

Business Against Crime Zululand

Chairman's report for the year ended 28 February 2009

I have pleasure in submitting the Chairman's report for the year ended 28 February 2009.

Introduction

Our first democratically elected president Mr Nelson Mandela appealed to Business to assist in the fight against crime. This led to the formation of BAC South Africa and the provincial branches of BAC. The vision of BAC Zululand is to assist the Criminal Justice System in creating a crime free Zululand that is safe and secure for its people and conducive to economic growth.

The latest police crime statistics indicate that incidents of crime in South Africa have declined in the majority of the serious crime categories. Although crime levels remain unacceptably high, we have seen a steady decline over the years. This decline could only have been possible with the hard work of the people who have been charged with fighting crime in this country. BAC Zululand acknowledges and recognises the efforts of the law enforcement agencies such as the South African Police Service, Department of Justice, National Prosecuting Authority, Department of Correctional Services, City of uMhlathuze Traffic Department.

The Board of Directors and Ex Officio members are currently as follows:

Directors	<i>Ex Officio Members</i>
J Kunji-Behari (Chairman)	R Aitken
LCG Mattioda (Deputy Chairman)	BB Biyela
RV Gumbi	MJ Mathenjwa
N Khoza	BN Shange
M Lourens	AB Ntshangase
H Homann	GP Sibeko
EF Mbatha	BJ Sibisi
CY Mkhize	A S Mngomezulu
J Nair	M Wilson
J Potgieter	
MO Davis	
NB Nxumalo	
S Zwane (Executive Manager)	

During the reporting period, the following directors resigned:

Thami Msubo

Lucas Msimang

Bongani Mqaise

Thami Ntshingila

The following new directors were appointed to the Board:

N B Nxumalo

A decision was taken by Tata Steel KZN early in the year to withdraw from BAC. BAC Zululand received this notification with regret, however I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tata Steel KZN for their support in the past and hope that their

decision will be reconsidered. BAC considers Tata Steel to be a major role player in the Zululand region.

Financial

The financial statements submitted indicate the detail and extend of our activities during the year. Donations received in cash during the year amounted to R864 945 as follows:-

Donations Received

Inyanga Motors	R 2 400.00
RBCT	R100 000.00
GAYE MGP	R 45.00
BHP Billiton	R250 000.00
RBM	R275 000.00
TATA Steel	R 2 500.00
Foskor Ltd	R 75 000.00
Bell Equipment	R 50 000.00
Mondi Business Paper	R 50 000.00
Exxaro KZN	R 60 000.00
Total	<u>R864 945.00</u>

I wish to record my sincere appreciation to our sponsors, without whose assistance BAC Zululand would cease to exist.

Major Projects

CCTV

The **CCTV project** was identified as a strategic project to bring about a step change in the fight against crime in the region. BAC Zululand, The City Of Umhlathuze and the SAPS undertook to jointly co-operate in order to ensure that this project is brought to fruition. The signing of a memorandum of understanding by the three parties was fervently pursued by BAC during the year, however this still remains an outstanding issue. A decision was taken by the Board of BAC to implement a pilot scale CCTV system in order to get the project off the ground, after numerous concerns were raised by Business regarding the long delay in implementing the project. I am pleased to report that the Pilot project was launched during December 2008 and by year end, ten cameras were installed in various areas of the City of Umhlathuze. Stage two involves the installation of 40 cameras by mid-2009.

Integrated Justice System

Significant progress was made in supporting the concept of an integrated justice system. A new 5 year lease was signed with the Landlord of the premises that houses the Richards Bay Magistrates Court. The shortage of police vehicles was alleviated, and significant progress was made in addressing the shortage of foreign language interpreters. All operational challenges are being addressed by the stakeholders within the Criminal Justice System.

Undocumented Persons

I am pleased to report that BAC donated electronic equipment to the SAPS Port Protection Service which will assist in developing a database for the port of Richards Bay

for all stowaways that are apprehended within the port. The system is capable of taking photos, capturing finger prints and recording interviews.

Victim Empowerment Task Team (VETT)

Grant funding was made available by the City of Umhlathuze for the training of police officers, police reservists and councillors in the victim empowerment program.

Non Ferrous Metal Task Team

The task team comprising of BAC, SAPS, and security managers from local business made significant progress during the year. Operations were held outside the premises of scrap dealers. A workshop was also held for magistrates in order to provide clarity on the impact of cable theft on Business. The global economic crisis saw a significant worldwide decrease in the demand for metals, resulting in a sharp drop in prices. A marked drop in the theft of non-ferrous metal was also observed.

Community Crime Prevention

BAC launched various initiatives during the year aimed at increasing crime awareness among the various communities.

Operational

Our offices are on the 1st floor, Buscom building, ZCBF Community Park, Guldengracht Street, Alton, Richards Bay. Our staff consists of the Executive Manager, Sophie Zwane, who joined in October 2006 and her contract was renewed for a period of 3 years in October 2008. Wilma Paxton, the previous Administrator and Personal Assistant resigned in June 2008 and relocated to Durban. Wilma's sterling service to BAC Zululand is acknowledged. Thabisa Nxumalo joined BAC on a six month contract in the position of Personal Assistant. Thabisa was permanently appointed in this role in March 2009.

BAC Zululand hosted an Awards Evening on 31 July 2008 in order to acknowledge the performance of members of the Criminal Justice System. MEC for Transport and Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Bheki Cele and BAC SA CEO, Mr Nzimande were guests of honour. I would like to thank Business for sponsoring the entire event and I would also like to thank Sophie Zwane and Thabisa Nxumalo who worked tirelessly to ensure that the event was a success.

Conclusion

In order for BAC Zululand to function effectively, there is a need for continued financial support from all organisations, big and small. Your assistance in the past is appreciated and your assistance in the future is crucial.

My term of office as the Chairman of the Board of Directors expires at this AGM. I would like to thank the Board of Directors, Mr Jodi Nair, Manager BAC KZN, all role players and staff for their unconditional support during my tenure. I wish to thank my deputy, Leo Mattioda for his support. Mr Mattioda was always willing to assist in my absence. Leo's long and unwavering service to BAC Zululand is also greatly acknowledged.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sophie Zwane and Thabisa Nxumalo for their support and assistance during the year.

Joey Kunji-Behari

Chairman