



the PNP

Overberg Cluster Engagement 2016
June 2016



“ Making our voice heard - these are our safety priorities”

On 27/28 May 2016 over 120 stakeholders gathered for the “Policing Needs & Priorities” workshop to discuss the safety concerns of the people of the Overberg police cluster.

The workshop started with the 2015/16 “Community Safety Plan” and discussed how the plan was implemented. Participants were asked to give their input into three themes: Professional Policing; Safe Public Spaces and Partnerships.

These were some the concerns recorded:

Professional Policing

1. **Concern:** Shortage of SAPS officials and vehicles. Some holding cells and stations not up to scratch.
Actions: SAPS and CPF must continue to monitor the status. SAPS to ensure more officials recruited with driving licences.
2. **Concern:** Loss of experienced detectives affects turnaround time and quality of investigations.
Actions: SAPS to train and mentor new staff as detectives, and address factors causing members to leave.
3. **Concern:** Alleged corruption among SAPS.
Actions: SAPS to identify, prosecute and discipline SAPS members. Community must provide information to SAPS. Complaints

to be lodged with IPID.

4. **Concern:** Liquor outlets and she-beens not complying with liquor policy and licences, or unlicensed.
Actions: SAPS and law enforcement to enforce liquor legislation and bylaws.

Public Spaces

5. **Concern:** Lack of floodlighting in informal settlements and electricity theft.
Actions: CPFs to raise issue with ward councillors.
6. **Concern:** Health and safety concerns with spaza shops.
Actions: SAPS and law enforcement to enforce bylaws
7. **Concern:** High number of backyard dwellers linked to increase in crime.
Actions: CPF to write to MEC to table a concern around enforcing law relating to RDP housing.
8. **Concern:** Need for rehabilitation centres and places of safety for youth.
Actions: Discuss at the Local Drug Action Committee (LDAC) meetings and engage the Department of Social Development. SAPS continue to raise awareness of substance abuse in schools.
9. **Concern:** Need to install CCTV cameras in high risk areas.
Actions: CPF and SAPS to have ongoing discussions with the municipality.

Planning a safer future with healthy partnerships!

The new “Community Safety Plan” for the Overberg Cluster for 2016/2017 will soon be signed off by key partners – the SAPS Cluster Commander, the CPF Cluster Chairperson and Department of Community Safety.

DoCS will also enter into a “Memorandum of Understanding” with local Municipalities to make the plan happen.

To make sure your voices are heard, a Provincial PNP report will be submitted to the SAPS National and Provincial commissioners, as well as the National Minister of Police.

It will also be presented to the Standing Committee on Community Safety.

A detailed report of the PNP will be available online, at www.westerncape.gov.za/dept/community-safety

Partnerships

10. **Concern:** lack of trust and cooperation between community and police.
Actions: CPFs and Cluster to have further public engagements; SAPS to take measures to prevent corruption and ensure confidentiality of informers. Best performing SAPS members should be rewarded.
11. **Concern:** Youth and children using drugs.
Actions: Learn from best practices and organisations engaging youth in healthy activities. CPF conduct awareness activities in the community.
12. **Concern:** SAPS need to take action against drug dealers.
Actions: SAPS operations need to be intelligence driven.
13. **Concern:** CPFs need to partner with DoCS on the Expanded partnership Programme (EPP).
Actions: DoCS to provide training and CPF to ensure full reporting.

“Our new walk, as a Neighbourhood Watch One step at a time”

In our neighbourhood, we are taking charge of our future. As neighbours, we all agree safety is our most important priority. So we have worked out a plan of action. One step at a time.



Accreditation:

First, we are applying for our Neighbourhood Watch to be an “Accredited NHW” with the Western Cape Department of Community Safety (DoCS). This means our Neighbourhood Watch will be recognised as official.

To become “Accredited”, we will have to prove we have a clearly-marked NHW area, that we are a proper, organised structure and that we work hard to have healthy relationships with all our safety partners.

Also, our people will be able to trust us – they will know we are an “Accredited NHW”.

Safety Audit:

Second, our NHW will conduct an “audit” of our priority safety issues in our neighbourhood. The safety issues we think are the most important. We will identify all threats, risks and dangers.

Everything will be noted down – the blocked drains, the missing manhole covers, potholes, the dangerous building material, dumped on our park. The holes in the school fence. The areas where the cars speed. The places where there are drug deals in public.

All these issues will form our “Neighbourhood Safety Report”. We will also look for valuable partners

who can help us solve our problems – like our School Governing Bodies, our local churches and mosques, our business communities. We want to bring them all on board.

Partnerships:

We will then take all our issues to our Ward Councillor. We’ll walk through our area with him or her, so they personally see our safety issues.

We’ll also present our priority issues to our CPF. Our CPF is one of our most valuable partners. By law, it’s our CPF’s role to have “oversight” over police, and to help us have healthy relations with our police.

We know we need to work closely to solve our problems together.

Stocktake:

Every month, our NHW will call our Ward Councillor and our CPF, to check up on the progress on our safety issues.

Our relationship will be based on fact. Evidence-based.

In this way, we’ll be monitoring our Ward Councillor’s performance too. It might be a tough conversation, but it will be healthy and constructive.

This process will also help us decide whether to re-elect our Ward Councillor.

Eyes and Ears:

We will continuously talk in our neighbourhood – make sure we are still focusing on our most important priorities.

We will update our plans. Each and every one of us must clearly understand what our role is.

We will always elect our best people to represent us – as our NHW leaders, as our leaders in different organisations and government.

We all have our specific roles to play, to be safer.

We sure have our own work to do – as our neighbourhood’s “eyes and ears”. And know we can only succeed if we work better together.

We are definitely proud to belong to our local “Neighbourhood Watch”!



**NEIGHBOURHOOD
SAFETY WATCH**



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PNP Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

- 1. 11 - 12 July 2016: (Eden Cluster)** - Conville Civic Hall, 21 Pienaar Street, Conville, George.
- 2. 13 - 14 July 2016: (Da Gamaskop Cluster)** - Mossel Bay Civic Centre, Mossel Street, Mossel Bay.
- 3. 12 - 13 August 2016: (Cape Town Cluster)** - Salt River Town Hall, 41 Voortrekker Road, Salt River.
- 4. 19 - 20 August 2016: (Khayelitsha Cluster)** - Bethesda Church, 9 Stork Street, Broadland Park, Strand
- 5. 2 - 3 September 2016: (Tygerberg Cluster)** - Durbanville Conference Centre, 1st Floor, Wellington Road, Durbanville.
- 6. 16 - 17 September 2016: (Milnerton Cluster)** - Robinvale Community Hall, Atlantis, Starling Street, Robinvale, Atlantis.
- 7. 30 September - 1 October 2016: (Wynberg Cluster)** - TBC
- 8. 7 - 8 October 2016: (Vredenburg Cluster)** - Hopefield Thusong Centre, 575 Dwarsweg Street, Hopefield.
- 9. 21 - 22 October 2016: (Nyanga Cluster)** - Nyanga KTC Hall, MJO Street, Nyanga, Gugulethu.
- 10. 28 - 29 October 2016: (Vredendal Cluster)** - Vredendal Sport Hall, Bam Street, Vredendal.

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