community Drug Referral Sessions**

The project also makes use of Community Drug Referral Sessions. Up to 150 community volunteers have been trained by SANCA to do drug counseling. These volunteers will focus on 16 priority areas. The fact that there is a high demand for Social Workers to assist with counselling in communities continues to create a dilemma for those who seek help. The involvement of community volunteers is meant to expand the treatment and services at



community level and to assist Social Workers in this regard. In so doing, those needing help can readily be assisted by trained and skilled people in their neighbourhood. The Community Drug Referral Sessions are proactive, promoting door to door visits and partnerships with Departments such as Education, Social Services and Poverty Alleviation, Sports and Health.

### **Partnerships with SAPS**

The Department of Community Safety has developed a strong partnership with SAPS to improve law enforcement interventions. The availability of drugs and guns creates opportunities for crime. Much more decisive action and interventions are required on the part of SAPS — our ongoing partnership can contribute towards the improvement of law enforcement.

So far, the "Choose 2 Live" project has been introduced to 11 schools in the Province. The further roll out of the programme is in progress. Many learners have expressed their excitement over the "Choose 2 Live" project. It is for this reason that a learner based in a school in New Crossroads says "Drugs and gangs affect us in our communities. But we can Choose 2 Say No!!"

### The Choose 2 Live Schools Road shows

In order to reach as many schools as possible, the project makes use of road shows. This year alone, up to 70 schools have been targeted throughout the Province. These are opportunities whereby awareness raising & educational interactions on the risks and dangers of drugs and gangs are organised. At each of the road shows, youths are made more aware of the dangers of drugs and gangs. In addition, there is youth role model development as well as signing of drug and gang free pledge by all stakeholders including

SAPS, School Principals, educators, learners and school governing bodies. At each school, role models are selected to take part in life skills training camps in order to empower learners with tools which in turn will be shared with other learners at their respective schools. During the road shows, creative arts competitions are organised whereby learners can partake as an alternative to gangsterism. Road shows started in May as a part of the build up to the Youth Day Provincial programmes.



Learners at Summit Primary signing a pledge to a Drug and Gang Free school

### **Streetsmart Youth Project**



Streetsmart Youth Volunteers engaging with learners at a school

The Streetsmart Youth Project forms part of the "Choose 2 Live" project. Last year, at the start of the "Choose 2 Live" project, a number of youth were trained as leaders of the project. This year 60 of these youth leaders have started to engage and mobilise youth at risk against drugs & gangsterism in the Province. They will provide 100 youth activities as alternatives to gangsterism. Each activity has a drug referral focus. These activities will attract the participation of youth in 20 priority communities in the form of workshops, talks, exhibitions, door to door pamphleteering and drug referral for those youth who are abusing drugs. This project kicked off in June this year.

## Funding support to 15 CPFs/NGO's



CPF/NGO's receive regular funding from the Department

During this financial year, the Department of Community Safety will assist CPF/NGOs to strengthen their activities, aimed at addressing drugs and gangsterism. This is an attempt to address the needs of communities through ensuring that drugs and gang interventions are increased.

