



KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE

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INTRODUCTION

- ❑ The Province has had several visits from oversight structures to assess police station functionality in the recent past, including Ministerial Oversight Visits.
- ❑ The Department of Community Safety & Liaison participated in these visits and in addition conducted its normal police station evaluations in the course of implementing its Annual Performance Plan.
- ❑ An overview of the oversight activities and findings identified by the administration of the Ministerial Oversight Visit Tool are provided herein.



POLICE OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES FOR QUARTERS 1 TO 3 OF 2021/22

Intervention / Indicator	Target Q1-3	Achievement Q1-3
Customer satisfaction with police service survey conducted	39	45
Evaluated police stations	119	122
Reports on police stations monitored for compliance with Lockdown regulations	39	45
Reports on specialised units evaluated	12	13
No. of reports on complaints against police investigated	3	3
No. of reports on case dockets audited / reviewed	2	1
No. of reports on court watching brief programme implemented	2	1
Number of reports on implementation of IPID recommendation by SAPS	3	3
No. of reports on police stations' school safety enforcement	39	40



INFRASTRUCTURE AND SECURITY

- Most stations are housed in state owned buildings
- All buildings need maintenance/revamping
- Office space is a challenge
 - Phoenix can use the old mortuary to supplement office space but the facility is not yet de-commissioned by DPW
- CCTV cameras are installed and functional at all police stations except
 - Umlazi, Inanda, Isipingo, Bhekithemba



GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

- All stations have a VFR that operates 24 hrs, except Verulam
- A few stations have volunteer counsellors
- Few stations have established a GBV desk
- Generally, stations have a challenge of withdrawals of domestic violence cases by the victim / complainant making it difficult for the police to proceed with investigation as the cases are withdrawn in court
- Some discrepancies were observed between various registers i.e. 508 (a) & 508 (b)
- No 508 forms and sexual assault evidence kits for children at Bhekithemba police station



FIREARMS CONTROL

- First and second level inspections conducted at firearm stores
 - Second level inspections not conducted at Isipingo and Bhekithemba
- About 50 state firearms were lost at 4 police stations
 - Phoenix, Umlazi, Pinetown, Plessieslaer, Bhekithemba
- Amnesty firearms are still at police stations
 - Ballistic reports outstanding
 - Destruction orders outstanding
- There's backlog on firearm licence applications



SECOND HAND GOODS AND LIQUOR MANAGEMENT

- There is generally proper management of Second Hand Goods and Liquor control
- All police stations have Designated Police Officer appointed for both functions except for Bhekithemba
- About 134 illegal liquor outlets have been closed
 - Plesiesslaer, Umlazi, Verulam, Bhekithemba



STAKEHOLDER MANAGEMENT & SECTOR POLICING

- **STAKEHOLDER MANAGEMET**

- All police stations have a functional CPF, with elections of new office bearers in progress across the province
- There is generally good relations between communities and the police
- The School Safety Protocol is being implemented at most schools linked to police stations
- The community in blue project has not yet been formally launched

- **SECTOR POLICING**

- Sector policing ranges from partial to full implementation due to shortage of resources



DETECTIVE SERVICES & RESOURCE ALLOCATION

- **DETECTIVE SERVICE**

- Property related crimes and contact crimes are prevalent
- Detection and conviction levels are lower than preferred

- **RESOURCE ALLOCATION**

- The allocated staff is less than the granted as per Staff Establishment across all components
 - Vispol and Detectives are the most affected components
- Availability of vehicles is a challenge
 - Less are allocated as compared to the granted ones
 - Repairs and maintenance take long



CONCLUSION

- Remedial measures have been recommended to the Provincial Commissioner and implementation are being followed-up on a quarterly basis through quarterly review sessions with SAPS management.
- Follow-up station visits are also conducted to monitor implementation.
- Resource constraints of SAPS remain a hurdle in addressing challenges identified.
- Key is the slow response of National Public Works in respect of building maintenance.
- Another hurdle is the lack of provincial SAPS delegations to allow the PC to address issues identified without relying on the national level, which ultimately results in underspending.
- The Executive Council on a regular basis receives reports from the JCPS Cluster on police functionality and crime and at the February Lekgotla took a set of resolutions to address several of the challenges identified.



QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

THANK YOU

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