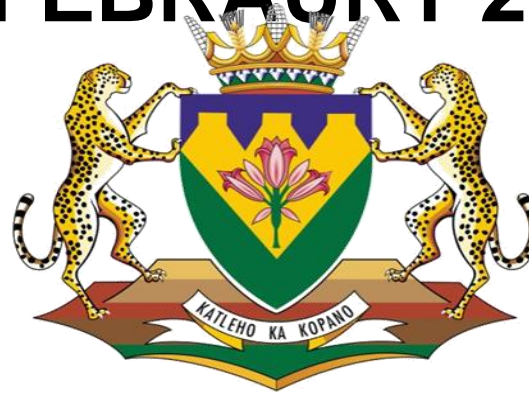


PRESENTATION ON THE FREE STATE CRIME PREVENTION STRATEGY FOR PARLIAMENT 22 FEBRAURY 2022



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BACKGROUND

- ❖ Since the launch of the National Crime Prevention Strategy (NCPS) in 1996, Provinces were expected to develop their Provincial Strategies by customizing the NCPS, however for quite sometime the Free State has been without the Provincial Crime Prevention Strategy as blueprint for crime fighting until 2013.
- ❖ The Free State Provincial Crime Prevention Strategy(PCPS) is a product of the Crime Prevention Summit which was attended by approximately 550 delegates representing various stakeholders on the 11th – 12th April 2013.
- ❖ Subsequent to the Summit, the PCPS was launched on the 11th July 2013 in the Bloemspruit policing precinct at the event that was attended by approximately 5000 community members and VIPs that included the then Premier, Deputy Minister of Police, MECs, Mayors, the National Commissioner of Police, HoDs and MMs, Provincial and Regional Heads of National Departments and other role-players within the Justice Crime Prevention and Security (JCPS) Cluster.



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Elements of the Current Provincial Crime Prevention Strategy



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The Provincial Crime Prevention Strategy derives its mandate from

- ❖ **The Constitution**: Chapter 2 of the constitution of the Republic, which is the cornerstone of Democracy, ***guarantees rights of all people in the country, including the right to freedom and security of persons.***
- ❖ **The National Development Plan**: It emphasizes that “Personal safety is a human right. It is a necessary condition for human development, improved quality of life and enhanced productivity.” One of the key factors identified by the NDP is “***An integrated approach to safety and security which require coordinated activity from all role-players (public sector and civil society; the latter to include revitalised community-safety centres)***”



❖ THE NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION STRATEGY:

- NCPS is a long term root cause based strategy
- NCPS approach is holistic, integrated and coordinated.
- Consists of 4 pillars intending to deliver the product as outlined in 5 main objectives.
- NCPS framework informs and facilitate the development of Provincial and Local Crime Prevention Strategies



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❖ Free State Provincial Growth and Development Strategy

- Inform and coordinate the allocation of resources across the spectrum based on the provincial development needs and priorities.
- Similarities (NDP, NCPS and the FSPGDS) all seek to provide a common vision as the basis for common action amongst all role-players.
- The PCPS, is a framework, in line with the **FSPGDS**, **serves as an overarching planning instrument, articulating the development agenda and providing strategic direction for the Province with regard to the fight against crime**
- Both (FSPGDS and PCPS) propagate the effective use of scarce resources within the province towards more cost effective and sustainable solutions, whilst addressing the real causes of issues.



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❖ LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MUNICIPALITIES) AND IDPs

- Municipalities **constitute an integral part of the Provincial Crime Prevention Strategy.**
- Municipalities have a constitutional imperative to give attention to crime fighting. Section 152(d) in chapter seven of the Constitution stipulates that, one of the objects of local government is “to promote a safe and healthy environment”.
- Municipalities are expected to be the driving force behind Community Safety Forums (CSFs) using local crime prevention strategies
- The exact strategies and mechanisms that local governments adopt should be based on local crime prevention priorities and should preferably fit within the four pillar framework of the NCPS.



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❖ THE PROVINCIAL CRIME PREVENTION STRATEGY VISION AND MISSION

▪ Vision

“Improved quality of life of all Free State inhabitants through the creation of a free, safe and secure environment towards accelerated and sustainable socio-economic development and a better life for all”

▪ **Mission:** The above vision will be achieved by:

- ✓ Ensuring multi-sectoral collaboration and community participation in fighting crime
- ✓ Restoration of the moral fibre among all people
- ✓ Enhancing public education in harnessing awareness and greater citizen responsibility
- ✓ Addressing social and economic roots and consequence of crime



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❖ PRIMARY GOAL AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PCPS

- **Primary Goal:** All People in the Free State Are, and Feel Safe
- **Primary Objectives:**
 - ✓ To reduce levels of crime in the Province
 - ✓ Reduce gender based violence, sexual offences and levels of crime against the vulnerable groups (Women, Children and People with disabilities)
 - ✓ Improve the effectiveness of the Justice System
 - ✓ Give special attention to fraud and corruption
 - ✓ Improve rural safety and border security
 - ✓ Ensure effective, efficient and sustainable police service
 - ✓ To build social cohesion for community safety-nets and positive moral values
 - ✓ Give special attention to youth development programmes in countering gangsterism and Satanism



