



**ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIALISED MULTI-
DISCIPLINARY ECONOMIC INFRA-STRUCTURE
TASK TEAMS (EITT's)**

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PURPOSE

To present a new policing approach to address extortion related crimes and violence at economic and construction sites.

BACKGROUND

The Honourable President of the Republic of South Africa, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, in his State of the Nation Address (SoNA) on 10 February 2022 stated the following in relation to economic infrastructure related crimes:

"The ongoing damage to and theft of economic infrastructure has damaged confidence and severely constrained economic growth, investment and job creation. This requires a focused and coordinated response. Government has therefore established specialised multi-disciplinary units to address economic sabotage, extortion at construction sites and vandalism of infrastructure."

The current policing methodology to address the above mentioned challenges have proven to be ineffective, hence the establishment of Specialized Multi-disciplinary Economic Infrastructure Task Teams (EITTs).

The EITTs were established at twenty two (22) identified Districts with a high number of reported cases related to the focus areas of the EITT's. The EITT's will utilise their combined expertise and resources to address the scourge of economic infrastructure related crimes.

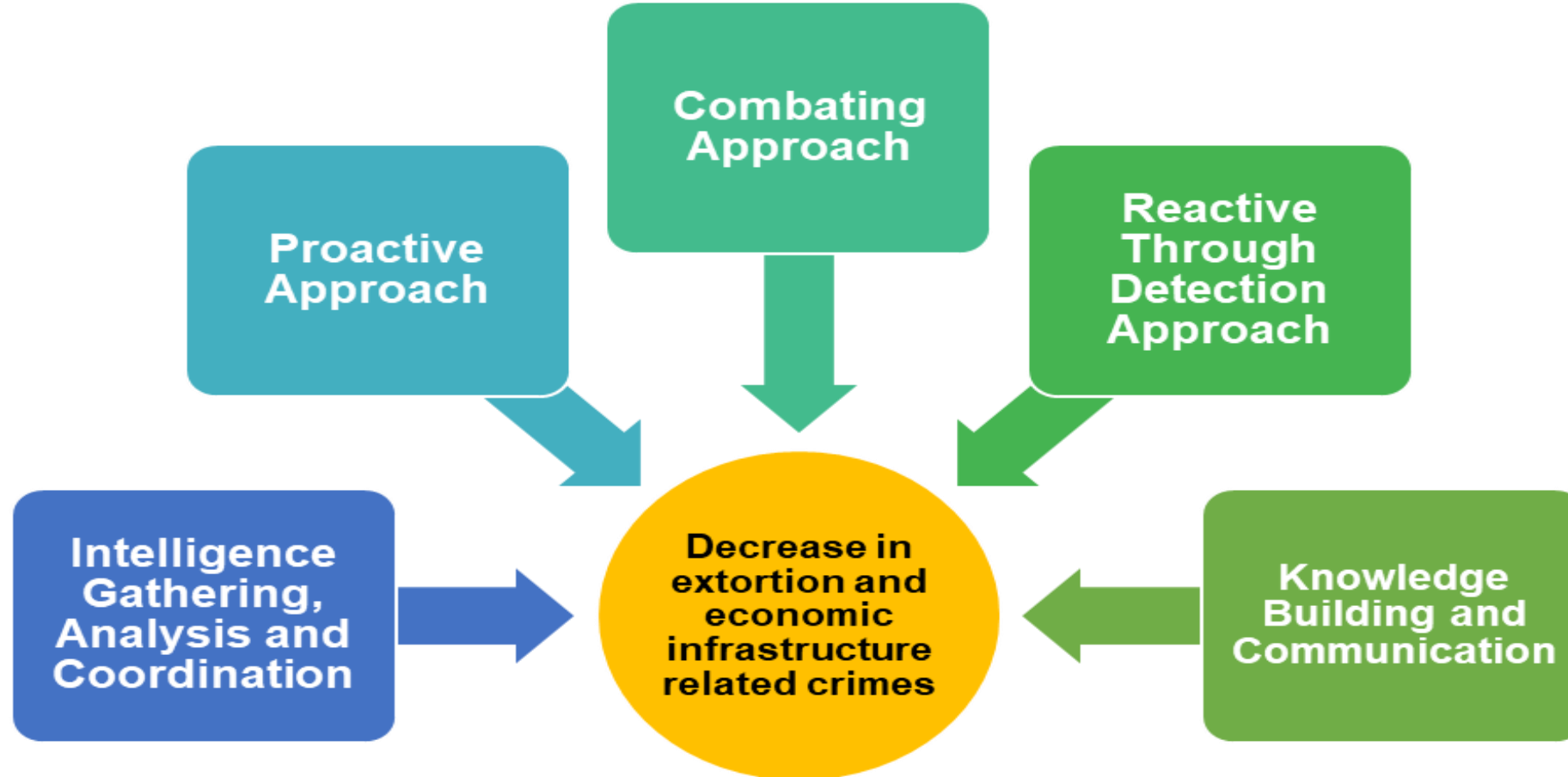
FOCUS AREAS

The EITTs is focused on the following areas to address the scourge of economic infrastructure related crimes:

