



## MESSAGE FROM MINISTER WINDE



I joined the department of Community Safety in November and during my short time here I have been on the ground engaging with communities and several of the departments' programmes which includes visiting various police stations and during these visits I also engaged with the Neighbourhood Watch and Community Policing Forum structures, and will continue to do so for the remainder of 2018. We also had a very successful two-day Safer Western Cape conference, where all spheres of government, local

and international experts and various community structures made inputs as to how crime can be addressed in the province. This is also where I announced that a reward of R10 000 will be offered if anyone reports where an illegal firearm is hidden, on 078 330 9333. An official in the Department will handle your call, and without revealing your name to SAPS, inform them, where the illegal firearm is hidden. The moment the confiscation of the illegal firearm is confirmed; you will receive the reward.

I also had the privilege of attending the Chrysalis Academy 18 BRAVO graduation of 190 young ladies. I was truly amazed at the difference the programme has made in the lives of these young people and I want to encourage them to use their acquired knowledge and skills to continue uplifting themselves and their communities.

We have also been able to accredit another 61 Neighbourhood Watch structures. Provincially, we now have 291 NHW's, who along with Community Policing Forums, Street Committees and School Resource Officers, are ensuring that our communities are safeguarded. Another new initiative launched, was the "Crime Fighter of the Month" award. This monthly award will recognise the efforts by individuals or groups in their pursuit of creating a #SaferWesternCape.

It is evident that staff of the department works tirelessly to ensure a Safer Western Cape for all. Thank you to each and every one for the contribution you make in making our communities safer.

I want to wish all of you a happy, safe and prosperous festive season. Enjoy every moment with friends and family, and let's all come back refreshed in 2019!

**Minister Alan Winde**

# MESSAGE FROM HOD GIDEON MORRIS



As the year comes to an end, I wish to thank each and every member of staff for the significant contribution you have made to the successes of our department for 2018.

Your professional spirit, passionate dedication and innovative efforts are truly appreciated.

As we reflect on our achievements and successes, our department has once again performed excellently, achieving 98% of predetermined targets including our 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive clean audit. This is not possible without the hard work of all staff members.

I hope that you will all have a blessed festive season with your families and that you use the opportunity for a well-earned rest. Let's also use the festive season to reflect on those who are less fortunate and vulnerable.

I look forward to tackling 2019 as a team.

With kind regards

**HOD Gideon Morris**

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From left: Prof Dr Wilhelm Schmidbauer, Mr Alvin Rapea, Premier Helen Zille, National Police Minister, Mr Bheki Cele and MEC for Community Safety, Mr Alan Winde were panellists during the opening session of the plenary held on Tuesday, 13 November 2018.

## THE SAFER WESTERN CAPE CONFERENCE GETS UNDERWAY

The Department of Community Safety, in partnership with the Department of the Premier, hosted the Safer Western Cape Plenary Session, from Tuesday, 13 November to 14 November 2018, at the River Club in Observatory, Cape Town.

The two-day-long conference drew the attendance of crime, safety and governance resource persons, including local and international representatives, in a bid to establish innovative and practical methods of community safety improvement and violence reduction within the Western Cape province.

Some of the notable delegates in attendance included National Minister of Police, Bheki Cele, Premier of the Western Cape, Helen Zille,

Lieutenant Commissioner, Khombinkosi Jula, among other important figures, all with the common goal of achieving a safer Western Cape Province.

Violence prevention, gender-based violence, professional policing, gang violence, alcohol & drugs, environmental crime, commuter safety and rural safety are some of the subjects that were the focus in the parallel sessions held after the presentations by the various stakeholders.

The overall key message being that a safer Western Cape Province is possible through collaborative efforts – the broader communities working jointly with security officials in ensuring safety for everyone, **BETTER TOGETHER**.



Left: National Police Minister Bheki Cele addresses attendees of the conference.



Left: The two-day event drew attendance of over 200 safety officials.



Left: HOD of DoCS, Gideon Morris delivers an opening note at the conference.



Left: Ms Matodzi Amisi, addresses the attendees during one of the plenary sessions.



# Get to **KNOW** our Department

## PROFILE: NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH TEAM

**T**he Neighbourhood Watch Team (NHW) is a small team with a very important objective; to increase safety and decrease crime in our communities by establishing and investing in community structures such as the Neighbourhood Watch Structure.

The NHW team are always *MIA* (missing in action) but certainly not out of action as they hit the road to towns across the province where they offer training to NHW structures to become accredited and provide resources to NHW structures that are already accredited in line with section 6 of the Western Cape Community Safety Act (WCCSA). They work within communities desperately in need of change intervention.