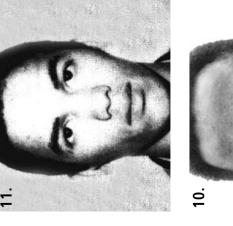
# BRATING YOUTH STRUGGLE



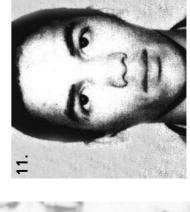








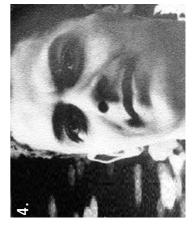




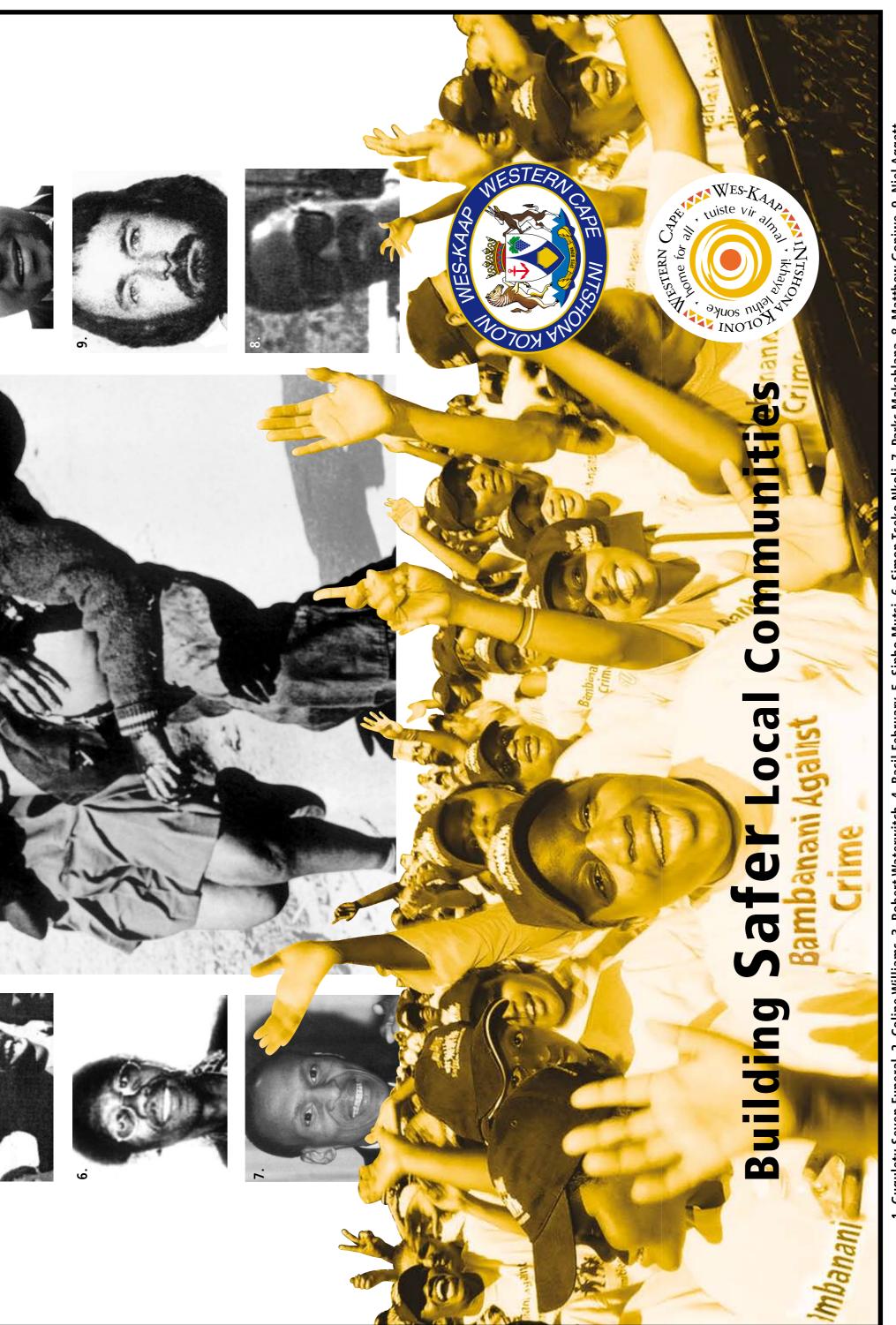












1. Guguletu Seven Funeral, 2. Coline Williams, 3. Robert Waterwitch, 4. Basil February, 5. Sipho Mutsi, 6. Simon Tseko Nkoli, 7. Parks Makahlana, 8. Matthew Goniwe, 9. Niel Aggett, 10. Peter Mokaha. 11. Anton Fransch. 12. Steve Biko. 13. Joe Goabi. 14. Ashlev Kriel. 15. Solomon Mahlandu. 16. Pares Malatii.17. Hector Peterson

# **Community Liaison**

The Directorate: Community Liaison is one of the four directorates of the Chief Directorate: Safety & Security

