



## Violent Organized Crime (Business) Working Group

Key points for meeting held at SABRIC Offices on 16 April 2008  
07h30-09h30

### In attendance:

Roy Andersen

Kalyani Pillay: SABRIC

Barend Taute: CSIR

Anton Wiid: BACSA

Steve Conradie: SIA

James Oosthuizen: CGCSA

Selma Black: CGCSA

Graham Wright: BACSA

Lorinda Nel: BACSA

Michael Broughton: CGCSA

Kevin Twiname: SABRIC

Annelie Barkema: TSI

Jennifer Irish-Qhobosheane: BACSA

### By invitation:

Mark Lamberti: BACSA Board Chairperson

## 1. Opening

The chairperson welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open. He introduced Mr. Mark Lamberti as chairperson of Business Against Crime South Africa Board and also requested that everyone introduce themselves and their organization.

## 2. Confirmation of the Agenda

The Agenda was adopted with the following additions:

- a. Feedback from the SAPS Strategy Session (*attended by Lorinda*)
- b. Meeting between Mr. Sipiwe Nzimande & Acting National Commissioner Tim Williams
- c. Move of the SPPS into VOC
- d. Provincial roll out
- e. ATM Bombings
- f. Airport follow homes

## 3. Feedback from interactions with government:

### 3.1 Meeting with Acting Div. Commissioner Mphego (Crime Intelligence)

GW indicated that the response on concerns raised with the Commissioner was that lots of information is obtained by the section but not effectively used by other SAPS sections and that their position was that world class systems are in place but not used and operationalised. The Commissioner requested that business assist in promoting a positive mentality of using crime intelligence within the police, and indicated that they would compile a document on this matter, which will then be discussed with Business Against Crime.

Action: Facilitate the process of integrating the services of crime intelligence with other sections with SAPS. **(Roy + Graham)**  
(Suggestion was made on a joint meeting between business and Commissioners R Lala, Mphego and Lamoer)



### 3.2 Meeting with Commissioner Lamoer (Visible Policing)

The meeting was attended by the Commissioner and Snr Supt R van Staden from SAPS and Graham, Anton and Steve from business. Several issues were discussed with the following agreed way forward:

- *Security Industry issues:* It was agreed that Steve Conradie and Riaan van Staden should meet to thrash through the issues and compile an action list, whereafter this will be tabled with Comm Lamoer. [Steve]
- *Border control:* Notice was served that BAC is reconsidering its involvement in border line and port matters. Comm Lamoer welcomed this and indicated one of the issues was the split command over these issues within the SAPS. [Graham]
- *Aerial Surveillance:* An operations model (called Top Cover) has been formulated and will be presented to SAPS (Dir van der Koff). [Anton]

Action: Quarterly Review Meeting for period ending March 08 to be scheduled for end April/early May 2008. (BAC)

### 3.3 Meeting with Ass Commissioner Lebeya (Organised Crime)

The meeting was convened to ensure that the Commissioner was fully briefed on VOC matters. Director. Martin Naude, who was invited by the Commissioner, gave insight on the Pretoria case where a young girl was murdered and highlighted the role that business can play in the process.

Also, the successes achieved in Komatipoort in dealing illegals was discussed and it was indicated that the key insights from this could be used for the Honeydew initiative.

The issue of truck-jacking was also touched on and a suggestion was made that trucks display a number that can be called to verify drivers when they are stopped by police. The issue will be taken up with the road freight industry.

### 3.4 Meeting with BACSA CEO, Mr. Siphwe Nzimande and the Acting National Commissioner Tim Williams

Feedback received was that it was a good meeting where the Commissioner briefed Siphwe on the state of play in thoughts within the police, including the Scorpions.

### 3.5 SAPS Strategy Session

The Gauteng SAPS top management is holding a 3 day workshop which includes business (Business Against Crime), the 3 Metros, leaders of CPFs and the MEC's office to look incorporating all existing initiatives as part of their strategic plan. The meeting covered a wide range of issues, including the acknowledgement of the interdependencies between the 3 SAPS sections, and which are not effectively integrated operationally. Also highlighted was the need for effective communication of decisions taken at a national higher level to provincial and operational levels.

## 4. Update on specific requests made by SAPS of the business community

*Status on the issues as at 31 March 08 circulated prior to the meeting.*



GW took the meeting through the document and the following comments were made:

**Private Security:** Request to be made to Business Leadership SA next week for support for the voluntary vetting initiative.

**CCTV Quality and ATM Robberies:** implementation and compliance to the developed standards remains a challenge although this is part of the bigger business robberies plan. Another challenge is the use of submitted footage by the police.

