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# MESSAGE FROM MINISTER REAGEN ALLEN AND HEAD OF DEPARTMENT, ADV YASHINA PILLAY



Minister Allen says, "I am indeed honoured to have been entrusted with the appointment of the Provincial Minister of Community Safety and Police Oversight and have hit the ground running in bringing into fruition the Western Cape Safety Plan with a Whole of Society and Whole of Government approach. Guided by this collaborative approach, the Department will implement an evidence-based and holistic transversal response to violence in our society with the purpose of achieving safe and cohesive communities in the Western Cape.

This realisation is an imperative, as crime and violence fragment communities and reduces the life chances and opportunities of individuals, further destabilising communities in a vicious cycle, and hindering socio-economic and personal development.

In the first 100 days in office, I commit to proactive, rather than reactive measures to create safer communities across the Western Cape and will:

- Conduct oversight visits to 30 police stations
- Encourage NHWs by joining 30 walkabouts
- Participate in a number of Joint Crime Prevention Operations conducted by reaction units supported by the Department, inclusive of the K9 units and LEAP Programme
- Strengthen the already established relationship with the SAPS Provincial Commissioner, Lieutenant- General Patekile and Station Commanders in the Province
- Engage various safety partners and political parties to ascertain how best we can collaboratively combat crime and violence."



Adv Pillay says, "The Department of Community Safety has proven to be resilient and dynamic in the face of many challenges. We continue to push the boundaries of our constitutional mandate to expand our reach and services throughout the Province to achieve the objectives of the Provincial Safety Plan. We will do so under the leadership of Minister Reagen Allen who has pledged to drive a proactive approach towards provincial and community safety.

We commend our key safety partners, our district and local municipalities, for playing an invaluable role in implementing safety initiatives to the citizens of our Province and for spearheading innovative, data-led and citizen-driven projects geared towards improving the safety and well-being of individuals.

*"We have initiated this newsletter to showcase success stories and new developments, which came to fruition as a result of this partnership and the whole-of-society approach adopted by the Western Cape Government. We look forward to sharing these initiatives on an on-going basis and trust that our offerings will inspire hope and create safe communities throughout the Province."*

# Department of Community Safety strengthens its partnership with municipalities to create safe and cohesive communities



Above: Stakeholders from various structures gather to participate in safety interventions outlined by DoCS and the District Municipalities.

The DoCS continuously strives to expand its oversight functions to improve service delivery, particularly in communities with high rates of crime, gangsterism and social ills. The Department works closely with municipalities to review and align District Safety Plans to ensure that they are responsive to the Safety Plan prerogatives. This will be conducted through the Joint District and Metro Approach (JDMA), coordinated by the Department of Local Government a geographical district/metro and team-based, citizen-focused approach to provide government services with an outcome of improving the living conditions of citizens.

To improve community safety across the Western Cape, the Department will strengthen its collaborative efforts with established programmes such as neighbourhood watch (NHW) structures, non-profit organisations

(NPOs), Community Policing Forums (CPFs), Community Safety Forums (CSFs) and municipalities. The Department's Safety Partnerships significantly contribute to the Provincial Safety Plan (PSP) by providing strategic support to the Chrysalis Academy and the Law Enforcement Advancement Programme (LEAP) in the City of Cape Town (CoCT), amongst others. The department has also formalised agreements with the Metro Police Training College and Chrysalis Academy to train law enforcement officers for the reaction units of the Swartland and Overstrand municipalities.

Empowering young people, particularly those at risk, and assisting them to avoid a life of crime is a key component of the Provincial Safety Plan's Violence Prevention strategy. The Chrysalis Academy has actively engaged with and trained young people which has proven to be successful in providing resilience building and trauma counselling to vulnerable youth in the Western Cape.

Building safety partnerships with municipalities is key in promoting professional policing through effective oversight. As part of the LEAP, law enforcement officers will continue to be deployed to high crime and priority areas within the Cape Metropole in collaboration with the CoCT and the South African Police Service (SAPS).

The K9 Units is another key safety partnership with municipalities worth noting. This project includes dogs and their handlers which has been trained to support the integrated law enforcement operations in terms of preventing the illegal transportation of

narcotics, explosives and poaching of marine resources; delivering crime prevention through an integrated multidisciplinary model aimed at combatting and preventing criminal activity; ensuring compliance with the relevant legislation including the National Road Traffic Act of 1996, the Criminal Procedure Act of 1977, Drugs and Drug Trafficking Act of 1992 and Firearms Control Act of 2000; maintaining a high degree of visible policing by means of K9 patrols and deployment to identified areas, which includes weighbridges, key points and identified crime hot spots.