- Non-Ferrous Metal Theft (e.g. Copper cable theft);
- Essential Infrastructure Crimes (e.g. Tampering, damaging or destroying of infrastructure related to energy, transport, water, sanitation and communication services);
- Critical Infrastructure Crimes (e.g. Pipeline fuel theft);
- Extortion at construction and or economic sites; and
- Illegal mining and illicit trafficking.

OPERATIONAL APPROACH

The functioning of the specialised multi-disciplinary Economic Infrastructure Task Teams (EITT's) is guided by the following operational approach:



OPERATIONAL APPROACH :PILLARS

PILLAR	FUNCTIONARIES
<p><u>Pillar 1:</u> Intelligence gathering, analysis & coordination</p>	<p>Crime Intelligence Gatherers, ORS Information Officers, Analysts from CI and DPCI as well as the Crime Registrar, Modus Operandi Strategic Analysis Centre (MOSAC)</p>
<p><u>Pillar 2:</u> Pro-active approach</p>	<p>Crime Prevention operators, Designated Second-Hand Goods Officers, First Responders (Flying Squad, CSC Response Vehicles etc), Border Police and Railway Police.</p>
<p><u>Pillar 3:</u> Combat approach</p>	<p>Crime Prevention operators, Specialised Operations, Crime Intelligence, Airwing, K9 Units, Designated Second-Hand Goods Officers, Flying Squad, CSC Response Vehicles, POP, Border Police, Railway Police and PSS.</p>
<p><u>Pillar 4:</u> Reactive through detection approach</p>	<p>DPCI, Forensic and Detectives Services (Organized Crime)</p>
<p><u>Pillar 5:</u> Knowledge Building and Communication</p>	<p>Visible Policing and Operations, and Corporate Communications and Liaison</p>

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

There exists a close collaboration between SAPS and External Stakeholders such as, Eskom, Telkom, Transnet and PRASA.

The SAPS engages with the external role players in forums such as:

- The National and Provincial Non-Ferrous Metals Crime Combating Committees;
- The National and Provincial Rail Crime Combating Forums;
- Eskom Priority Committee;
- Illicit Mining and Non-Ferrous Metals Intelligence Meeting;
- National Coordination and Strategic Management Team.

