

With the recent national and provincial elections now safely behind us the work of the sheriff should revert back to normality. Unfortunately some offices had experienced difficulties due to opportunistic individuals misdirecting the sheriff's work for their own ends.

In addition to the normal execution of our duties we must never forget the educational role we play in helping our communities understand the complexities of the civil justice system. The reprint of our highly-popular information brochure and availability of the new Myths & Facts card should help everyone in carrying out this responsibility.

Our communication programme continues to roll out and the third edition of our popular Siyanazisa newsletter is in progress. If you have anything that you feel may be of interest to other sheriffs please don't hesitate to forward suggestions to my office.

Keep up the great work.

*Yours in service with dignity,
Veliswa Baduza.*

Poslec SETA – the training authority under which the sheriffs profession falls – is hosting a series of capacity building and consultative workshops in order to be more responsive to the needs and circumstances of the employer, provider and learner.

If you are interested in attending any of these workshops please contact Lovey Malele at Poslec SETA directly on telephone 011 805 0084 or fax 011 805 6630.

Province	Date	Venue
Limpopo	11 May	Polokwane
	12 May	Tzaneen
	13 May	Louis Trichardt
Free State	18 May	Bloemfontein
	19 May	Kroonstad
Kwa-Zulu Natal	25 May	Durban
	26 May	Newcastle

Provincial visits on the cards

A programme of provincial visits – similar to those undertaken at the outset of the National Action Plan – will be implemented over the next few months.

These visits will be used to secure feedback from sheriffs on the roll out of the NAP, things that worked and things that could have been done differently.

The schedule is in the process of finalisation and you will be notified of dates in your area in the coming weeks.

Elections bring new faces to the Ministry

The appointment of the new cabinet has had a material effect on the Board. It was common knowledge that Minister Penuell Maduna was retiring and we now warmly welcome Minister Brigitte Mabandla. She brings a sharp legal mind and experience to the post and moves to Justice after having served two years as Housing Minister.

We bid farewell also to Deputy Minister Cheryl Gillwald who moves on as Deputy Minister of Correctional Services. Deputy Minister Gillwald took a special interest in the sheriffs' profession and we must thank her for her tireless efforts in assisting with the National Action Plan and her particular concern on how civil justice impacted on women and the poor.

At the same time we extend a warm welcome to our new Deputy Minister – Johnny de Lange – a man who is no stranger to us primarily from his role on Parliament's Justice Portfolio Committee. Deputy Minister de Lange has always taken a keen interest in the work of the sheriffs and I am sure that he will continue to do so in the future.

Training takes stock of progress

The current programme of training has now been completed and it is important to reflect on what has been achieved over the past 24 months.

In addition to the more than 700 sheriffs and deputy sheriffs that have undergone training at provincial workshops we have enrolled 120 learners in the groundbreaking Sheriffs' Introductory Course.

This landmark programme signalled the beginning of the first-ever formal training specifically designed to assist those pursuing a career in the sheriffs' profession.

Feedback from participants on this programme has been enthusiastic and unreservedly positive. Watch this space for further developments.

Die brosjures is gereed vir verspreiding

Die brosjures word tans na elke kantoor versprei. As u behoeftes nou verskil van wat u aan Lise deurgegee het, stel asseblief vir Leonore Williams in die Projek Afdeling so gou moontlik in kennis. Sy kan per telefoon bereik word by (021) 461 2230, per epos by lwilliams@sheriffs.org.za, of faks (021) 461 2233.

Upcoming publicity activities

There are a number of initiatives happening and in the pipeline, these include:

- Advert in May edition of De Rebus magazine
- Advertorial in May edition of Bona (SA's most widely read consumer magazine)
- 3Talk actuality show on SABC 3 on 5th May
- Taxi rank 'Gazebo' promotions at 20 of the busiest commuter ranks around the country during the week of 3rd to 8th May

Permanent Appointments

10 MAY 2004

MOLTENO H ((EASTERN CAPE)

13 MAY 2004

THOHOYANDOU H (LIMPOPO)

24 MAY 2004

NEWCASTLE HL ((NATAL)

28 MAY 2004

VENTERSDORP H (NORTH WEST)

03 JUNE 2004

NQAMAKWE H (EASTERN CAPE)

27 NOVEMBER 2004

LUSIKISIKI HL (EASTERN CAPE)

The door's always open

Please remember to call me directly with any topic that may be of concern, we're here to serve the needs of the profession at all times.