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## **DATABASE AND PARTNERSHIPS WITH COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS**

The Western Cape Government published the Western Cape Community Safety Act (No 3 of 2013) in April 2013. The Act provides for the establishment of a database of organisations; voluntary registration of operating security service providers and for partnerships with community organisations.

Section 7 (1) of the Act stipulates that in order to promote good relations between the police and communities in the Province the Department of Community Safety (DoCS) may

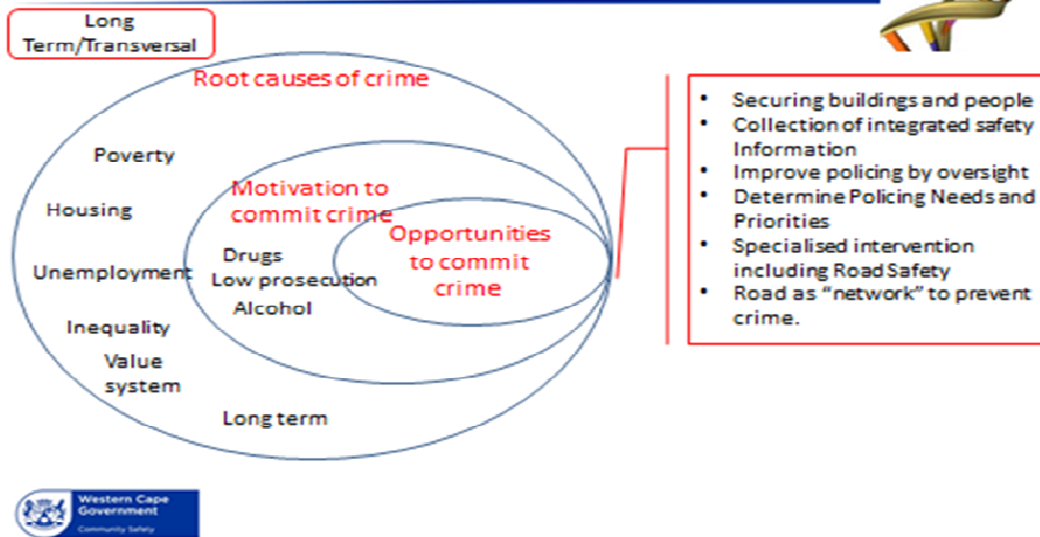
- (a) establish and maintain a database of community organisations involved in the field of policing, support of victims of crime, crime prevention or community safety.
- (b) assist community organisations on the database by providing support, information, training or resources;
- (c) subject to any law governing the award of contracts by the Province, enter into a contract with any party to design, finance or operate any community safety initiative or partnership to achieve the purpose of the Act.

Hence the Department of Community Safety – Western Cape (DoCS) is in the process of developing a database of community organisations and security service providers that are active in the field of safety and security across the Western Cape.

According to the Provincial Strategic Objective 5 (SO5)'s conceptual model crime is complex phenomenon caused by a combination of factors namely a causes, motivators and opportunities to commit crime. The model reinforces the understanding that crime can only happen if all three aspects of crime are present. To address crime the model suggests that a multifaceted approach should be adopted by all stakeholders.

The development of a database is a step towards the development of a whole-of-society approach to address crime. See SO5 conceptual model below:

**Figure 1 : Increasing Safety: Conceptual Model**



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To register on the database you can follow the link below:

<http://westlake.dyndns.org/docsdataorg> .

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