

## Executive Manager's report for AGM: April 2009

### INTRODUCTION

It was clearly highlighted during 2008 that crime affects all South Africans, the need for Crime Awareness campaigns came from deep rural to private schools. The success of BAC crime awareness campaigns came through partnerships with organizations like SANCA, Lifeline, Reaching Out, NICRO and Legal Aid. The fight against crime can be conquered if we work together with law enforcement agencies and not against them. The demand for crime awareness has grown drastically, we are hoping that BAC will be able to sustain the campaign despite the global financial crisis. Hillside Aluminium SA bicycle project is a good example of stakeholders' partnership with government and its positive results.

### CCTV

Commitment in writing was received by BAC Zululand from SAPS Provincial Office pledging their participation and involvement to the project. A draft MOU with changes was also received from SAPS. Amendments were made and the document was sent back to SAPS. BAC Zululand and UMhlatuze municipality are still waiting for the finalization of the MOU from the SAPS Provincial Office.

During the month of December 2008 the CCTV Pilot Project was launched by UMhlatuze Municipality and BAC Zululand. Ten cameras were installed in Richards bay CBD, Enseleni, Esikhaleni, Alkanstrand beach, Empangeni CBD. The cameras have a 24 hour recording system and a 360 degree angle set up. Trenching and ducting of high fibre optic link has been completed from Empangeni Civic 1 up to Impala substation. The target number of cameras to be installed is 40 by June 2009. The renovation of the proposed CCTV camera control room has commenced.

### Integrated Justice System

The lease agreement for the Richards Bay Magistrate court has been extended for five years, which means the building of the new Magistrate court might take longer than anticipated.

Challenges that were encountered and addressed in 2008

- Bank cooperation in providing relevant information that is required by court
- Shortage of vehicles in some police stations which led to delays in investigations and lead to less cases going to court
- Increased number of cases referred for diversion
- Shortage of certain foreign language interpreters
- Payment of foreign language interpreters
- Replacement of Esikhaleni Data Capturer after she received permanent employment elsewhere
- Impact of load shedding in court operating hours

### Undocumented Persons

The project brings together the relevant stakeholders to deal with the problem of illegal immigrants. The committee meets quarterly to address issues relating the influx of undocumented persons in our area.

### *Milestones covered for 2008*

1. Presentation by the immigration office on the implementation of the Amendment Immigration Act no 13 of 2002
2. Agreement between stakeholders involved that no cases involving foreign nationals will be withdrawn due to shortage of relevant interpreters
3. SAPS Port Protection Service launched a stowaway search project utilizing the electronic equipment that was donated by BAC – so far PSS has recorded +- 35 stowaways and there are no repeated offenders. The initiative is already producing positive results

### **Victims Empowerment Task Team [VETT]**

Rising in the economic pressure to the consumer has contributed in the increase of domestic violence related cases. Recent findings indicate that instigation of domestic violence is from both genders, contrary to the perception.

20 police officers from various Northern Zululand police stations: including Ngwavuma, Mbazwane, Jozini, Mkhuze, Emanguzi, Hluhluwe and Ndumo received training in Domestic violence, Victim Empowerment and Customer Service learning programs.

The following stations received training on domestic violence

1. Mtunzini SAPS
2. Kwa-Mbonambi SAPS
3. Empangeni SAPS
4. Mtubatuba SAPS
5. KwaMsane SAPS
6. Ntambanana SAPS
7. Richards Bay SAP

Further training on this project will be funded by the city of UMhlatuze municipality for the year 2009.

### **Non Ferrous Metal Task Team**

It has been a very successful year for this project as it was selected by the National Prosecuting Authority as their strategic project for 2008. Prosecutors received training on how to identify Eskom and Transnet Freight Rail products, and also to give clear understanding on how severe the problem is and further highlighting financial implications of this to companies.

Empangeni cluster Magistrates were hosted by BAC Project Manager in a workshop that aimed at giving clarity on the impact of cable theft to the business society and individual losses that companies incur.