The Department will continue to support the K9 Units within the CoCT, Swartland and Overstrand Municipalities, while prioritising the establishment of K9 Units in Stellenbosch and Mossel Bay.

The following measures will be taken to strengthen our partnerships in relation to the Provincial Safety Plan to create safer spaces:

- The expansion of the Chrysalis Academy will receive R25.2 million over the Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) period 2022-2024;
- The Safety Plan will be implemented at a district level and R6 million will be provided in the 2022/23 financial year;
- The Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) will receive R26.1 million of which R3.8 million is a conditional grant;
- NHW resourcing will receive R5.7 million;
- To boost the Department's support to municipalities for K9 units, R8.8 million has been allocated;
- A total of R6.9 million has been allocated for the resourcing of Reaction Units at Swartland Municipality and Overstrand District Municipality.

The Department will continue to drive the reduction of alcohol harms and Gender-Based Violence (GBV) within municipalities through amendments to the Western Cape Liquor Act of 2008, and will submit a

publication of amendments to the Western Cape Liquor Regulations in respect of fees and fines to be paid in terms of the Act. As the Department is mandated to lead and direct a task team to review and amend the Western Cape Liquor Act to take forward public health-based alcohol harms reduction strategies and interventions, the Western Cape Liquor Authority (WCLA) will receive its annual allocation of R45.6 million. The Department further commends the WCLA as the inspection and monitoring of liquor vendor premises are instrumental in promoting safer public spaces and more cohesive communities.

The Department will continue strengthening its partnership with the respective municipalities and stakeholders in safety to create safe and cohesive communities across the Province.



LEAP REACTION  
UNIT ON  
THE MOVE

Compiled by: Ishaam Davids

Above: LEAP Reaction Unit operation/  
community walkabout in Hanover Park

# TAKING THE LEAP TO SAFETY WITH THE DEPLOYMENT OF LEAP OFFICERS IN THE CAPE TOWN METROPOLE



The City of Cape Town's Law Enforcement Advancement Program (LEAP), which is jointly funded by the Western Cape Government in line with the Western Cape Safety Plan has proven to be a critically important programme in tackling the safety concerns raised by the citizens of the Western Cape. The LEAP law enforcement officers have been working on the ground with all other partners to ensure that our communities are safe for all our people.

The LEAP officers have enforced by-laws and have assisted enforcement agencies with crime prevention, which include stop and searches and house searches in conjunction with the South African Police Services (SAPS).

Since the inception of the Provincial Safety Plan in 2019, 1116 LEAP officers have been deployed to the top 10 murder stations in the province to support the crime prevention efforts of the South African Police Services in these areas. This forms part of the objective of the Western Cape Safety Plan to halve the murder rate in the Province over the next ten years via integrated law enforcement, social cohesion and urban design responses. The working hours of these LEAP members have also been extended to a 24-hour shift



system, which resulted in an increase in deployments over weekends when murders usually occur according to homicide data.

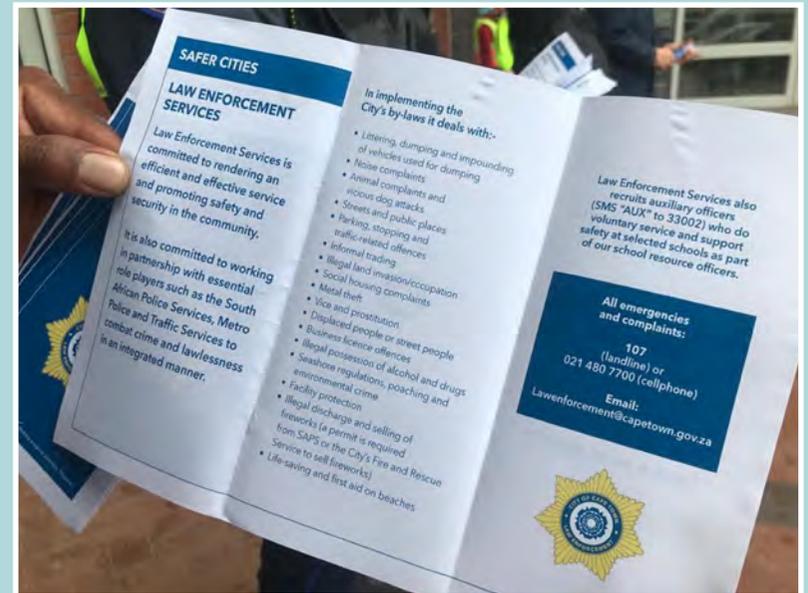
Furthermore, a Reaction Unit consisting of LEAP members was established to respond to outbreaks of violence when it occurs. The department has funded an amount of R6.958 million for the resourcing of law enforcement reaction units in the 2022/23 financial year, and has formalised agreements with the Metro Police Training College (MPTC) and Chrysalis Academy to train law enforcement officers for the reaction units of the Swartland and Overstrand municipalities.