# The core functions of the Directorate are to:

- Mobilise the communities against crime and facilitate and manage outreach programmes
- Improve and maintain better community policing relations between the police and community
- Institutionalise anti-crime structures and re-aligning them to the CPF's
- Administer and register / re-register of Community Police Forums, Neighbourhood Watches and Community Safety Forums
- Establish Child Rapid Response Units to respond to missing children
- Implement a Safer Festive Season Programme to decrease crime during the Festive Season

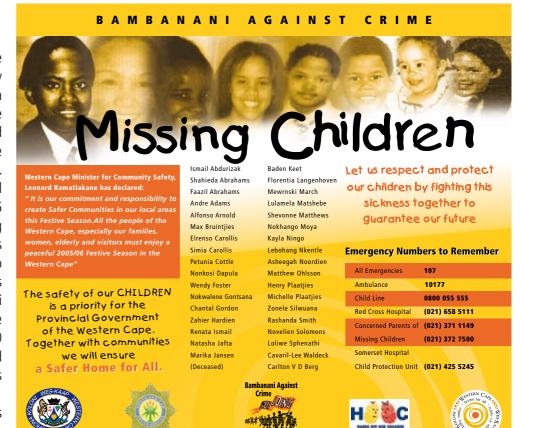
### **Bambanani Volunteers**

The Directorate: Community Liaison is responsible for the recruitment, establishment and deployment of Bambanani Volunteers throughout the Western Cape Province. This is in line with the vision of developing social capital and social cohesion through the development of youth projects in communities. These volunteers receive NHW training to skill them for the tasks and activities that they engage in. The volunteers render a service within their communities aimed at bringing the level of crime in these areas under control. During the December to January holiday period, the Department of Community Safety relies heavily on the volunteers to render their services within the different projects across the Province. The Festive Season Projects include: Safety on Trains, Safety on Beaches, Community-Based Activities, Monitoring of Shebeens, Safety of Women and Children, Activities on Beaches (for the youth), Arrive Alive and Special Deployments.

### **Child Rapid Response Unit**

During September 2005, the Premier of the Western Cape and the MEC for Community Safety announced the establishment of a Child Rapid Response Unit to address the problems of lost children, and reported missing children that were found dead. The Deputy Minister of Safety & Security, Min. Susan Shabangu, launched the "National Safeguarding of Children" on 30 May 2006 in Delft (one of the areas where missing children were found dead in the bushes surrounding Delft), and gave recognition to the work of the Bambanani Volunteers of this Unit. Presently, 10 units of 20 Bambanani Volunteers each (200 Volunteers) are based in the Metro, and an additional 400 Volunteers in 20 areas will be recruited, and will be extended to include the rural areas during this financial year.

The statistics and successes of this project speak for itself: out of 170 missing children: 162 were found alive; 3 were found dead; and 5 are still missing. These statistics cover the period 27 September 2005 to 31 May 2006.



Together with your support, we can make the <code>Western Cape  $oldsymbol{5}$ ate</code> this <code>Festive Season</code> Issued by The Department of Community Safety, 15 Wale Street, Cape Town, Tel: 021 483 3747, Fax: 021 483 3479.

# **Directorate Road Safety Management**

Youth development and training are priorities of the Department of Community Safety. Over the last few years, the Department, in conjunction with the Directorate Road Safety Management, has engaged the youth in the pedestrian campaign and community outreach programme. Key projects have emerged out of this interaction.

### **Learner Licence School Holiday Project**

In 2004, the Directorate Road Safety management initiated the "Learner Licence School Holiday Project" for learners of grades 11 & 12. At the commencement of this project, a number of schools from within the metro were identified and invited to participate in the pilot programme. The aim of this project is to assist learners to obtain their learner licences. This project is normally undertaken during the June/July and September school holidays. Like most projects targeted at young people, its popularity has now extended into other in the project, which is expected to grow in the years

The Department of Community Safety has initiated a partnership with the Chrysalis Youth Academy to implement this project during the months of July and August of this year. This will provide the youth of the Academy with driver education skills as well as oppotunities to obtain their learner licences.

### **Road Safety Soccer and Volleyball Tournament**

This project has been running for the past 3 years and is held during the Easter school holiday period. The project aims to regions as well. Fourteen schools have thus far participated increase road safety awareness levels. It is also seen as a way of getting the youth off the streets and empowering them with life skills on road safety.







