



DIVISION: VISIBLE POLICING

BORDERLINE OPERATIONS

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OPERATIONAL STRATEGY

- Border Control policy in draft format. Policy will be finalized after completion of the taking over phase.
- Border Policing Strategy was developed to enhance borderline control.

Strategy entails the policing of the borderline area and includes the police stations, ports of entry and borderline control members.

These disciplines police the borders jointly.

- Operational plans and Standing Operational Procedures were developed and functions are performed accordingly.

CURRENT STATUS

- SAPS has taken borderline policing function over from the SADF along the borders of:
 - Northern Cape Province
 - North West Province
 - Free State Province
 - Eastern Cape Province
 - Kwa-Zulu Natal Province
 - Mpumalanga Province
 - Limpopo border with Botswana
- SAPS members are deployed jointly with the SAND along the Limpopo/Zimbabwe border.

Taking over to be finalized end of March 2009

OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Sea Borderline Control Units

- **At sea and land:**
 - Sea patrols
 - Vehicle patrols
 - Rummaging of vessels
 - Policing of slipways and small harbours
 - Enforce Marine Living Resource Act
 - Enforce Merchant Shipping Act
 - Observation and way-lay operations
 - Operational assistance to other departments and organizations
 - Policing coastline up to 200NM area

OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Air Borderline Control

- Activities for Air Borderline deployment include
 - Identifying all airstrips and airfields
 - Visiting
 - Identify and capture ownership
 - Determine activities
 - Gather all information irt airstrips and airfields
 - Policing airstrips and airfields

SUCCESSSES

ARRESTS:

Undocumented persons	35 258
Dealing in dagga	289
Possession of unlicensed firearms	57
Theft of motor vehicles	53
Merchant Shipping Act	10
Armed robbery	23
Murder	14
Stock theft	35

CHALLENGES – BORDERLINE CONTROL

- The following were identified:
 - Area of deployments
 - Geographical conditions
 - Availability of intelligence
 - Commitment of all role players
 - Increasing of pressure on the RSA borderlines wrt illegal movement of persons and goods.
 - Personnel strength
 - Demarcation of the RSA borders