OPERATIONAL APPROACH: STAKEHOLDERS INVOLVEMENT

Listed below are permanent stakeholders

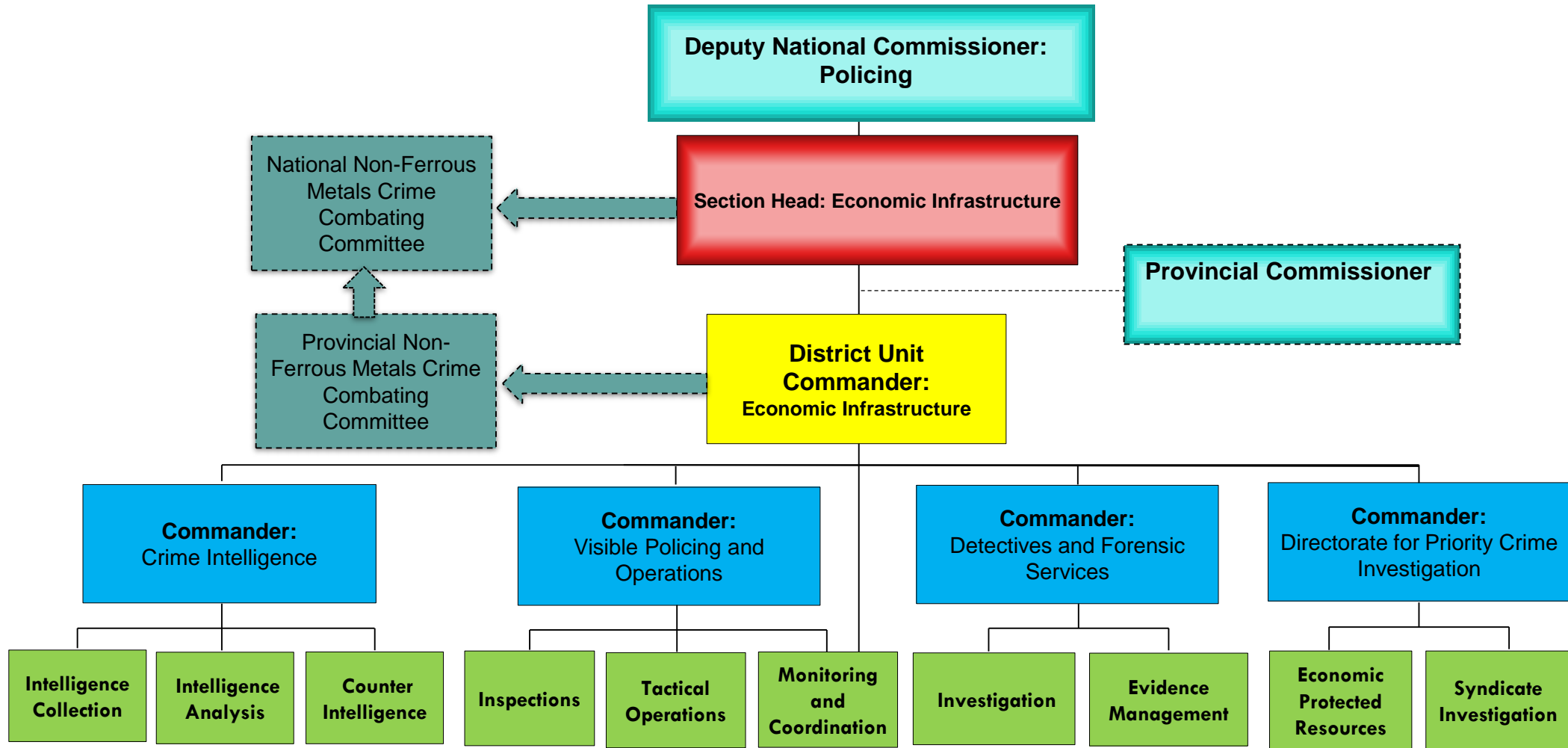
- Division: Crime Intelligence
 - Crime Intelligence Coordination;
 - Organised Crime Analysis; and
 - Modus Operandi Strategic Analysis Centre (MOSAC).
- Division: Visible Policing and Operations
 - Firearms, Liquor and Second-Hand Goods Services;
 - Crime Prevention Operations; and
 - Specialised Operations.
- Division: Detective and Forensic Services
 - Organised Crime Investigations

OPERATIONAL APPROACH: STAKEHOLDERS INVOLVEMENT

AD-HOC STAKEHOLDERS (BUT NOT LIMITED TO):

- South African Police Service
 - Division: Visible Policing and Operations -
 - ✓ Rapid Rail and Police Emergency Services;
 - ✓ Border Police;
 - ✓ Crime Prevention Operations; and
 - ✓ Frontline Service.
 - Protection and Security Services.
 - Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation
 - ✓ Economic Protected Resources
- Other Government Departments
 - National Prosecuting Authority (NPA)
 - Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC)
 - International Trade Administration Commission (ITAC)
 - South African Revenue Services (SARS)
 - ✓ Customs and Excise
- Other Government Departments - continue
 - Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE)
 - National Intelligence Coordinating Committee (NICOC)
- Other Law Enforcement Agencies
 - Metropolitan Police Departments (including City of Cape Town Metal Theft Unit)
- State Owned Entities (SOE's)
 - Transnet
 - PRASA
 - Eskom
 - Telkom
- Other industry stakeholders
 - Cellular Telephone Providers (Vodacom, Cell C, MTN etc.)

CO-ORDINATING STRUCTURE



Model "A" – Unit Commander (Col)
 Model "B" – Unit Commander (Lt Col)
 Model "C" – Unit Commander (Capt)

IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH

- The EITT's will be reviewed after two (2) years for purpose of possible conversion into fully fledged units.
- The EITT's are resourced from the existing capacity and an operational budget was ring-fenced.
- Monitoring will continue at all levels (POCC, PNFMCCC, NOCC, NNFMCCC, NATJOINTS).
- Normal policing functions (pro-active and reactive) will continue within station areas to address the non-ferrous metals, essential infrastructure, extortion and illegal mining environments.

IDENTIFIED DISTRICTS

IDENTIFIED DISTRICTS WHERE ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE TASK TEAMS (EITT's) WERE ESTABLISHED		
<p><u>WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Cape Town • Cape Winelands 	<p><u>EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nelson Mandela 	<p><u>FREE STATE PROVINCE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lejweleputswa
<p><u>NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frances Baard • John Taola Gaetsewe • Pixley Ke Seme 	<p><u>LIMPOPO PROVINCE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waterberg • Mopani • Capricorn 	<p><u>KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethekwini • King Cetshwayo • Umgungundlovu
<p><u>GAUTENG PROVINCE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tshwane • Ekurhuleni • Johannesburg • Sedibeng • West Rand 	<p><u>MPUMALANGA PROVINCE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nkangala • Gert Sibanda 	<p><u>NORTH WEST PROVINCE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bojanala Platinum • Dr Kenneth Kaunda