Young learners attending Learner License School Project

Theme for the Safer Easter Holiday Project

Participants of the Road Safety Fun Run

### Road Safety Fun Run

Once again athletes from disadvantaged schools participated in the Road Safety Fun Run during Easter holidays. This provided the Directorate for Road Safety Management with opportunities to highlight the safety themes of the project and to distribute road safety educational material. This project created a fun atmosphere while ensuring SAFE practices when using the road.

### **Annual Youth Cultural Day**

For the past two years, the directorate has observed the "Road Safety Youth Cultural Day". The objective of this event is to raise awareness on the pedestrian hazardous locations

along the section of Lansdowne, Steve Biko and Walter Sisulu roads in Khayelitsha. Cultural groups are asked to compose road safety songs based on the road safety literature supplied to them on the day. Performances include traditional songs, gumboot dances and women's cultural dances. The highlight of the day is the awarding of a prize to the winner of the group that comes up with the most impressive song, and also one that renders the best dance. Prizes include promotional items such as clocks and mini portable radios. This year the young people once again ensured that the day was a success. Radio Zibonele, a community radio station based in Khayelitsha, ensured that residents in these communities were reached with messages on road safety.

This year saw the involvement of community leaders and councillors in sharing their views with community residents on road safety problems. Close to 2000 people attended this year's event.

The Department Of Community Safety, has also organised a number of different projects with the primary aim of reaching young people. These projects include sports tournaments, such as a road safety handball tournament; a youth golf day; a road safety school drama; child in traffic programmes and the ever popular "Danny Cat" shows.

All of these projects have been designed to reach young people all over the Province, as well as passing on education and information about road safety in their communities.

# Street Smart **Youth Programme**

**List of Attending New S.S.Y Coordinators** 

**Training 23rd to 26th June 2006 Elfin Bale Camp Site** 

Want to know your nearest Street Smart Youth Coordinator? Call: 021 483 5621



Annie Sirowsky at the Choose 2 Live Project motivating young learners

No	Name	Surname	Organisation	Area
1	Nomvuyo	Tsheqane	Bambanani	Gugulethu
2	Ntombekhaya	Mbeka	Bambanani	Gugulethu
3	Nandipha	Tsheqane	Bambanani	Gugulethu
4	Bulelwa	Tose	Bambanani	Gugulethu
5	Vuyokazi	Mbusi	Bambanani	Gugulethu
6	Tabita	Qwanyashe	CPF	Nyanga
7	Pumeza	Mtiya	CPF (Puppet Show)	Nyanga
8	Tozeka	Manqola	Bambanani	Nyanga
9	Sindiswa	Hlakula	Bambanani	Nyanga
10	Nolubabalo	Vati	Bambanani	Nyanga
11	Rashied	Johnson	Chrysalis Community Club	Hanover Park
12	Ighsaan	Abrahams	H. Y. D. F	Hanover Park
13	Giovanni	Lewis	H. Y. D. F	Hanover Park
14	Yazeed	Busic	Bambanani	Hanover Park
15	Rayaat	Samuels	H. Y. D. F	Hanover Park
16	Aneer	Samuels	H. Y. D. F	Hanover Park
17	Lorenzo	Fortuin	T. A. C	Mitchell's Plain
18	Ashley	Harzenberg		Mitchell's Plain
19	Selvedor	Daniels		Mitchell's Plain
20	Flynn	Davids		Mitchell' Plain
21	Shannz	Stemmet	Sea reige Park	Mitchell's Plain
22	Lecharndre	Holding		Delft
23	Lindiwe	Lengs	Bambanani (Trauma Centre)	Delft
24	Vusisizwe	Mpu	Itsacalimoon	Delft
25	Author	Cornelissen		Delft
26	Nwabisa	Nela	SAPS	Delft
27	Donryan	Geduldt		Delft

