



**Western Cape
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National Rural Safety Summit

Integrated Approach to Rural Safety

27 -28 June 2022

Holistic Approach to Rural Safety

- Inter-ministerial Committee and Technical Committee on Rural Safety engagements.
- Establishment of the **Rural Safety Desk** – with a dedicated email (DOA.RuralSafety@westerncape.gov.za) and landline.
- Development of the **Rural Safety Monitoring Dashboard**.
- Completion of the **Rural Safety Survey** to determine a baseline on the incidence of crime, functioning of farm watches and safety perceptions in rural areas of the Western Cape Province.
- Development of the **Rural Safety pocket guide** (with safety tips ,guidelines and contact details per district) and Rural Safety Leaflet for our stakeholders – producers, agri workers and rural communities.
- **Joint Road Safety Awareness Sessions** in conjunction of the Road Safety Management Unit and Provincial Traffic (DTPW and WCDoA).
- Support to farm watches and neighbourhood watches through accreditation support, awareness sessions and capacity building.
- **Rural Safety Summit (23 November 2021)** - (13 key resolutions emanated from the Summit)

INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE RURAL SAFETY PRIORITY

- WCDDoA institutionalized Rural Safety as a Ministerial priority in August 2020.
- The Department established a Rural Safety Desk with a dedicated Project Coordinator.
- The Department established the Inter-ministerial committee (IMC) and Technical Committee on Rural Safety to promote collaboration amongst stakeholders as part of the Integrated Approach to Rural Safety.
- Inter-ministerial committee on Rural Safety is chaired by Dr Ivan Meyer (Member of the Executive Council for Agriculture). The IMC receives progress reports from the Court Watch Briefing Unit involving rural and farm attacks in the Western Cape.
- Technical Rural Safety committee engagements on rural safety are attended by district mayors, regional safety coordinators, organised agriculture, Department of Community Safety, SAPS and relevant role players. The Technical Committee on Rural Safety is chaired by the Deputy Director General (DDG), Mr Darryl Jacobs. The platform promotes information on various technologies and interventions on rural safety.

Communication, awareness and advocacy on rural safety

COMMUNICATION TOOL	DESCRIPTION
RURAL SAFETY POCKET GUIDE	Provides information on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12 Point plan• Personal safety tips• Safety awareness at home• Safety precautions when one lives in a remote area• Farm security tips• Road safety tips• Contact details of rural safety representatives Special thanks to :DOCS,DTPW, SAPS and WCED.
RURAL SAFETY BROCHURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safety Tips• The importance of rural safety• Contact details of district rural safety representatives
RURAL SAFETY MONITORING DASHBOARD PAMPHLETS (Available in 3 languages)	Demonstration of how the dashboard works <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Logging of incidents• Capturing of information by Community Development Officers (CDOs)• The reality of inadequate rural safety and security• How government is utilising technology to improve rural safety

Rural Safety Pocket Guide and Pamphlet - Photos



Rural Safety Monitoring Dashboard - Summary

Technology Solution to improve Rural Safety

- Enterprise GIS-solution for monitoring of rural safety incidence reported within the agriculture environment
- Interactive digital platform making use of combination of technology tools, i.e. mobile - and web-mapping applications
- Seamless flow of data between mobile and web-application
- Utilization of existing software applications in-house for development and customization for this purpose (rural safety)
- Easy and quick to develop Enterprise GIS applications (WYSIWYG)
- Low data cost for using of mobile-app (**Survey123 for ArcGIS**)
- Mobile-app functionality is not dependent on internet-connection, can work 'off-line" for capturing of information