The MPTC and Chrysalis Academy to train law enforcement officers for the reaction units of the Swartland and Overstrand municipalities.

This department will use its budgetary investment of R700 million in the LEAP Programme over the next two years to give effect to Provincial safety in support of its constitutional oversight mandate – ensuring that gaps are identified and addressed to make the province safer for all its citizens.

The operational concept includes a visible enforcement presence, relationship-building with residents, businesses and key community structures, information-gathering on crime patterns and key areas of concern, as well as working with other enforcement agencies.

Officers will visit schools, businesses and go door-to-door to build essential relationships with their communities. The officers will not just fight crime, but serve as a reinforcement to SAPS and provide a faster response to crimes or anti-social behaviour. The officers will be working closely with community members and Neighborhood Watches to address criminal activities.



The images used in this article showcases LEAP Officers/Reaction units patrolling in various communities across the province.



A LEAP  
TOWARDS  
SAFETY



The most recent LEAP updates recorded for 9 – 15 May 2022 highlights the:

Actions executed

ACTIONS	TOTAL
PERSONS SEARCHED	8114
HOUSE SEARCHES	366
VCPs (ROADBLOCKS) CONDUCTED	122
VEHICLES SEARCHED	1230
JOINT OPERATIONS WITH SAPS	161

Arrests executed

CHARGE	Total
Possession of drugs	88
Attempted Murder	12

The LEAP Law Enforcement officers to date have gained valuable experience through their work and have served to the benefit of the communities in which they have been deployed to create a safe and cohesive society FOR YOU.  Compiled by: Ishaam Davids

# IN THE NEWS: K9 UPDATE

## Department of Community Safety allocates R8.8 million to boost K9 Units

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Above: Law Enforcement Officers heading up the K9 Units on the job - Swartland Local Municipality

To boost the Department's support to municipalities for K9 units, R8.8 million has been allocated for the 2022/2023 financial year. To date K9 units have been established in the Overberg Municipality, Swartland Municipality and the City of Cape Town, with Mossel Bay Municipality next in line.

The K9 units have contributed significantly to the effectiveness of the Western Cape Safety Plan in achieving its goal of implementing data and technology to create safer communities in the Western Cape.

It is important to note that the K9 unit, which includes the dogs and their handlers, has been trained to support the integrated law enforcement operations in terms of:

- Preventing the illegal transportation of narcotics, explosives and poaching of marine resources;
- Delivering crime prevention through an integrated multidisciplinary model aimed at combatting and preventing criminal activity;
- Ensuring compliance with the relevant legislation including the National Road Traffic Act of 1996, the Criminal Procedure Act of 1977, Drugs and Drug Trafficking Act of 1992 and Firearms Control Act of 2000;

- Increasing coverage through the deployment of K9 resources after hours; and
- Maintaining a high degree of visible policing by means of K9 patrols and deployment to identified areas, which includes weighbridges, key points and identified crime hot spots.

Some of the many K9 successes include:

In the Swartland Municipality:

One adult male was arrested for possession of an illegal firearm with ammunition which was hidden in the roof of his house during a stop and search exercise.

In Malmesbury, the K9 unit executed search warrants in the area including Abbotsdale at residential addresses identified as drug outlets.

During the exercise, four adult males were arrested for dealing in drugs and one adult female was arrested for the possession of drugs.

In the Overstrand Municipality:

The K9 unit made several arrests for the illegal possession of abalone and drugs/dealing in drugs. Suspects dealing in drugs were found in possession of Mandrax and Tik. The estimated value of these confiscated drugs and poaching of marine resources stands at a total value of just under a hundred thousand rand (R92 000).