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Free State Crime Profile

- The Provincial crime Profile was informed by the analysis of the crime stats when the first Strategy was developed, there was a decrease in certain crimes such as:
 - ✓ Murder
 - ✓ Attempted murder
 - ✓ Robbery with aggravating circumstances
 - ✓ Common Robbery
 - ✓ All theft not mentioned elsewhere
 - ✓ Commercial Crime
 - ✓ Stock Theft
 - ✓ Sexual Offences
 - ✓ Shoplifting
 - ✓ Arson
 - ✓ Common Assault
 - ✓ Malicious Damage to Property
 - ✓ Assault GBH
 - ✓ Burglary at Non-Residential Premises
 - ✓ Burglary at Residential Premises



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Generators of crime

- The following were then identified as the generators of crime:
 - ✓ Liquor Outlets
 - ✓ Drug Outlets
 - ✓ Unlicensed Spaza shops
 - ✓ Prostitution
 - ✓ Influx of illegal foreign nationals
 - ✓ Illicit Mining
 - ✓ Gangsterism
 - ✓ Unmarked stock
 - ✓ Proliferation of firearms
 - ✓ informal settlements



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❖ **Special focus crimes**

- Gender based violence and Sexual Offences (Rape)
- Murder
- Assault with the intent to inflict grievous bodily harm (GBH)
- Burglary at residential premises
- Stock Theft

❖ **SPECIAL AREAS NEEDING SPECIFIC FOCUS**

- Participation of youth against crime
- Rural Safety
- Community participation in safety (CPFS & CSFs)
- Moral Regeneration Movement (MRM)
- Human Trafficking
- Gangsterism



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❖ COORDINATION OF THE STRATEGY

Operational Coordination exist at **Priority Committee** level and the following Priority Committees are responsible for coordination of activities that are relevant to their line function:

- **COMBATING PRIORITY COMMITTEE** - Chaired by SAPS and co-chair by FSGLA focuses on Firearms, Second Hand Goods, Liquor and Gambling, Ferrous and Non Ferrous and Illicit Mining
- **MIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY** - Chaired by DHA and co-chair by DESTEA focuses on Immigration, Border Security, Rural Safety, Wildlife & Endangered Species
- **STABILITY PRIORITY COMMITTEE** - Chaired by SAPS and co-chaired by CoGTA focuses on Community Protests, Labour Instability, Land Invasion, Anti-Foreign Sentiments, Public Transport, Defacing of Statues., Attacks on Key points and Government Buildings, Hijacking of Buildings and government Projects.
- **YOUTH & SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY** - Chaired by DSD and co-chaired by DBE focuses on Initiation Schools, School Safety, Examinations, Gangs & Drugs
- **EVENTS & OPERATIONS** - Chaired by SACR and co-chaired by IEC focuses on SASREA, Elections, Special Operations (Easter & Festive Season)