Rural Safety Monitoring Dashboard

Purpose

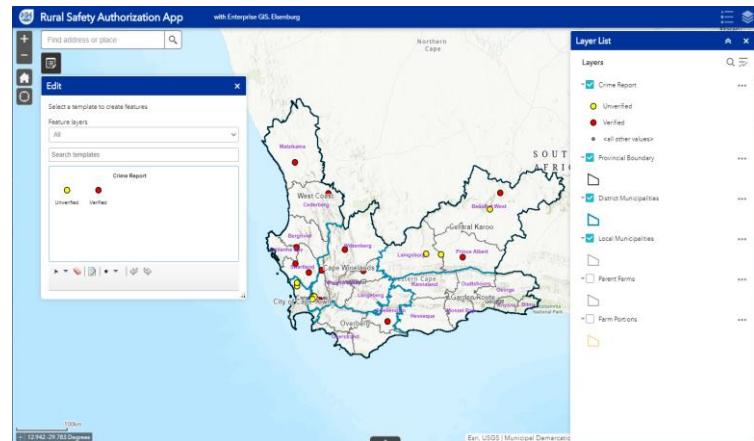
- To identify rural crime hotspots
- To use data to inform rural safety interventions
- To efficiently and effectively allocate resources in addressing rural safety.
- Support the Court Watching Brief Unit of DOCS to monitor the status of farm attacks; expedite investigations and to oppose bail.
- To create a favourable platform for collaboration with key stakeholders i.e. SAPS, DoCS, DTPW and organised agriculture, through sharing data and joint interventions.
- Encourage accreditation of Farm Watches and Neighbourhood Watches.

RURAL SAFETY MONITORING DASHBOARD



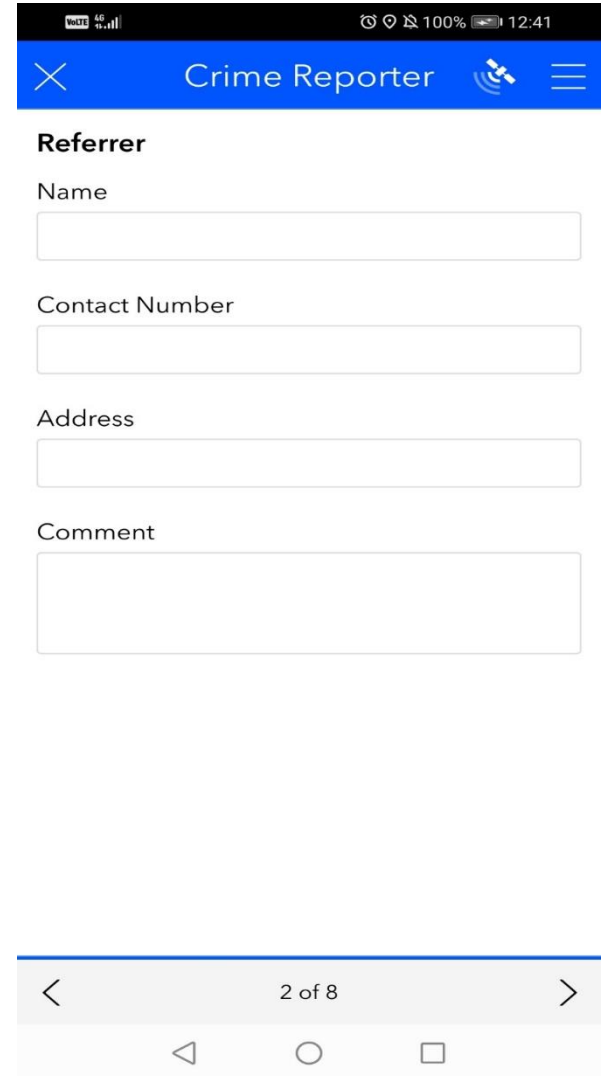
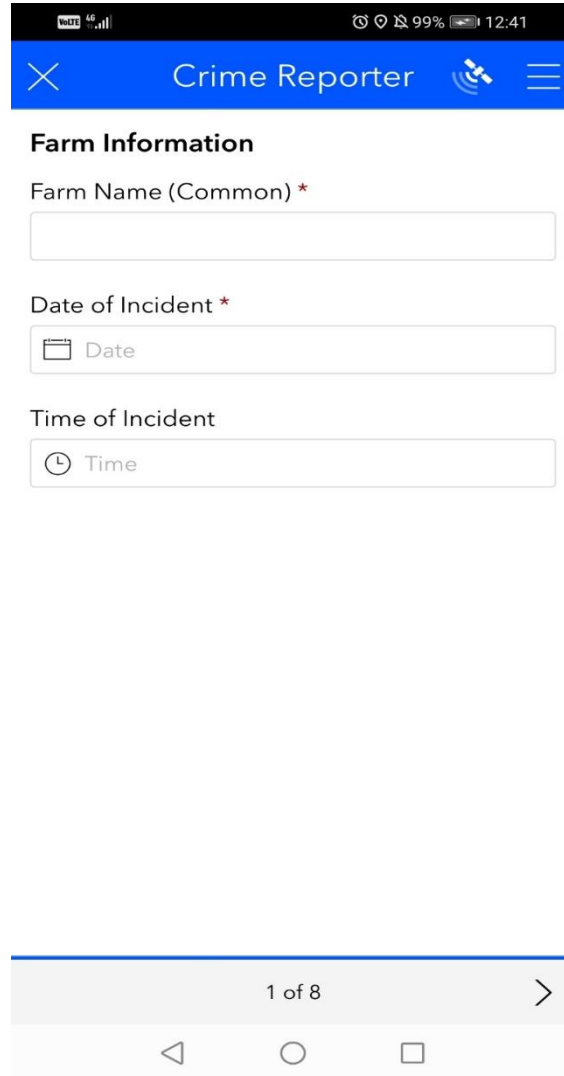
Crime incident reported on Mobile App by CDO