# **Street Smart Youth Coordinators**

No	Name	Surname	Sex	Address	No	Name	Surname	Sex	Address	No	Name	Surname	Sex	Address
1	Viwe	Mqikela	М	Macassar	22	Phumza	Somma	F	Knysna	43	Vuyo	Mguga	М	Khayelitsha
2	Rowena	Hendricks	F	Macassar	23	Lucinda	Harker	F	Knysna	44	Thamsanqa	Mpalweni	М	Khayelitsha
3	Bianca	Booysen	F	Macassar	24	Nkosinathi	Litholi	М	Knysna	45	Jordaan	Hinana	М	Nyanga
4	Olivia	Jansen	F	Macassar	25	Anelisa	Mboniso	F	Knysna	46	Vusumzi	Ngantweni	М	Nyanga
5	Joseph	Morare	М	Atlantis	26	Thandi	Tokota	F	Knysna	47	Brain	Malase	М	Nyanga
6	Keith	Kaboua	М	Atlantis	27	Phumeza	Moss	F	Knysna	48	Boniswa	Pango	F	Nyanga
7	Jerome	Varne	М	Atlantis	28	Petronela	Prince	F	Oudtshoorn	49	Babalwa	Vellem	F	Nyanga
8	Lelani	Englebrecht	F	Atlantis	29	Mary-Ann	Douws	F	Oudtshoorn	50	Peter	Morris	М	Worcester
9	Adenaan	Stemmet	М	Bontheuwel	30	Bernice	Goliath	F	Oudtshoorn	51	Ashley	Buys	М	Worcester
10	Allan	Cloete	М	Bontheuwel	31	Allistair	Gordon	М	Oudtshoorn	52	Vuyokazi	Majali	F	Kraaifontein
11	Marwaan	Meyer	М	Bontheuwel	32	Claude	Booysen	М	Oudtshoorn	53	Sabelo	Roto	М	Kraaifontein
12	Dolly	Jaggers	F	Plattenberg Bay	33	Desmond	Tom	М	Beaufort west	54	Asanda	Solwandle	М	Kraaifontein
13	Bonelwa	Marali	F	Plattenberg Bay	34	Thembinkosi	Thawni	М	Beaufort west	55	Yandisa	Jentile	М	Kraaifontein
14	Nkosinathi	Menziwa	М	George	35	Lennedh	Booysen	М	Beaufort west	56	Vuyiswa	Mavuma	F	Gugulethu
15	Luzuko	Banda	М	George	36	Wilfred	Van Niek	М	Beaufort west	57	Eugen	Campson	М	Manenberg
16	Thandoxolo	Zakile	М	George	37	Raafiq	Martinez	М	Mitchells Plain	58	Jackie	Knight	F	Manenberg
17	Anda	Nqoshana	М	George	38	Annette	Mayo	F	Hanover Park	59	Raino	Olyn	М	West Bank
18	Yolanda	Mtana	F	George	39	Natsha	Hofsta	F	Hanover Park	60	Brian	Suker	М	West Bank
19	Nomakholwa	Mente	F	George	40	Zipho	Sihle	М	Khayelitsha	61	Caswell	Daniels	М	West Bank
20	Zuko	Njokweni	М	George	41	Siyabulela	Yolwa	М	Khayelitsha	62	Halrico	Abrahams	М	West Bank
21	Andiswa	Matshekethe	F	Knysna	42	Bajabuli	Malila	F	Khayelitsha					

# HOD **Appointed**

Department of Community Safety appointed a new Head of Department, Mr Mbuyiseli Deliwe. Mr Deliwe started on the 1st July 2006 at the Department and comes with a range of experiences. He is an academic and a former lecturer. He has worked in the public sector.

Mr Deliwe, 48, was born and bred in Port Elizabeth, in the Eastern Cape. He obtained his M.A. degree from the University of Oxford, having studied Economics and Economic History. He has also been conferred other degrees from the University College London, the University of St Andrews in Scotland, as well as from the Oxford Brookes University in the United Kingdom. Mr Deliwe has lectured at Fort Hare University and in the School of Public Management at the University of Pretoria.

Prior to joining the Department of Community Safety, Mr Deliwe has held various posts in the public sector which include being a Director of Strategic Planning and Co-ordination Services in the Office of the Premier, Eastern Cape, Chief Director (Strategy, Research & Implementation) in the Presidency as well Chief Director, in the Department of Justice.

He takes over from Mr Omar Valley who has been acting in the post.