Action: Document to be put together on the lack of use of footage by the police. (Kevin + BAC)

**Secure shopping malls:** the document of the physical security drafted and circulated for use by new malls. The shopping malls are currently exploring the installation of the ANPR at centres and looking at compiling a document on managing the process and recommendations thereof. Concept document on development of a central control centre expected by next Wednesday, 23/04/08.

Action: Feedback on the strategy document and standard operating procedures by next meeting. (Jenny)

**Computerised Systems:** Outsurance has offered to sponsor the roaming vehicle for a year and currently addressing the issue of branding of the car.

**Cell phone Theft:** reconstituting the cell phones task team to look into the market and other countries.

**Second Hand Goods Act:** drafting of Regulations to be done by business and rectified and amended by government. A team of lawyers, which will be appointed by the associations, will be engaged.

**10111 Training:** initial meeting scheduled with Ad Corp and Commissioner Lamoer for 08/04/08 rescheduled for a later date. Another meeting will be held with the SPSS workgroup to discuss training issues.

**Detective Training:** the issue of rolling out the detective training to other provinces will be considered.

**Cable Theft:** the strategy will be discussed during a workshop to be held today, 16/04/08, where all relevant stakeholders from business and government will be present.

## 5. Update on initiatives

### 5.1 Cross cutting initiatives

The request by CGCSA to set up an agency, from IDECO, for the finger printing to be followed up.

Action: Separate meeting to address the issue. (Anton + Mike)

The process of setting up a fusion centre as a tactics and information hub has been initiated. The centre will elevate and consolidate what different business industries are doing and the tactical side. The establishment of the information hub will assist in





addressing the current challenge of lacking insight on the robberies for business to be able to take a clear picture to the police.

Action: Meeting between industries regarding the Fusion Centre in the next 2 weeks. **(Business Against Crime)**

The cell phones problem goes beyond the actual theft and need to also go through the process of solving delays as well as the markets because all this is linked to the robberies.

Action: The issues associated with cell phones to be documented as part of the submission to government on blockages which require resolution. **(Graham)**

## 5.2 Business Robberies

The business robberies project team has been established and has been meeting. The initial plan developed has been categorised into 2 focus areas, vis: short term high impact interventions and medium to long term interventions.

Action: Plan to be circulated to members by end next week, 25/04/08, for comments. **(Jenny)**

## 5.3 House Robberies

Meeting has been held with then Sandton Station Commissioner to concurrently implement the area with Honeydew. Honeydew is expected to be fully operational by end May 2008.

Action: Feedback on how far Sandton is with regards to implementation. **(Lorinda)**

## 5.4 Vehicle Hijacking

The focus has been on the registration and licensing. Discussions have been held with DoT and they have agreed to take over the project and teams will be put in place for implementation and roll-out.

Overall Action: Compile document on issues of concern by business to the police, which will be handled confidentially.

## 6. General

### 6.1 Provincial roll out

**Kwa Zulu Natal:** The police are on board with regards to the VOC initiatives. Awaiting a date for the requested strategy session to come up with way forward.

**North West:** the Deputy Provincial Commissioner is very active and mobilised immensely. He requested the VOC plan and implemented it immediately; this has been happening for 3 weeks but is already making an impact. Best practices will be shared from the province's operation should it be a success. They will be sending an invite of their operations and this will be circulated.



**Eastern Cape:** a coordinated meeting was held between the police and business (represented by SAPIA, CGCSA and SABRIC) as the province is a big target in terms of business robberies. The intention is to establish a JOC.

## **6.2 Airport follow homes**

A task team has been formalised and dockets will be centralised. Considerable attention has been focused on this matter and further discussions with SAPS, both at ORTIA and Gauteng are planned for the next week. The objective is to achieve an integrated approach to the problem and resolve the matter.

## **6.3 Move of the SPPS into VOC**

The intention is to realign what the SPPS is doing with the activities of VOC, but also taking into consideration the initial legal agreements entered into by the SPPS. The BAC provincial offices will also be consulted in the process of re-alignment.

## **6.4 ATM Bombings**

Although much effort is devoted to this matter by both government and business, these incidents seem to be increasing. Addressing the matter from the mines perspective will not necessarily stop the crime. Cases taken to courts are now falling off the roll which creates further problems with the detective services. Workshop has been scheduled for 09 May 08 where SAPIA, SABRIC, CGCSA and Shopping Centres will look into some initiatives running currently. There might be a need to "name and shame" mines that are known to be part of the problem. Explosives are now also used for CIT and it is assumed that shopping centres will follow. RA requested consideration to be given to identifying where the business leadership might be able to assist.

## **6.5 Closure**

Mr. Lamberti thanked everyone for efforts dedicated in the initiatives and workgroup with the intention of reducing the violent organised crime.

***Next meeting: 21 May 2008***