

BAMBANANI AGAINST CRIME

Community Safety

SAFER FESTIVE SEASON 2005/06

THANK YOU!

for your support in Building Safer Local Communities this Festive Season, in the Western Cape.



EDITORIAL

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Minister Leonard Ramatlakane
Community Safety News

At the start of the Safer Festive Season, we said our aim is to ensure that the festive season will be safe and peaceful. We also promised that more than 4000 Bambanani volunteers will join up with the South African Police Services, Metro Police, Community Police Forums, Provincial and Local Traffic Authorities, and communities across our Province to build safer local communities. During the festive season, these ordinary

men and women worked day and night, patrolling our streets, keeping a watchful eye on our communities, trains and beaches as well as ensuring that we arrive at our destinations safely. This dedication has borne much fruit, translating into the reduction of crime in a big way. We have reduced contact crimes by 27% and road fatalities by 8%. In addition 95% of all children who were reported missing during the festive were reunited with their families. All of this tells that this festive season has been the Safest Safer Festive Season in three years.

These efforts have not gone unnoticed by ordinary people in our communities. We recall a 71 year old women from Langa interviewed on new years day on Mnandi beach saying, "I have a passion for this beach. I visited frequently when

I was young... However, what was worrying were the fights, stabbings and killings on the beach. During those days it was the norm during the festive season that people would come here with cases of beers to sell on the beach. There were also no police patrolling on the beach, they were only at the entrance. I have not heard an ambulance siren ever since I arrived. Previously, it was common that an ambulance would be called to pick up someone who has been stabbed or shot in broad daylight. Indeed there is an improvement, that is why I could bring my grandchildren to the beach to enjoy themselves..."

We have heard many more people who have shared similar stories about how safe they have felt over the festive season. We have also spoken to many visitors and tourists who visited our

Province, who told us they were feeling safe.

It is for this reason that we salute communities and say thank you to our communities for their efforts and contribution in making this festive season peaceful and safe. Your willingness to work with all of our Bambanani volunteers, the South African Police Services, Metro Police, Community Police Forums, Provincial and Local Traffic Authorities and all other law enforcement agencies has made a big difference.

On behalf of our Provincial Government, we say thank you to all you law abiding and peace loving people for working together with our Bambanani volunteers and law enforcement agencies to demonstrate that we are indeed a caring government for all.



"Local Communities United in

BUILDING

a Safer Festive Season"

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a Tribute to the Bambanani Volunteers