- One person was arrested for the possession of an imitation firearm.
- One person was arrested for driving a vehicle on a public road with a fraudulent license disk and two fraudulent numberplates.
- The Overstrand Municipality, Law Enforcement Task team and K9 unit stopped a car during a routine patrol in the direction of Hermanus. Upon searching the vehicle, officers discovered 11 large bags containing marijuana. The vehicle and drugs were confiscated and the suspect was taken to the Hermanus Police Station. One suspect was arrested.
- The K9 Unit conducted crime prevention patrols in Mount Pleasant. A young adult male was identified selling bags of marijuana at a school in Hawston. The suspect was arrested along with another suspect for possession of marijuana and an undisclosed amount of money.

Images showcasing the Law Enforcement Officers boots on the ground K9 operations



The Overstrand Municipality, Law Enforcement Task team and the K9 unit arrested suspected poachers after receiving information about alleged poaching activities. The arrest took place in partnership with Cape Nature, the Marine and Coastal unit as well as members of the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE). The five suspected divers were arrested in Buffeljagsbaai near Gansbaai and their diving equipment worth R115 000 and two rubber ducks estimated at R340 000 were confiscated. Abalone worth R4 000 was confiscated. The suspected poachers, abalone and diving equipment were taken to the Bredasdorp Police Station for processing and the boats were handed in at the Gansbaai Police Station.

Numerous arrests were also executed by the K9 unit within the boundaries of City of Cape Town. Suspects were arrested for:

- Possession of Mandrax and Tik,
- Reckless and negligent driving, and
- Possession of imitation firearms. These imitation firearms included 1 x 9 mm calibre Baretta & 15 x 9 mm blank cartridges (imitation), 1 x Pistol 4.5 mm (imitation) and 1 x air rifle.

The Department of Community Safety has provided funding to the various municipalities to facilitate the establishment of K9 Units, which supports the district municipality's safety plans designed to create a safer society **FOR YOU**.

Images showcasing a search and cease operation of narcotics and ammunition by the Swartland Local Municipality K9 Unit



## The DoCS supports Annual Gender-Based Violence Prevention and Awareness Summit hosted in the Garden Route District

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and Da Gamaskop Cluster was held on Thursday, 29 April 2022 at the Pacaltsdorp Civic Centre in George. Attendees included stakeholders and community activists involved in GBV from all over the district.

SAPS mobilised the relevant stakeholders on behalf of the GRDM.

- Safer School Summit (26 February 2022)
- Youth against Crime Summit (26 March 2022)
- GBV Awareness and Prevention Summit (28 April 2022)
- Men's Sector Programme (planning of this engagement is in process)
- Rural Safety (planning of this engagement is in process)

During this year's summit, GBV issues and challenges in the Garden Route were discussed. The aim of the summit was to develop a GBV action plan as part of the National Strategic Plan and the Western Cape Government (WCG) GBV Implementation Plan. Messages of support and presentations were delivered by the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA), Garden Route Men's Sector, Family and Marriage Society of

Representatives of various organisations who attended the Summit on 29 April 2022 in George.

The DoCS funded the Garden Route District Municipality (GRDM) with R200 000 through the Safety Implementation Plan, which made it possible for the GRDM to roll out five summits linked to gender-based violence (GBV) and community safety interventions. The annual GBV Prevention and Awareness Summit in collaboration with the South African Police Service (SAPS), Eden

South Africa (FAMSA), the Western Cape Department of Social Development, Department of Justice and Constitutional Development, Department of Correctional Services, Department of Health, as well as the local LGBTQIA+ community, faith-based and NGO communities in the district.

The summit aimed to bring together people, to contribute and participate in issues we are all facing in our communities, to minimise working in silos, to share ideas and establish solutions. All these outputs aim to create a comprehensive plan to restore HOPE and encourage community members to work with us.

One presentation that particularly stood out was highlighting and encouraging DEPARTMENTS TO WORK CROSS-SECTORALLY



Above left: Ms Ingrid Parks, Department of Social Development and

Above right: Siphwe Dladla GRDM

Ms Ingrid Parks of the Western Cape Department of Social Services applauded the community and Community Safety Forums (CSF) for being at the “coalface” within their communities and acting as an arrow of referral. She thanked the CSF members for the time that they offer and the work they do. Parks proceeded by saying:

*“It is at events such as today, when representatives from all departments gather, that everyone is reminded that they all have their starting and ending points. When it comes to gender-based care, the bottom line is that departments must work cross-sectorally, meaning that the one hand must hold the other hand.”*

According to Ms Parks, Social Services offers a response and early intervention service. It is their responsibility to assess and contain clients that are referred by the SAPS, departments and NGOs, because people/victims who have suffered trauma need comfort and containment. She elaborated on the critical support services they provide to families and individuals, which includes:

trauma counseling; trauma-specific support to the sexual defense court; therapeutic services; and integration services.

