

Siyazanazisa

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From the Chairperson's Desk

The new Board hit the ground running and is already making headway on objectives for its 3-year term. We have conducted a first round of meetings with each of the following committees:

- Executive Committee
- Finance Committee
- Standing Disciplinary Committee
- Fidelity Fund Committee
- HR and Training Committee
- Legal & Liaison Committee.

We have also already participated in the following events:

- Joined the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development (DoJCD) at its Africa Day Imbizo in Zwelethemba in the Western Cape.
- Celebrated World Sheriffs Day on 4 June 2015.
- Broadcasted radio adverts on community radio stations to educate the public about their rights and the role of the sheriff.

The Board will commence with the Needs Based Training. These sessions will be conducted between September 2015 and November 2015. One session per province will be conducted, on a Friday and Saturday.

We will also be celebrating Mandela Day on 18 July, we encourage you to participate. The objective of the Mandela day is to inspire individuals to help change the world for the better. Ultimately, it seeks to inspire communities everywhere. Madiba followed three rules throughout his life, which he did at great personal sacrifice: free yourself, free others and serve every day. We look forward to seeing what you would have done for Mandela Day. Please forward your photos to our communications officer and we will upload them to our website.



I would like to take this opportunity to remind sheriffs of Phase 1 of the legal obligations and request that they submit timeously to avoid penalties. The deadline for submission of Phase 1 legal obligations is 31 July 2015.

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DoJCD AFRICA DAY IMBIZO- Zwelethemba, Worcester

The DoJCD invited the SABFS to participate in the Africa Day Imbizo on 25 May 2015 in Zwelethemba, Worcester, in the Western Cape. The event was to educate people and create awareness around xenophobia and also to discuss improved service delivery to the community of Zwelethemba. Various stakeholders were in attendance: South African Human Rights Association (SAHRA), Department of Correctional Services (DCS), South African Police Services (SAPS), Legal Aid SA, DoJCD and the SABFS.

Adv Hishaam Mohamed, Deputy Chairperson of the SABFS and Regional Head of the DoJCD, said in his speech: "The recent outbreaks of violence against foreign nationals in South Africa which have claimed lives and threatened countless

non-nationals living and working in South Africa must be condemned. Xenophobia is an intense or irrational dislike or fear of people from other countries. Xenophobia is largely based on unfounded fears and the inclination to stereotype foreigners as the cause of social and economic problems in our country. Along with this comes a fear or distrust of anything associated with foreigners such as their culture, language and religion. It is a form of racism which has no place in our constitutional democracy. The attacks on foreign nationals violate all the values that South Africa embodies, especially the respect of human life, human rights, human dignity and Ubuntu.

Visit our website www.sheriffs.org for the full speech



Adv Mohamed, Regional Head of the DoJCD, Western Cape and Deputy Chairperson of the SABFS addresses the Zwelethemba community.



Department of Correctional Services (DCS) choir entertaining the crowd at the Imbizo.



Zwelethemba community members at the Africa Day Imbizo.



Cape Town East sheriff, Nelson Ntsibantu and his staff spending World Sheriffs Day at the Somerset Hospital children's ward donating toys and gift bags.



Sheriffs in Bellville North celebrated World Sheriffs Day at the Bellville Maintenance Court and handed out coffee/tea and a muffin to all those standing in the queue. This was a welcome relief from the cold. Sheriffs information pamphlets were handed out and the public were educated with regards to the role of the sheriff.

Sheriffs were encouraged to participate in their respective towns by doing outreach work within their communities.

World Sheriffs Day

4 June 2015

The Sheriff, link between the law and economy - A new approach to enforcement.

The South African Board for Sheriffs celebrated the 8th World Sheriffs Day on 4 June 2015. All sheriffs were notified of the day and informed of the theme for this year: "The Sheriff, link between the law and economy -new approach to enforcement."

The SABFS arranged radio interviews and broadcasted a radio advert on various community radio stations nationally to educate the general public about the functions and role of the sheriff.

The SABFS goals were:

- To create awareness surrounding World Sheriffs Day.
- To promote the World Sheriffs Day theme of "The Sheriff, link between the law and economy - A new approach to enforcement."
- To educate the public about the role of the sheriff and the Board.

Radio adverts were broadcasted and interviews were conducted with various Board members on the following community radio stations:

- Bush Radio- Western Cape
- Radio Teemaneng – Northern Cape
- Shine FM- KwaZulu-Natal
- Mix Radio- Gauteng
- Radio Bushbuckridge- Mpumalanga
- Radio Univen- Limpopo
- Motheo FM- Free State
- Nkqubela Radio- Eastern Cape.

World Sheriffs Day

4 June 2015



Left to right: Cape Town North sheriff, Amanda Tobias; SABFS communications officer, Zainab Abrahams and Cape Town North deputy sheriffs.



Cape Town East sheriff handing over a gift bag to a mom at the Somerset Hospital children's ward.



Cape Town North sheriff donating scarves to the Ubuntu Educare Centre in Dunoon.



The sheriff for Lower Tugela and his staff treated the public at the Stanger maintenance courts to a warm meal, juices and snacks in honour of World Sheriffs Day. The pensioners at the Stanger pension pay-out point were also treated to a meal, and informed of the important role that the sheriff plays in the civil justice system.



The Vredenburg sheriff celebrated World Sheriffs Day by visiting the local old age home in Vredenburg (Huis Wittekruijn) and donated a cash amount. The contribution will enable them to purchase necessary items such as linen, towels and toiletries.

