23 May 2018

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BRIEFING SESSION: PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON POLICE

ENGCOBO POLICE STATION PROGRESS REPORT

Presentation Overview

Engcobo Police Station Progress Report

- Engcobo CAS 112/02/2018 – Main Case.
- Trafficking in Persons.
- Asset Forfeiture Investigation.
- Security Interventions:
  - CCTV Cameras.
  - Risk Assessment.
  - Police Safety Plan.
  - Capacity.
- HRM Interventions.
- Community Engagements.
- Cooperation from Local Government.

FEEDBACK ON MAIN CASE, ENGCOBO CAS 112/02/2018

- The case was presented to court, on 7 May 2018 and was postponed to 14 June 2018, for further investigation.
- The charges comprise of six counts of Murder, 25 counts of Attempted Murder, eight counts of Aggravated Robbery and 10 counts of Possession of Unlicensed Firearms and Ammunition.
- Housebreaking, Sexual Offences and Conspiracy to commit Aggravated Robbery, are charges that are yet to be added.

TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

- Most women were re-united with their families, with the exception of seven women, who are still being kept at a place of safety.
- The Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (DPCI), responsible for the investigation of cases of Trafficking in Persons, is in the process of obtaining statements from the victims.

ASSET FORFEITURE INVESTIGATION (1)

- A task team has been established, to conduct the Asset Forfeiture investigation, with regard to the seven vehicles which were seized.
- Statements were obtained from the E-Natis officials and previous owners of the seized vehicles, in order to establish the circumstances under which these vehicles came to be in the possession of the Mancoba brothers.

ASSET FORFEITURE INVESTIGATION (2)

Vehicle Make	Owner	Date of ownership
Mercedes Benz	N Mancoba	2015-12-04
BMW X4	P Mancoba	2015-11-20
Mercedes Benz	X Mancoba	2015-12-04
Audi A4	N Mancoba	2016-05-13
Toyota Hilux	N Siduna	2011-07-06
Isuzu LDV	S Mancoba	2016-01-07
Isuzu Double Cab	S Mancoba	2016-01-06

ASSET FORFEITURE INVESTIGATION (3)

- The community submitted a signed petition, demanding the demolition of the premises.
- The Eastern Cape Local Government, is currently pursuing a court order, in order to demolish the church premises.
- The demolition can only take place when the court order is granted accordingly.

SECURITY INTERVENTIONS: CCTV CAMERAS

- The Provincial Technology Management Services (TMS), conducted a needs assessment and from this, specifications will be drafted.
- A meeting was held with SITA, on 2018-05-15, to infuse the Closed Circuit Television (CCTV), with the existing infrastructure of SITA.
- A needs assessment was conducted and 19 cameras identified, to cover the identified site. The specifications are being drafted and the bid will be launched by TMS.

SECURITY INTERVENTIONS: RISK ASSESSMENT

- The tinting of the Community Service Centre (CSC) windows, smash and grab, has been done.
- A remote controlled gate is installed.

SECURITY INTERVENTIONS: POLICE SAFETY PLAN

- On 2018-03-06, a Provincial Directive was issued by the Provincial Commissioner, Eastern Cape, regarding the proactive and preventative measures to prevent attacks on police stations and members.
- The National Police Safety Plan, was also recirculated, to all police stations.
- During a follow-up visit to Engcobo Police Station, on 2018-05-08, by the Provincial Visible Policing office, compliance to the Police Safety Plan was evaluated with the following findings:
  - Members were wearing Bullet Resistant Vests.
  - Members were in possession of required equipment.
  - On and off-duty parades are being conducted and the Checklist being completed.
  - Members are sensitized of their safety during parades.
  - A copy of the Police Safety Plan is available in the CSC.
- Police Safety is on the agenda of the Provincial Crime Combating Forum (PCCF), the Cluster Crime Combating Forum (CCCF) and the Station Crime Combating Forum (SCCF) meetings.

