

MINISTERIAL BRIEFING SESSION ON THE NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION STRATEGY

PROGRESS IN ADDRESSING CRIME AND BUILDING A COORDINATED APPROACH TO CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL

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OVERVIEW OF THE PRESENTATION

- The National Crime Prevention Strategy
- Measures put in place to address crime, and
- Building a coordinated approach to crime prevention and control

THE NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION STRATEGY (NCPS)

- According to the NCPS, ‘government regards the prevention of crime as a national priority. It recognises that the causes of crime are deep rooted and related to the history and socio-economic realities of society. For this reason, a comprehensive strategy must go beyond providing only effective policing. It must also provide for mobilisation and participation of civil society in assisting to address crime’ (NCPS: Summary).
- The NCPS ‘require the development of wider responsibility for crime prevention and a shift in emphasis from reactive “crime control”, which deploys most resources towards responding after crimes have already been committed, towards proactive “crime prevention” aimed at preventing crime from occurring at all’ (NCPS: Summary).

MEASURES PUT IN PLACE TO ADDRESS CRIME

In terms of the mandate of the department the following were implemented:

- Quarterly Review Sessions with law enforcement agencies where crime statistics were one aspect of determining if crime was being addressed and the performance of law enforcement agencies was monitored
- The department ensured that CPF structures were established and encouraged SAPS at station level to include CPF members in SCCF meetings where crime in the precinct was discussed and joint measures implemented
- Ensuring that CPFs develop Safety Plans that focused on the needs of a specific community
- Development and implementation of the Gauteng Safety Strategy through the Take Charge campaign
- Implementation of Social Crime prevention interventions including the execution of Safety Audits in communities ravaged by crime
- Establishment of Youth Desks, Men As Safety Promoters (MASP), Women As Safety Promoters (WASP) and the formalization of the Patroller Programme thus encouraging community's participation in the fight against crime
- Formation and launch of GBV Brigades to deal with the scourge of Gender Based Violence
- 'Reclaiming the night' programme against Gender Based Violence
- Establishment of Provincial Coordinator to drive Gender Based Violence programmes in Gauteng

MEASURES PUT IN PLACE TO ADDRESS CRIME continued

In terms of the mandate of the department the following were implemented:

- Crime Summits held in various areas towards the development and implementation of localized Community Safety Plans
- Purchase and deployment of Kiosks to enhance service delivery so communities can report crime more easily
- Purchase and deployment of Mobile Police Stations to enhance the reporting of crime and service delivery
- Purchase of 100 high performance vehicles with cutting edge technology for SAPS to improve police visibility and response times
- Deployment of Patrollers in conjunction with the Provincial Board and SAPS during the festive season at transport nodes and malls as a force multiplier
- Deployment of Patrollers at schools to minimize vandalization of infrastructure
- Deployment of Patrollers at PRASA sites to minimize crime
- Safety tips are provided on social media platforms
- School safety programmes to address gangsterism, bullying and substance abuse. In addition, Prison Tours were undertaken to dissuade scholars from getting involved in criminal activity

BUILDING A COORDINATED APPROACH TO CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL

The department has through the initiatives cited previously attempted to build a multi agency approach to crime prevention and control in recognition that a collaborative stance will yield results. This includes:

- Forming partnerships with civil society organisations, NGOs, Faith Based Organisations, the entertainment industry, Sports bodies and Izinduna
- In addition, the department has consistently given inputs into the IDPs of municipalities
- The Gauteng Intergovernmental Safety Co-ordinating Committee (GISCC) chaired by the MEC with MMCs for Public Safety, the Provincial Commissioner and Chiefs of Police in attendance deal with matters pertinent to crime prevention and control
- The Deliverology project and subsequent Delivery programme are mechanism to foster crime prevention and control
- Okae Moloa operations in Gauteng have a multi agency approach with SAPS as the lead agency together with Metropolitan Police Departments, Gauteng Traffic Police, Home Affairs etc in attendance all boosted by the presence of the Premier, MEC and HOD

BUILDING A COORDINATED APPROACH TO CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL continued

- The Gauteng 5 year Policing Plan is a further attempt to obtain a multi agency approach to address crime generators, and
- The establishment of a War Room on Crime in Gauteng paves the way for a paradigm shift to deal with community safety efforts with an emphasis on improved public safety at ward level, strengthened partnerships towards elimination of GBVF and improved policing through an efficient and effective Integrated Provincial Command Centre.



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