A 16 Days of Activism programme was not enough to raise awareness as a need was identified for a 365 days campaign so that programmes/activities run all year round. According to Parks, *“we have to reclaim our streets, right where we stay, because we have a role to play in our homes, churches and community.”* In conclusion, Ms Hendricks, also from the Department of Social Services spoke about their victim empowerment programmes, the different residential and non-residential services offered and the care and protection of victim programmes, which include the placement of victims in temporary safe house facilities.

Mr Siphwe Dladla, the Chief of Staff for the Garden Route District Municipality, concluded the summit by encouraging the delegates to share the information and knowledge they gained with others. Dladla said: *“The relevant stakeholders were present at the summit and the most relevant topics were covered with a high level of participation.”*

## Interview with Chrysalis Academy Graduate from Cape Winelands

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The DoCS and Witzenberg Municipality signed a memorandum of understanding to work together to provide local unemployed youth from the Witzenberg municipal area with the opportunity to be trained in life skills at the Chrysalis Academy in Tokai, and on completion of the training, to be placed as EPWP interns at the various offices and facilities of Witzenberg Municipality for a period of 12 months.

This gives effect to the Department of Community Safety's strategic objective to increase safety by means of creating sustainable partnerships with local organisations.

Mr Amry Hanekom from Prince Alfred's Hamlet successfully applied to participate in the 21 ALPHA Life Skills Training Course and graduated from Chrysalis Academy on Saturday 31 July 2021, after which the department placed him as an EPWP intern at Witzenberg Municipality Fire Station for a period of 12 months, which commenced on Monday 2 August 2021 to 1 August 2022:



We had the opportunity to speak with Mr Hanekom about the work he is involved in and how it creates a safer community.

1. What is your name and surname and a short description of the job and position you are currently appointed in?

My name is Amry Hanekom, I am appointed as a control arm operator which

entails answering emergency requests. Logging and tracking calls Opening the call on system and giving feedback whilst fire is being attended to.

2. How did/is the training benefit/ing you that you have undergone/ currently undergoing?

I am more empowered and confident. I've learned about different operating systems and how technology can assist with rapid responses and call out duties to communities. My computer skills is on an advanced level now. I love working in the community and with youth.

With the opportunities given to me it is my duty to encourage people to work with the safety ambassadors this is the only way to better safety in our communities.

3. What advice would you share with the youth of your community?

*"Do not focus on your circumstances, focus on how opportunities can counter your circumstances and grab every opportunity with both hands and never look back, only look toward your future."*

Images captured on duty at the Witzenberg Municipal Fire Station





## Community Safety Funding improves safety in the West Coast region

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The West Coast District Municipality was one of the beneficiaries of a grant from the Department of Community Safety. The objective of the funding/grant is to improve the community and enhance rural safety in the region. The municipality's council adopted a Community Safety Plan after an inclusive consultation process between various stakeholders.

The West Coast Disaster Management (WCDM) has been coordinating various safety interventions. They have focused on innovative and effective rural safety programmes. These programmes aim to address rural safety as an integrated day-to-day policing approach by creating a safe and secure environment for farmers and other rural communities. As part of the municipality's preparedness and readiness

plan, the municipality established a West Coast Safety Forum representative of local municipalities, the South African Police Services, provincial government, private sector and other top agencies.



### Radio infrastructure

The district municipality facilitated a process to establish radio infrastructure which will be utilised by all five local municipalities in the area.

This will improve communication with law enforcement agencies and address the concern that agencies are unable to communicate with each other in the event of an emergency. This is also after the WCDM team-initiated fact finding workshop engagements with role-players/stakeholders in the region and 3 key areas was identified through a SWOT analysis. It highlighted the need for Technology, Communication and Security. The WCDM team responded immediately by contributing to the pioneering of initiatives.

### Emergency Response Prevention and Operation Centre (ERPOC)

As part of the grant, the WCDM team also decided to coordinate activities from a community safety perspective, integrating the various modes of technology by erecting a video wall for operators to



solicit their data or information from a variety of platforms. The platforms speak to licence plate recognition, early warning tools ranging from weather related incidents and a disaster information system fully equipped for integration. All the activities are operated within the ERPOC and allow for entities to do their forward planning and tactical operations within the Centre.