NEWSWORTHY SUCCESSES SINCE ESTABLISHMENT

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PROVINCE	CIRCUMSTANCES	SUCCESSSES
Gauteng (Cullinan)	On 16 May 2022 five (5) suspects were arrested for tampering with essential infrastructure at a railway line.	Prevented copper cable to be stolen
Gauteng (Eldoraigue)	On 26 May 2022 three (3) suspects were arrested posing as contractors.	Undisclosed amount of Telkom copper cable.
Gauteng (Industria West Extention)	On 28 May 2022 three (3) suspects were arrested for the possession of Eskom and City Power cables at an identified premises.	Eskom and City Power cables (R500 000,00) and aluminium (R200 000,00)
Western Cape (Bonteheuwel)	On 6 June 2022 one (1) suspect was arrested at an unregistered SHG premises.	106kg (R25 000,00) worth of cable confiscated
Eastern Cape (Bethelsdorp)	On 9 June 2022 one (1) suspect was arrested for the possession of copper cable from various SOE's.	2 591 kg Copper cable (R168 415,00)
KwaZulu-Natal (Phoenix Industrial Park)	On 7 July 2022 two (2) suspects were arrested at a registered scrap metal dealer premises for the possession of suspected stolen copper cable.	Copper cable to the value of R55 000,00
Gauteng (Elandsfontein)	On 8 July 2022 one (1) suspect was arrested at a company.	R10 million worth of Telkom Property
Gauteng (Tambo Informal Settlement)	On 22 July 2022 three (3) suspects were arrested when a suspicious vehicle was stopped.	Undisclosed amount of steel pipes utilized within the mining industry

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Western Cape	On 3 August 2022 one (1) suspect was arrested for <u>not</u> being registered in terms of the Second-Hand Goods Act, 2009 (Act No 6 of 2009)	Dealer closed
Western Cape (Vrygrond)	On 1 August 2022 EITT members confiscated copper and aluminium cables, the suspect was also not a registered second-hand goods dealer.	437,05 KG of copper and aluminium cables with an estimated value of R43 000
Western Cape (Mfuleni)	On 3 August 2022 EITT and Public Order Police arrested one suspect for being in possession of electric boxes and electric breakers.	Three (3) electric boxes and thirty three (33) electric breakers with an estimated value of R20 000
Western Cape (Mfuleni)	On 9 August 2022 during second-hand goods compliance inspections EITT arrested one scrap metal dealer for being in possession of rolls of Telkom cable, further investigation led the team to a farm where there was a further confiscation of cables.	Eighteen (18) rolls of Telkom cable and 500KG of cables with an estimated value of R50 000 was seized.
KwaZulu-Natal (Embuthisweni)	On 22 August 2022 the EITT and other role players followed up information at a warehouse that was manufacturing aluminium pots at Embuthisweni where inquiries into melted copper were made, a reasonable explanation of acquisition could not be provided. Two suspects were arrested for possession of suspected stolen goods and tampering with essential infrastructure.	Copper and tools used to manufacture pots valued at R450 000 were seized.

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Western Cape (Bishop Lavis)	On 29 August 2022 EITT and EITT role players conducted VCP's near a scrap metal dealer's premises, one (1) suspect was arrested with bags of copper belonging to various Parastatals.	Seven (7) bags containing 293KG copper cables with an estimated value of R36 000 and the vehicle that was used for transporting the goods.
Western Cape (Elsies Rivier)	Elsies Rivier: On 29 August 2022 two males were arrested for being in possession of cables that were identified as property of the Drakenstein Municipality and for contravening Section 3 of the Criminal Matters Amendment Act , 20015 (Act No 18 of 2015)	11 KG copper cables of which the value was not recorded.
Western Cape (De Doorns)	On 8 September 2022 Winelands EITT arrested one suspect at a scrap metal dealer in De Doorns for being in possession of suspected stolen property (bags of copper) and for contravening Section 3 of the Criminal Matters Amendment Act , 20015 (Act No 18 of 2015).	22 bags of copper with a total weight of 289 kilogram with an estimated street value of R38 536
Western Cape (Belhar)	On 7 September 2022 EITT arrested one suspect who was found in possession of underground cables belonging to a cellular service provider and a rail agency at one of the scrap dealers in Belhar Business Park, Further investigation led to the discovery of another illegal scrapyards within the premises.	Underground cables weighing 180,50 KG with an estimated street value of R30 000
Western Cape (Elsies Rivier)	On 21 September 2022 EITT during a second-hand goods compliance inspection arrested seven suspects on a charge of contravention of the Criminal Matters Amendment Act. A suspicious Toyota Corolla then sped off from the premises and a high speed chase ensued, the car was subsequently involved in a collision, the driver was arrested.	A 9mm pistol and ammunition confiscated.



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