The De Aar sheriff celebrated World Sheriffs Day with the aged and surprised them with a delicious lunch.



Left to right: Sheriff Morape, Magistrate Moloabi and Ms Mazibuko.



Magistrate Moloabi addressing those in attendance.



The sheriff for Botshabelo, Mr Morape, donating blankets to an old age home in his community.



The sheriff of KwaZulu-Natal celebrated World Sheriffs Day by donating stationery supplies and party packets to the students at St Pauls Primary School.

The sheriff of Durban West celebrated World Sheriffs Day by feeding the poor and homeless at Addington Hospital on the south side of Durban beach. It was a successful day and over 300 people were fed, both young and old.

AD-HOC SHERIFF APPOINTMENT APPLICATION

The SABFS has received several queries with regards to the process to be followed for an “Ad-Hoc” appointment application. “Ad-Hoc” sheriff appointments are made in terms of Section 5(1A) (b) of the Sheriff’s Act, No. 90 of 1986, to ACT as a SHERIFF in a specific area for a particular court case.

These acting appointments may be granted only under the following circumstances:

- If there is a conflict of interest with the appointed sheriff and a party to the particular suit; or
- Where the Minister deems it necessary as it is in the interest of the maintenance of effective and reliable service to the courts and the public.
- Such applications are dealt with at each magistrates court and court managers are the relevant persons who will approve the Ad-hoc request

Process to appoint an Ad-Hoc Sheriff:

- Written request by the party to the suitor or his/her legal representative to be sent to the Court Manager in the relevant jurisdiction
- Cite reasons and show cause
- State case number and parties involved

NEEDS BASED TRAINING 2015

Due to the numerous new appointments of sheriffs in 2012, 2013 and 2014, the need for continued development following the Sheriffs Introductory Course is vital. The need for continuous professional development must, therefore, be met to support the new and existing sheriffs and their staff.

The training programme will ensure that the sheriffs understand how to comply with their legal obligations to the Board and they will acquire further competence to deal with other matters relating to the civil litigation arena. These two-day sessions will inform the sector about changes in regulations affecting civil litigation and will ensure a better working relationship between stakeholders of the justice cluster.

The information gathered from the surveys submitted by sheriffs at the end of 2014 was compiled and analysed. Various training needs were identified and we will endeavor to present the most highly rated subjects at the Needs Based Training sessions. Due to the feedback from sheriffs we aim to extend the programme to be conducted over a two-day period.

It is envisaged that the training programme will be conducted between September 2015 and November 2015.

PROPOSED DATES:

| PROVINCE | LOCATION | DATE |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------|
| KwaZulu-Natal | Durban | 4 & 5 Sept 2015 |
| Gauteng | Pretoria | 4 & 5 Sept 2015 |
| Eastern Cape | Port Elizabeth | 11 & 12 Sept 2015 |
| Mpumalanga | Nelspruit | 11 & 12 Sept 2015 |
| Free State | Bloemfontein | 2 & 3 Oct 2015 |
| Limpopo | Polokwane | 2 & 3 Oct 2015 |
| North West | Klerksdorp | 23 & 24 Oct 2015 |
| Western Cape | Cape Town | 6 & 7 Nov 2015 |
| Northern Cape | Upington | 6 & 7 Nov 2015 |

Register your MANDELA DAY ACTIONS

18 July is Mandela Day and it marks the birthday of former president and humanitarian, Nelson Mandela.

On Mandela Day we are encouraged to donate 67 minutes of our time to enrich the lives of those less fortunate or simply to do something positive in someone's life.

- Make a new friend. Get to know someone from a different cultural background. Only through mutual understanding can we rid our communities of intolerance and xenophobia.
- Read to someone who can't. Visit a local home for the blind and open up a new world for someone else.
- Help out at the local animal shelter. Dogs without homes still need a walk and a bit of love.
- Help someone get a job. Put together and print a CV for them, or help them with their interview skills.
- Many terminally ill people have no one to speak to. Take a little time to have a chat and bring some sunshine into their lives.
- Get tested for HIV and encourage your partner to do so too.
- Take someone you know, who can't afford it, to get their eyes tested or their teeth checked.
- Donate a wheelchair or guide dog, to someone in need.
- Buy a few blankets, or grab the ones you no longer need from home and give them to someone in need.

We encourage you to participate and send us photos of what you have done. Let's embrace the spirit of Madiba.

“Free yourselves, free others, serve everyday”.



Legal Obligations

Phase one of the Legal Obligations is due. The deadline for submission is 31 July 2015.

All sheriffs are reminded to submit the necessary documentation with the accompanying payments timeously. For any queries you may contact the General Manager of Corporate and Financial services, Mr Andrew Simon on 021-4260577 or email: Andrew@sheriffs.org.za

Looking for a Sheriff?

Visit our website and utilise the “Locate a Sheriff” button or try our new Mobi site directly from your smartphone.



**Our “SHERIFF
SEARCH FUNCTION”
via SMS is here!**

Sheriff search via sms

*Simply sms the area you are looking for to **42269** and you will receive a reply sms with the sheriff's contact details for that area.*

* Note that if the name of the area is two words please type it as one word eg. “Somerset West” type as “Somersetwest” and you will receive the name and contact numbers for the requested area via return sms.



If you have any queries, complaints or compliments please contact us.

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