### Drone operations

The WCDM team procured drones which will be used to assist various emergency and safety efforts related to disaster management, fire services and law enforcement. Municipal staff were identified and trained and is currently completing a course to become accredited drone operators. On inception of the project, the WCDM team and other local municipalities became aware of the strict regulatory processes. The team is ensuring that compliance regulations are followed. This includes monitoring the use of the equipment in the region, legally.

### Simulation exercises

An improved rural safety approach is a priority for the district municipality. To enhance integration and collaboration various simulation exercises were held in different municipal areas. The activity is underpinned by the Disaster Management coordination, will bring a nodal governance response and test the variety of agencies and technologies, mentalities and resources in order to get efficient services to where incidents occur.

The level of integration and planning was tested during these simulation exercises. These exercises gave effect to improved rural safety plans and clarified roles and responsibilities when responding to incidents on farms and rural areas.

### Disaster volunteers – container

In addition to this, the WCDM team partnered with Sea Harvest to create safer and more enabling environments for communities. Sea Harvest donated a custom-made container which was converted into office space. This container will be utilised for various disaster management and community safety interventions. Part of the plan is to involve community safety champions and volunteers to assist the municipality with community-based projects and programmes.

The Director of Administration and Community Services, Wilhelm Markus, has instructed the department responsible for disaster management in the region to work towards safety for every citizen in the West Coast by working together toward the vision of the municipality to enable effective and efficient community support related to disaster mitigation and community safety. *“Community safety is a key focus area of the WCDM plan. By creating a nodal space for disaster management and community safety, we can enable better community participation and involvement. I want to thank the Department of Community Safety for their support, this partnership will create safer communities in the West Coast”*, said Franquin Petersen, West Coast Disaster Manager.

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# Western Cape Government welcomes launch of LEAP Reaction Unit

The Premier of the Western Cape, Alan Winde, and Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety, Reagen Allen, welcomed the launch of the Law Enforcement Advancement Plan's (LEAP) Reaction Unit on Friday, 13 May 2022 by joining the Unit in a ride-along, departing from Steenberg SAPS. The Reaction Unit, which is made up of LEAP officers, has been



Above from left to right: Colonel Alexander, Premier Alan Winde and MEC, Reagen Allen at the Steenberg Police Station on 13 May 2022.

redeployed to Steenberg and Ottery following an increase in gang-related violence and shootings in Lavender Hill and Grassy Park, respectively.

The Premier of the Western Cape, Alan Winde, explained: *"The Reaction Unit is acting as a force multiplier, assisting the SAPS Command Centre in responding to flare-ups*



Above Left: HOD for the Department of Community Safety, Yashina Pillay with Premier Alan Winde.



Images captured during the LEAP launch in Lavender Hill and Steenberg - 13 May 2022.





and shootings in areas that are not designated LEAP hotspots and which do not have a fixed LEAP deployment. Instead, they are deployed temporarily to restore and stabilise the communities they are placed in."

Speaking on the establishment of the LEAP Reaction Unit, the Provincial Minister of Community Safety, Reagen Allen, said: "Established in February 2022, the Reaction Unit especially focuses on reducing violent crimes and murders. It was previously deployed in Manenberg and Elsie's River amid an increase in gang-related violence, shootings, and murders. Going forward, the Reaction Unit will be expanded to provide greater support to communities impacted by flare-ups in shooting incidents."

To date, the LEAP Reaction Unit has successfully:

- Searched 22 021 people and 632 houses;
- Conducted 140 vehicle checkpoints and searched 2753 vehicles;
- Made 41 follow up visits to ensure unlicensed liquor outlets were closed;
- Conducted 681 inspections of on-consumption liquor premises and 99 inspections of off-consumption liquor;
- Issued 140 fines for offences committed;
- Conducted 221 autonomous operations and 598 integrated or joint operations;
- Recovered 8 firearms; and
- Made 260 arrests.

In concluding, Premier Winde remarked: "The establishment of the LEAP Reaction Unit was made possible through the Western Cape Safety Plan, which aims to halve the murder rate in the province by 2029 through a combination of violence prevention and law enforcement initiatives. The City of Cape Town has been a critical partner in getting the law enforcement component of the Safety Plan off the ground and we are very proud of what LEAP, and particularly the LEAP Reaction Unit, has achieved in such a short time."

Information extracted from the joint Media Release by Premier Winde and Minister Allen.



Premier Winde and MEC Allen greeting community members in areas Lavender Hill and Steenberg accompanied by the LEAP Reaction Unit - 13 May 2022.