The Team passionately mobilises community leaders and ordinary community members to become safety ambassadors through establishing NHW structures across the metro and rural areas, so to create change and a united movement toward safer communities.

To date the accredited NHWs in the province stands at nearly 300 structures. The Department is steadily on track to accredit at least another 100 NHW formations for the 2018/19 financial year.

The recently appointed Minister of Community Safety, Alan Winde, is working closely with the NHW project manager, Ms Ayesha Fortune and her team, to professionalise the NHW structures holistically with a proposed campaign



**From left:** Kirstie Joubert, Thandokazi Helesi, Ayesha Fortuin, Adv. Jerome Norris and Mr Gary Cornberg make up the hard working NHW team at DoCS.

“Not on our watch” that will tackle the scourge of crime, in which communities will play an active, responsible, lawful and non-violent role in taking back their streets.

Community members will be encouraged to volunteer their time and efforts in fighting crime and taking a pledge by becoming active proponents of crime prevention; residents can create safer neighbourhoods, and increase perceptions of safety in their neighbourhood.

The overall vision of the NHW team is to achieve their vision of making this the safest province in South Africa. This vision is shared and supported by MEC Winde who will uplift the profile of the NHW Project by creating linkages and creating projects in communities in support of the NHW as a programme of change and transformation.

The NHW team encourages staff and community members to work with them and volunteer their time and efforts in creating safer communities to live, work, and learn **BETTER TOGETHER.**

## WESTERN CAPE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FRAY IT OUT AT THIS YEAR'S METRO BETTER TOGETHER GAMES

The Department of Community Safety participated in the 2018 Metro Better Together Games hosted at the Blue Downs Sports Complex in Sunset Glen, on Friday, 26 October 2018.

Officials from DoCS, donned in their green active gear, joined 12 other departments at the annual games hosted by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sports (DCAS) in conjunction

with Old Mutual, Nedbank and Peninsula Beverages. The sporting event, which opened with an address by Premier Helen Zille, aimed at motivating investment into one's general well-being and to highlight the efficiency of a team spirit through various sporting codes including Volleyball, Soccer, Netball, Tug-of-war, Chess and Dominoes.

Incorporate sports as a part of your daily living for better wellness and an even improved amount of productivity, **BETTER TOGETHER**.



Above: DoCS official stand with their flag ready to begin the march-past at the Better Together Games, held at Blue Downs Sport Complex on Friday, 26 October 2018.



Left: Premier Helen Zille, welcomes the from all 13 Departments, at the Better Together Games.



Top: Latoya Ngondoka, of SP&P, won a medal for finishing the 6km race, at the games.



Left: DoCS staffers cheer their colleague s from the stands.



Front row from left: Adv Han-Marie Marshall Van Zyl, Dean Rulse and Azola Nyoka, of the Directorate: Community Police Relations, were some of the participants to walk of with medals.

(Back row, from Right): Nontsikelelo Gunguluza, Siviwe Xhego (also of Directorate: Community Police Relations), Ntombozuko Gcwabe (of Directorate: HOD Support, Aphiwe Tinise, Nomazizi Rabula (also of Directorate: Community Police Relations) and Khomisani Risenga (of Directorate: Financial Management), stand in support of their medal winner colleagues at the Metro Better Together .



# THE 2017/2018 FINANCIAL YEAR IN REVIEW

## THE **DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SAFETY** ON THE **MOVE!**

This has been another momentous year for the **Department of Community Safety** and we have, again, proven to the rest of the province, that dynamite really comes in small packages. We reflect on some of the Department's notable successes and celebratory moments that showed, once more, that there is not a target impossible to achieve when faced **BETTER TOGETHER**.

## One Of Our Own Joins Inaugural **Apolitical Academy** Public Service Fellowship



**Top:** Gwen Dereymaeker is Deputy Director at the Policy and Research Directorate, at DoCS.

More than 250 talented young people from the entire SADC region applied to be part of the 2018/19 fellowship, and 25 were selected.

The programme started in October 2018 and consists of seven in-residence weekend seminars over nine months. The weekend seminars are taking place in various locations: Cape Town, Robben Island, Johannesburg and Harare (Zimbabwe).

**G**wen Dereymaeker, a staff member of the Policy and Research Directorate, is one of the 25 inaugural **Apolitical Academy** Public Service Fellows. **Apolitical Academy** was co-founded by Ms Lindiwe Mazibuko in 2018. It aims to provide non-partisan high-level mentorship to support the next generation of ethical and transformational public leaders.

