



# COMMISSION 2: RESEARCH

## BRIGADIER KUPISO

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# INTRODUCTION

- Commission 2 discussed the findings of research projects and its linkages to the Rural Safety Strategy.
- The session was facilitated by Brigadier (Dr) Schwartz.
- Three studies were presented and discussed.

# SUMMARY OF PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION

- **Presentation 1:** Desktop study on safety issues on farms and rural settings in a global overview, presented by Mr Motsepe Matlala (NAFU SA).
- The study showed that while countries in all continents deal with crime on farms, SA faces its own unique challenges due to levels of violence in rural and farm environments.
- Delegates felt that SA cannot be compared to 1<sup>st</sup> world countries specifically due to the unique context and diversity in SA.
- While the study was informative, most delegates felt it was not particularly helpful to benchmark against for the purposes of addressing SA rural safety.

# SUMMARY OF PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION

- **Presentation 2:** Rural Crimes and Farmer satisfaction with policing in rural South Africa, by Mr Willie Clack, Senior Lecturer Criminal Justice, University of South Africa.
- The study concluded that:
  - Community-focused policing, based on a partnership approach and the formation of collaborative relationships, is not only desirable but also essential.
  - Although rural safety should be community driven, there is no trust in the police.
  - Ensuring trust and confidence in the police is vital, leading to greater citizen participation in setting priorities, more locally accountable and responsive public bodies, enhanced cooperation with police and compliance with the law.
- The study was helpful, but some delegates felt it was not objective and inclusive enough of all communities and did not consult frontline police officers and communities for instance.

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- **Presentation 3:** Stock theft in South Africa: The causes, motives and modus operandi, by Cecili Doorewaard-Janse van Vuuren, Department of Criminology & Security Science, University of South Africa.
- The study concluded that:
  - Stock Theft Units face challenges with the loss of evidence, identifying the main perpetrators, reporting of cases by victims, leaking of information by corrupt officials, proof to link suspects to stolen livestock, and community participation and involvement.
- The study was helpful, delegates felt it was very clear about the challenges facing SAPS, but raised concerns about the leaking of information obtained from informers.

# REFLECTION ON THE RURAL SAFETY STRATEGY IN RELATION TO THE TOPIC

Issue raised in discussion	Addressed adequately in RS Strategy?
Governance, Accountability and performance inadequate	Yes, Pillar 4, Goal 1 (p.35) Yes, Pillar 2, Goal 1 (p.31)
Police-community relationship to improve	Partly, Pillar 5, Goal 1, (p.37) Communication addressed, policing to be improved
Trust in police lacking, but farming community willing to collaborate with SAPS	Partly, Pillar 5, Goal 1, (p.37)

# REFLECTION ON THE RURAL SAFETY STRATEGY IN RELATION TO THE TOPIC

Issue raised in discussion	Addressed adequately in RS Strategy?
Visibility and response to crime are inadequate	Yes, Pillar 2, Goal 1 (p.29)
Concerns about farming STU members	No, Pillar 3, Goal 1 (p.33) STU members to be vetted. National Instruction 18 of 2019 par 18(o) Prohibit involvement in trading in livestock (excluding such trading as part of bona fide farming activities)
Rural Safety to be community driven and measured, SAPS to reconsider its performance indicators	Yes, Pillar 2, Goal 1 (p.30)
More consultation with Police and Communities in rural settings needed to understand the Rural Safety context	Partly, Pillar 5, Goal 1, (p.37) – Internal communication with frontline officers to improve



# RECOMMENDATIONS TOWARDS THE FORMULATION OF RESOLUTIONS OF THE SUMMIT

Recommendation	Responsibility	Due by
Community Police Forums	Division: Visible Policing and Operations	
Conduct research - Farm Watchers	Division: Visible Policing and Operations Component: Research	
Technology	Division: Visible Policing and Operations Division: Technology Management Services	
Basic Resources (Human and Physical Resources)	Division: Financial Management and Administration Division: Human Resource Management Division: Visible Policing and Operations Division: Supply Chain Management Component: Organisational Development	
Progress Reports in terms of Rural Safety Summit - 2022	Department: Civilian Secretariat for Police Service	
Monitor & Evaluate and feedback from different role players.		

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Recommendation	Responsibility	Time Frame
Basic Resources and Technology (Human and Physical Resources)	Division: Financial Management and Administration Division: Human Resource Management Division: Visible Policing and Operations Division: Supply Chain Management Component: Organisational Development	Continuously
Revitalisation Community Based Policing (Community Police Forums, Farm Watchers and Reservist)	Division: Visible Policing and Operations  Component: Research – conduct research on Farm Watchers	Immediately  Within Financial Year
Monitor & Evaluate and Feedback from Different Role Players	Division: Visible Policing and Operations supported by all Role Players	Within 6 months and quarterly thereafter



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