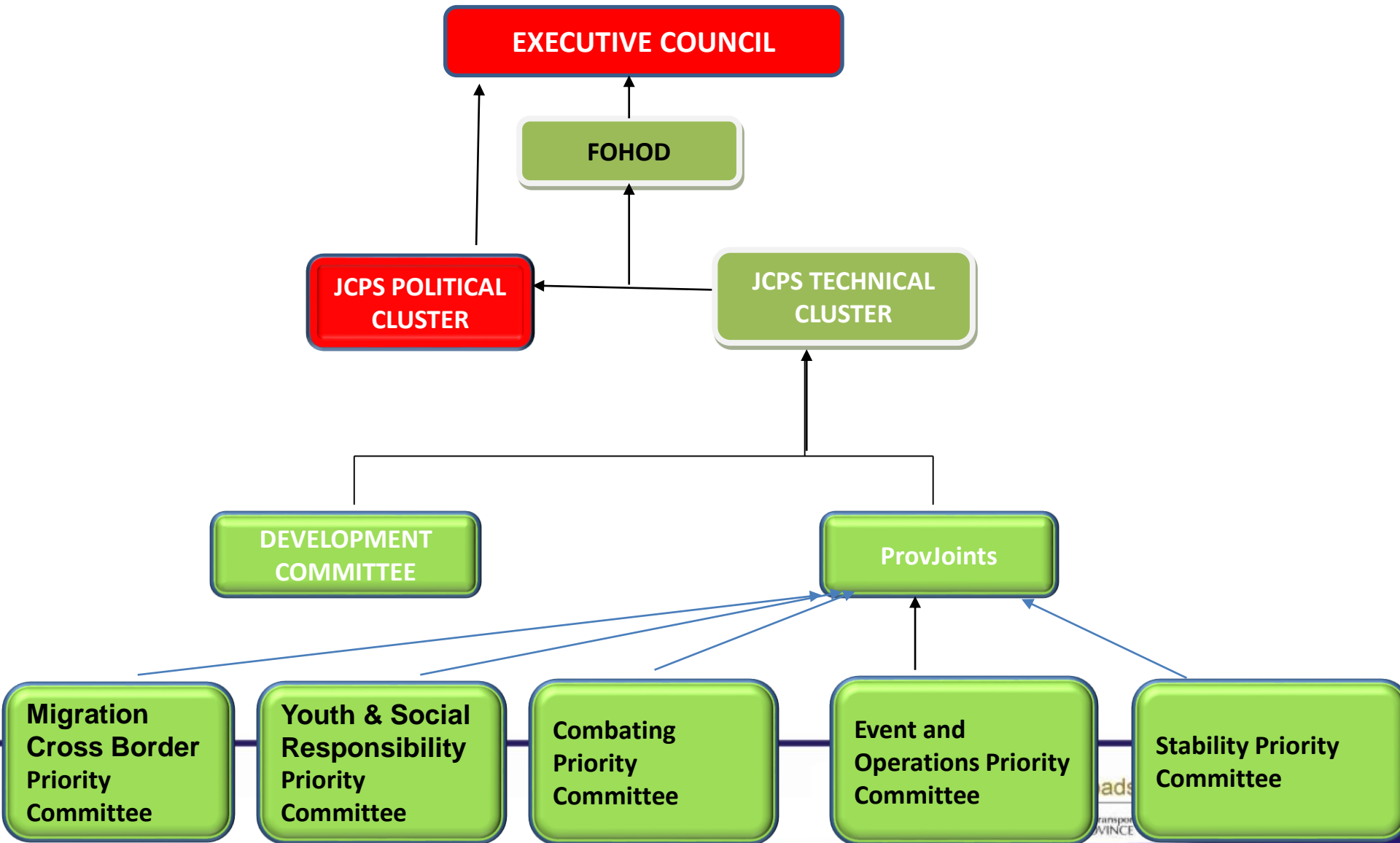
The reports from these Priority Committees serve in the Provjoints for consolidation and submission to the JCPS. In turn the JCPS reports to FOHOD and FOHOD reports to the EXCO as per the diagram below:



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PROVINCIAL CRIME PREVENTION STRATEGIC COORDINATION FRAMEWORK GRAPHIC



Achievements

- ❖ The integrated implementation plan of the Crime Prevention strategy was developed and implemented with most of the Key Performance Areas being achieved, such as, awareness programmes on Human Trafficking, stock theft, gangs and drugs.
- ❖ Important dates such as 16 Days of Activism for violence against women and children, Youth months, Women's days, Aids day, etc are commemorated accordingly
- ❖ A youth crime prevention summit was convened and the Youth Crime Prevention Strategy was developed and is being implemented although with limited successes. The main challenge was around youth economic development and DESTEA has just come on board.



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- ❖ The Province 's Youth Strategy was considered the best by SAPS at National and other Provinces were encouraged to benchmark with the Province.
- ❖ Originally, 14 Priority Committees which were later compressed into 5 were established as implementing committees of the Strategy and these are functional and report to the PROVJOINTS
- ❖ After a very long struggle, five Community Safety Forums were finally established and work-shopped on their functions. They were assisted with the development of Safety Plans.



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CHALLENGES

- ❖ Since the launch of the Strategy, most Sector Departments showed commitment to the PCPS although some are still struggling to incorporate the KPAs of the Implementation Plan of Strategy in their APPs
- ❖ Some lead departments still regard the DPR&T and SAPS as the main role players in crime prevention matters and do not take initiatives where they are supposed to lead
- ❖ Some Departments continue to plan in isolation and only invite other role-players to be guests at their activities.
- ❖ A lot of collaborative work among Sector Departments is taking place at operational level, however reporting to higher platforms is a challenge
- ❖ Roll-out of CSFs to all the Municipalities in the Province is still a challenge



CONCLUSION

- ❖ The Strategy is a product of collaborative effort and fosters joint planning towards enhancing an integrated and coordinated approach in dealing effectively with the root causes and the impact of crime in the Province.
- ❖ Until the outbreak of Covid-19 in 2020 the Provincial Crime Statistics suggested that the strategy was effective in minimising crime since there was a downward spiral in certain categories of crime. However, in the current financial year, the Three Quarterly Stats presented thus far showed a disturbing picture with some crimes categories going up.
- ❖ The fact that there are crimes that still go up is a constant reminder that the war against crime is far from being won and the Priority Committees as the operational coordination forums are alive to this fact and are doing everything possible to defend the previous successes.
- ❖ The strategy was under review when the National Integrated Crime and Violence Strategy (NICVS) was conceptualized and the review process has to discontinue to give space for the NICVS to be finalised. It is anticipated that the NICVS will inform the review process and lead to an updated Provincial Crime Prevention and Violence Strategy.



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