The Academy targets young women and men aged between 20 and 45 (with some flexibility) who wish to transition or grow into the public service, and aims to prepare them to be innovative leaders for careers in government or elected leadership.

You can find out more about **Apolitical Academy** by clicking [here](#) and by following them on Twitter (@ApoliticalAcad).

**Apolitical Academy** is part of **Apolitical**, a global network of public servants aimed at sharing and developing innovative ideas to solve the hardest challenges facing societies around the world today. Any public servant can join the [Apolitical platform](#) for free and have access to a wealth of resources and a network of other public servants working on similar challenges to ours! **Well done, Gwen!**

## **DOCS** CELEBRATES NINTH CONSECUTIVE CLEAN **AUDIT**

**T**his award is an annual opinion expressed by the Auditor General (AG), in accordance with the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA). It is the highest and most prestigious outcome any audited entity can aspire to and is generally accepted as a yardstick for good governance, transparency, good administration and effective use of public funds.

## DoCS Hosts The Inaugural Neighbourhood Watch Awards Ceremony

**O**n 26 March 2018, the first ever and long awaited Neighbourhood Watch Awards ceremony was held to celebrate and honour our dedicated safety volunteers in communities across the City of Cape Town for their tireless efforts during the 2017/18 cycle.

More than 80 nominations from multiple Neighbourhood Watches across the city have culminated in 34 awards, to honour both the Neighbourhood Watch teams and individuals who valiantly serve communities to help improve safety.



**Top:** The first ever Neighbourhood Watch Awards were held on 26 March 2018, at the Cape Town Civic Centre.

The work that Neighbourhood Watches do contributes significantly towards building safer communities in Cape Town. The members of the NHWs dedicate their time and often some of their own resources towards ensuring that criminals do not become comfortable in our City. This celebration attests greatly to the fact safety is widely possible as we work **BETTER TOGETHER**.

## DoCS Wellness ambassador featured on new Mandela book

**T**he 18th of July 2018 marked what would have been the 100th birthday of former head-of-state and philanthropist, Nelson Mandela. In honour of the icon, Bridget Kahts and Eric Atmore, of the Centre for Early Childhood Development (CECD) launched the book, *Madiba and children*; which is a collection of narratives by people who have met and had their lives touched by the icon in their youth.

The book, launched on Madiba's centenary celebration, 18 July 2018, also features illustrations of him by children, and is an ode to his love for children.

Our very own Debra Bailey, Administrative Clerk at the Corporate Relations Unit of Chief Directorate: Management Support, had her own encounter with the father of the nation -

while she worked as an ECD practitioner in the nineties, which is featured in the book.

This one of a kind coffee table book is available for distribution across the province free of charge.



**Left:** Ms Debra Bailey, of CRU, features on page 48 of the book and recalls her encounter with Madiba.



# The #IAMWinnie Commemoration Day

The Directorate: Safety Promotion and Partnerships, at the **Department of Community Safety**, never shies away from the opportunity to celebrate milestone calendar events. This year, with the unfortunate passing of Mam' Winnie Madikizela-Mandela the women of the unit partook in the nationally recognized #IAMWinnie movement which saw South African women celebrate the late icon by donning some of her signature looks – an ode to her resilience, womanhood and impeccable fashion taste.



Above: The ladies from SP&P donned in their dark ensemble to symbolise their mourning of the departed Mam' Winnie Madikizela Mandela and colourful head gear to salute her womanhood and advocacy for human rights.

## RECIPE!

### Potato Salad for Summer Dishes



Ingredients

- 400g new-season potatoes scrubbed
- 2 bunches of French Breakfast radishes, leaves washed
- 1 red onion, peeled and sliced
- 1 small cucumber, peeled and sliced into half moons
- Small handful dill fronds,

Method

Bring a pan of salted water to the boil, simmer the potatoes for about 10 mins until tender, then leave to steam-dry until warm.

Whisk together all the dressing ingredients, then halve the warm potatoes and toss through the dressing. Take the potatoes and other ingredients separately, then toss everything together to serve.

## WHAT'S COOKING?

### Sweet/Savoury Scones



Ingredients

- 500g self-rising flour (save a little to dust muffin tray)
- Half t/p salt & Half t/p baking powder
- 4/5 t/p of sugar (this is to taste)
- 200g butter & 2 large eggs
- 250ml milk

Method

Pre-heat oven to 180

Grease out muffin pan with butter and dust with flour

All Dry ingredients in mixing bowl

Rub in butter, until crumbly

Mix eggs and milk together and add to flour mixture

Work through with fork, until well mixed and sticky (if to dry add a little milk)

Scoop heaped tablespoon into muffin tray and bake for 15/20 minutes

This is a basic mixture. If you want to make it savoury, reduce sugar.