Incident verified and information/status updated by Project Manager /Project Coordinator on Web Application



Rural Safety Operational Dashboard Monitor Crime Situation in WC. View all verified Crime Incidents View various themes (Dates, crime)

PROCESS: LOGGING INCIDENTS ON MONITORING DASHBOARD



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Crime Reporter


Location

Are you on the farm? *

Yes No

Location *

33°51'S 18°50'E ± 45.6 m



Directions

Nearest Town

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Crime Reporter

Victim Name

First Name

Last Name

Contact Number

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Crime Reporter

Crime Detail

Select Crime *

- Accident
- Animal Cruelty
- Arson
- Assault
- Burglary

Matches: 15

Select Crime

- Burglary
- Farm Invasion
- Labour Strike
- Murder
- Other Theft

Matches: 15

Select Crime

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Rural Safety Dashboard



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Safety Incidents per Period

- WABOOMSKRAAL**
 6/5/2022
 Burglary, Robbery
- REDELINGHUIS**
 13/4/2022
 Rape
- HARTMANSLEEGTE HOEKO FARM**
 5/4/2022
 Murder
- KLIPHEUWEL FARM**
 5/4/2022
 Assault, Robbery, Murder
- ZWELITSHA BREDASDORP**
 24/3/2022
 Social Unrest
- NKQUBELA TOWNSHIP**
 16/3/2022
 Strike, Social Unrest, Arson
- BREELAND FARM**
 23/1/2022
 Assault, Murder, Burglary
- SPRUIDRIFT FARM**
 13/1/2022
 Assault

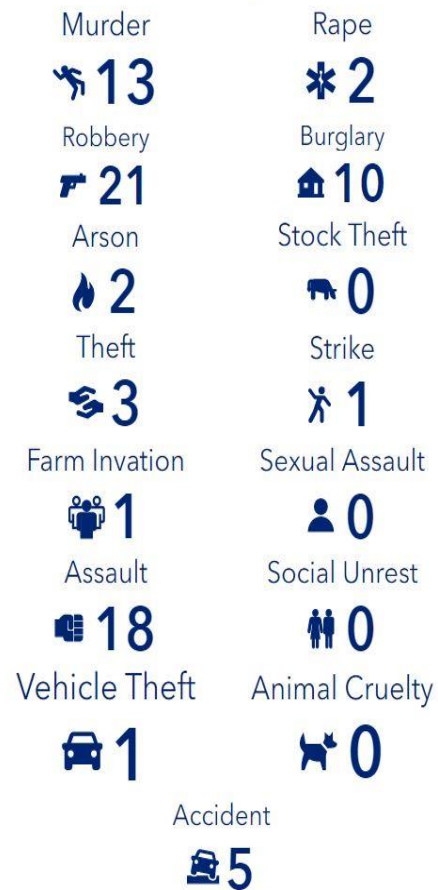


Map Resource Library

Safety Incidents



Safety Categories



Rural Development
Report Crime Incidents:
Ruralsafety@elsenburg.com

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Case Crime Incidents logged:

- 55 cases logged to date
- 16 cases in the last 6 months (October 2021 – June 2022)

District with the highest crime incidents logged:

- Cape Winelands (31)

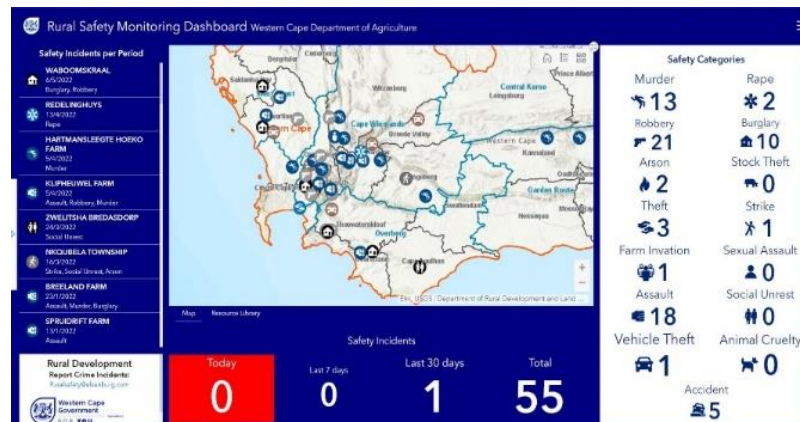
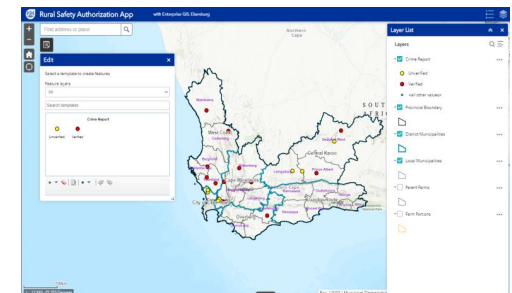
District with the lowest crime incidents logged.

- Central Karoo (0)

Top three (3) crime incidents reported:

- Robberies (14)
- Assault (11)
- Murder (7)

NB: Data used to inform interventions



Rural Safety Summit

- To support an improved, protected and safe agricultural environment, the Western Cape Department of Agriculture hosted a successful Provincial Rural Safety Summit on the 23rd of November 2021.
- The theme for the summit was: **Rural Safety towards economic recovery.**
- The purpose of the Summit was to engage agricultural stakeholders and rural communities around legislative requirements and use of technology for rural safety.
- The Summit created a platform to share information on existing rural safety initiatives policy responses toward improved rural safety and **explore latest technology and innovations on rural safety.**
- The event was attended by the South African Police Service (SAPS), Agri Western Cape, Cape Farmer's Association of South Africa (AFAS), representatives from farm watches and neighbourhood watches, district municipalities, senior officials from the Departments of Transport and Public Works, Agriculture and Community Safety.
- 13 key resolutions emanated from the Rural Safety Summit.

Rural Safety Summit – 23 November 2021



Recommendations

- Stakeholder collaboration: Leverage resources (human, capital and data) through partnerships amongst the 3 spheres of government , private sector and civil society.
- Engage and listen citizens at grassroots level in order to identify needs and develop citizen driven solutions.
- Whole of Society Approach – promote inclusive and transparency amongst all stakeholders including community members to ensure transparency and reduction of the integrity gap. Communities will take ownership of developed strategies (buy-in from the community is crucial).
- Promote the accreditation of farm watches in order for them to have access to training and support from Department of Community Safety.

Thank you

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