SECURITY INTERVENTIONS: CAPACITY

- A Visible Policing (VISPOL) Commander, has been placed at the Engcobo Police Station, to enhance the command and control. The officer, at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, commenced duties, on 2018-04-17.
- A total of 12 additional members, have been identified to be placed at the Engcobo Station and are being transferred from the Western Cape. The consultation process with the members, is still in progress.
- Two additional vehicles were handed over to the Engcobo Police Station, during the Provincial Management Forum, at the end of April 2018.
- A Tactical Response Team (TRT) capacity, will be established in the Cofimvaba Cluster.

HRM INTERVENTIONS (1)

EHW interventions:

- Chaplains from the Mthatha, Butterworth, Cofimvaba, Queenstown, Elliot and Mount Fletcher Clusters, were deployed at the Engcobo Police Station and presented counselling to the five survivors of the attack and all other members within the station. The Chaplains were divided into groups, to pass the death notices.
- Each survivor was allocated a professional, to assist with the counselling.
- Counselling is still being offered to survivors and station members. Similar services are still being offered to families of the deceased, when the need arises.
- Social Workers and Psychologists ,from the National and Provincial Offices, rendered support to members and their families. Formal trauma debriefing sessions were held with members at the police station, as well as operational members attached to the investigation of the incident. Sustainability services is now offered by the Provincial Employee Health and Wellness (EHW), by weekly station visits.
- Funeral benefits were paid to the families.

HRM INTERVENTIONS (2)

Death Grants:

- Death Grants for the five deceased members were approved by the Death Grant Evaluation Committee, on 26 February 2018, and payments have been made.

Pension Payments:

- The death documents of the five deceased members have been forwarded to the Government Pensions Administration Agency (GPAA), for pensions pay-out and they are currently in process.
- The cases are closely monitored by Head Office, to ensure speedy finalisation.

SAPS Education Trust:

- The SAPS Education Trust (SAPSET) will render financial assistance to the children of the deceased members, towards fulfilling their educational needs.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS (1)

- The Minister of Police held a Community Outreach, on 21 April 2018, to follow-up on the previous matters that were identified during the initial visits, in February 2018.
- The following issues were raised by the community:

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS (2)

ISSUE	PROGRESS
The Seven Angels church must be destroyed.	A petition from the community has been handed over to the Municipality. The process of acquiring the court order for destruction is underway.
The Police Station must be beefed-up, in terms of personnel.	Negotiations are underway with the Provincial Commissioner of the Western Cape, to transfer 12 members laterally.
The removal of the writing on the mountain.	Finalised. Already concluded by the SAPS.
The impersonating of police officers.	In progress. Creation of awareness. Communities are encouraged to view appointment certificates.
A stipend for Community Police Forum (CPF) members.	Under review by the Department of Safety and Secretariat for SAPS.
Proliferation of firearms must be addressed.	In progress. A task team has been established and is lead by the DPCI.
Satellite and contact points in the Bojane location.	Finalised. A hot dog stand allocated to the station for deployment.
The SAPS members are in cahoots with criminals.	EHW pro-active programmes are in place. Sensitising awareness by Corporate Communication.

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS (3)

ISSUE	PROGRESS
Mobile police station.	Finalised. The Cofimvaba Cluster was provided with a mobile police station, to rotate to communities within the Cofimvaba Cluster.
Fencing of SAPS station.	A new front gate was installed. The inner gate is in process of being repaired. The installation of CCTV is in progress.
Firearm detectors.	The installation of CCTV will address this aspect.
The space in front of the police station must be vacated and be open to enable the Police to detect perpetrators.	Not yet done.
Lack of resources.	Two Nissan LDV's have already been provided to the police station.

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COOPERATION FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ISSUE	PROGRESS
Street light in front of the Police station.	Not attended to as yet.
Removing the street vendors in front of the police station.	Not attended to as yet.
Demarcation of parking space for SAPS vehicles in front of the police station.	Not attended to as yet.

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