The MEC for Community Safety, Mr Leonard Ramatlakane, says "We welcome Mr Deliwe on board and are excited about the new possibilities that he presents to the Department.

# **Safety Tips for Women**

# **Safety Tips For Women Traveling Alone**

- Be aware of your surroundings and activities of the people around you.
- If you are out at night, stay in well-lit, and well populated
- Walk close to the kerb and avoid alleys and bushes where attackers may hide.
- Always walk facing oncoming traffic.
- Carry your handbag close to your body and avoid wearing highly visible jewellery.
- Park your vehicle in well- lit areas.
- If approached by a stranger while in your car, lean on your horn to attract attention or drive away.
- Have your keys ready when you approach your car and always look inside your car before you get in.
- If you think that you are being followed, drive to a Police station or to a public place.
- Keep your keys ready when you approach your home and enter immediately.

### **Joggers**

- Train with someone else preferably more than one person
- Vary your route and your training time every day.
- Run with your keys nestled between your fingers in an attack situation – they will function as a knuckleduster (go for your attackers most vulnerable parts – eyes, throat, face, groin)
- Wear reflective clothing or light clothing so that you are visible to motorists
- Carry pepper spray or one of the many anti-mugging devices on the market. Make sure you know how it works and don't be scared to use it
- O Do a course in basic self-defence
- Oarry a whistle around your neck so that you can raise the alarm in a crisis
- Tell someone exactly which route you will be following and when you can be expected to return

Be on the alert for strangers in the area – if you think you are being followed, run to the nearest place where there are people – a house, a petrol station or even just a busy road.

### **Avoiding Rape**

- Date rape is the sexual abuse of one partner by the other, in a dating relationship
- On not allow another person to touch you in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable - by addressing the person firmly, make it clear that the behaviour is unacceptable
- Do not leave a social event with someone you have just met or don't know
- You have the right to say NO!
- REMEMBER: Most women are raped by someone they know.
- Avoid secluded areas at night, like stairwells, under cover parking areas, empty train carriages, etc.
- Lock all the doors when traveling by car.
- Trust your gut feeling. If something looks remotely suspicious, get help from a security officer, policeman or colleague.

If you are in difficulty, call SAPS Crime Stop: 086 0010 111

# The Department of Community Safety: Policing Compliments / Complaints Centre

In 2002 the Department of Community Safety and the South African Police Service jointly put together the Western Cape Police Service Charter.

**The Service Charter** came about as a result of a greater consultative process involving communities, civil society formations, SAPS, the Department of Community Safety and other law enforcement agencies. The purpose of the Service Charter is to ensure that SAPS personnel in Community Service Centres provide a satisfactory professional service to the public at all times.

In the light of this, the Department of Community Safety runs a 24 hour Policing Compliments/Complaints Centre.

If the SAPS does not fulfill its obligations or does not provide the service it should, you may lodge a complaint/compliment with the Station Commissioner and/or contact the

### Department of Community Safety, Compliments/Complaints Centre at

(tel) 021 483 4332 (fax) 021 483 6026

e-mail to

policingcomplaints@pgwc.gov.za

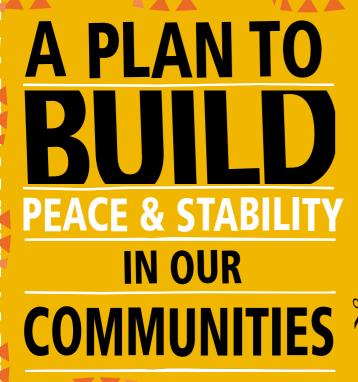
or write to

The Policing Complaints Centre Department of Community Safety P.O. Box 5346 Cape Town

 ${\bf Or\ visit: www.capegateway.gov.za/policing\_complaints}$ 

### Commitment

The South African Police Services commits itself to recognise and build partnerships with the community and Community Policing Forums to combat crime effectively.







Complete the above form and sign up as a volunteer, Fax to 021-483 3484 or post to Department of Community Safety. Directorate Community Liaison. P.O. Box 5346, Cape Town, 8000 or phone 021-483 5590

Issued by The Department of Community Safety, 35 Wale Street, Cape Town