# The Long Service Awards Ceremony 2018

On Friday, 14 December 2018 the Department of Community Safety held its annual Long Service Awards ceremony at the Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens Civic Centre. The long service recognition system acknowledges and applauds employees who have rendered a continuous service to the employer for 10, 20, 30 and 40 years.





# WISE-UP THIS FESTIVE SEASON

In Your Own Words

The 'season to be jolly' makes for all round cheer which, when one is heedless of danger, can result in more than just an inconvenience at life. For this, we sought the advice of fellow colleagues on how to keep savvy during the festive season over a variety of subjects all of which are aimed at affording you peace of mind during this season;

## Staying Financially Savvy

**Olga Hendricks — Directorate: Finance Management says;**

- Decide on your budget for festive season time early in the year to have spending money in December, it will provide you with financial freedom during this period.

e.g. - Joining a savings club/gooi gooi money really works.

- Stock up on your non-perishable groceries from October- November already and buy your cold meats in December to save the rush at the end of the year, this will save you time and money.

e.g. - Save money during the month of December and have a lunch at home instead of buying lunch at the mall.

- Having savings put aside will help your children through school and university, to pay for registration money, school uniforms and stationery.

## Keeping Safe

**Security Risk Management team says;**

- Arrange for someone you trust to; a house-sitter or a 24-hr response security company to watch over your house while you're away.

- Avoid posting real-time social media updates detailing travelling for long periods.

## Keeping In Shape

**Khungeka Mxegwana - Police Monitoring and Evaluation says;**

- People need not to be diluted by bad habits, but rather be the one to make a difference by being a family health ambassador to your love ones.

- Introduce morning walks or evening walks to your friends or family this festive.

- Be a friend of the kitchen and ensure healthy eating habits, by doing this you controlling what gets into your system and your love ones.

- Every circle and event you are at, when you speak don't leave without talking health matters and simplify it and make it interesting.

- Always drink lots of water for hydration and take water with you and have healthy snacks close by.

- Leave work equipment locked securely away at the office.

- Do not carry large amounts of money.

- Do not draw attention as being a stranger in an area.

- Enquire about and avoid hijacking spots

- Avoid leaving drinks unattended.

- Do not text and drive.



Olga Hendricks



Khungeka Mxegwana



Team members from Chief Directorate: Security Risk Management



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# STAY SAFE

One of the keys to personal safety is to always know what is happening around you. Danger can be waiting for you around any corner or following the click of a button on your personal computer or mobile phone. Here are a few tips to stay aware and alert while you're out and about this festive season.

## Numbers to know

- South African Police Service **10 111**
- Ambulance **10 177**
- Mobile emergency number **112**
- Crime stop **08600 10111**
- SA Tourism hotline **083 123 6789**

## Techno tips

- Don't walk/cycle/drive with earphones in your ears. This could distract you from hearing any potential danger approaching.
- Keep all devices in your bag while walking around outside. Using a cellphone while walking can distract you and increase your risk of being robbed or attacked.
- Keep your phone charged in case of emergencies.
- Keep a spare charger on hand.
- Save a relative/friend under "ICE" on your cellphone. This will be the person called by emergency services or the police in the case of an emergency.
- Make sure that you log out of all banking and personal shopping applications after you use them. In the event of your phone being stolen, you reduce the risk of sharing any of your personal information.

## When going for a run/jog/walk

- Frequently glance at your surroundings.
- Make sure that you only enter well-lit areas.
- Move in the direction of oncoming traffic; never face your back to oncoming traffic.
- Be wary of anyone keeping pace behind you.

## When driving

- Don't use your phone or any other devices.
- Keep windows closed at robots and stop streets.
- Double check that your doors are locked before starting your car and after you exit your car.
- Keep a safe following distance so that you have space to manoeuvre if you need to.
- Before opening your gate/garage door, glance at your surroundings.

## When in crowded places

- Use a bag that can close securely and keep it close to you at all times.
- Research the event and the venue beforehand.
- Decide on an agreed meeting point if you become separated from friends or family members.
- Write your number on your child's arm or on a piece of paper in their pocket.
- Make sure that you know where the emergency exits are.
- If approached to check the time or assist with directions, make sure that your bag is tucked securely under your arm. Thieves who work in pairs use this as a distraction tactic.

## At the airport

- Make sure that your bags have locks and name tags.
- If you need directions or information, use marked information counters only.