The forum forwarded recommendations to the portfolio committee responsible for the amendment of Second Hand Goods Act. Global financial smelt down resulted in the decrease of non ferrous cases reported since the price of scrap dropped drastically. A crime awareness campaign for the theft of non-ferrous metals was conducted in the area of Nkosi Mkhwanazi Tribal Authority.

## **Community Crime Prevention**

BAC donated hand radios as the means of communication between the schools and Ntambanana Police Station as requested by the committee of the school governing body. Schools were selected based on the incidents of crime reported. The base radio is stationed at Ntambanana SAPS and they (SAPS) are responsible for the training and the monitoring and the utilization of the radios by school security officers.

Information about drugs was published on the Zululand Fever newspaper during the drug awareness week in a cartoon format to attract young stars to read it.

Eshowe cluster hosted a 'Take A Child to Work' campaign with BAC Zululand. The aim of the campaign was to market the SAPS to learners as a career option, also the children were taught reporting procedures like what to do when a crime is committed in front of them. Ten schools participated in the campaign. Each school had one or two SAPS ambassadors. The highlight of the campaign was that the concentration was not on the girl child only, but on boys too.

With the partnership from other stakeholders like Zululand Fever, BWA, SAPS KwaMbonambi, KwaMbonambi Municipality and Party Go Round [clown service], crime awareness campaign was held at Phoziphozi primary school, Ezidomini reserve, where awareness concentrated on rape since it is a problem in the area.

BAC has launched street pole advertising with Mhlabuyalingana Municipality. Boards with crime prevention messages were erected on strategic positions within the area, i.e. Manguzi, Mbazwana and Sikhemelele.

Upon invitation BAC conducted a crime awareness campaign with Kwa-Mbonambi SAPS at Kwa-Mbonambi Primary school in order to address issues of concern like theft among pupils and the use of drugs.

In response to the concern that was raised by board members of university students that are going through the Criminal Justice system, a Crime Information session was organized at the University of Zululand. Various stakeholders participated during this event, i.e. National Prosecuting Authority, Department of Justice, Department of Correctional Service, Zululand University Protection Service Department [PSD].

During the 16 days of Activism Against Abuse of women and children, a display stand was arranged at the Boardwalk Inkwazi mall, where the members of the community were given pamphlets and information on how to identify when someone is abused and where to go for help.

BAC further participated in SAPS Eshowe and Jozini clusters crime awareness campaigns against children and women abuse.

## **Rehabilitation of Prisoners**

This program is now under the auspices of Phoenix Zululand and is aimed at ensuring that crime offenders are rehabilitated when they serve their sentences. This program focuses on victim offender mediation and offender family re-integration as part of the rehabilitation process and their recommendations are considered by the parole board.

## **Financial Management**

The Actual Operational costs for the year were R690 224 as opposed to the budget of R652 305 with variance of R37 919. The following factors have contributed to the over expenditure

- Price increase of product and service because of economic factors that BAC had no control over e.g. rise in petrol price
- BAC had to pay the previous PA Wilma Paxton for her leave days when she resigned
- Bank charges also increased more than the budgeted amount

Actual Project cost for the year were R372 738 as opposed to a budget of R499 000, this reflects under-spending by R126 262. The project expenditure has improved compared to the previous year. BAC rely on donations from companies and there is no stipulated time for companies to donate, some companies transfer their donations towards the end of the year which makes it difficult for funds to be utilized before the end of BAC's financial year.

As a non profit organization it is not possible to use all allocated funds by the end of February because BAC has no guarantee as to when the next donation will be received.

### **The following meetings were conducted during the year:**

BAC Board	:	5 meetings
Area IJS Board	:	10 meetings
Non Ferrous Committee meeting	:	10 meetings
VETT Committee	:	6 meetings
Undocumented Persons	:	4 meetings
CPF meetings	:	15 meetings attended (Richards Bay, Esikhawini, Empangeni)
ZCB Empangeni Divisional Meeting	:	11 meetings attended
ZCB Richards Bay Divisional	:	11 meetings attended
SAPS Sub-Joint Cluster Meetings	:	one meeting every month
GOCOC meeting	:	one meeting every week

## **Conclusion**

I would like to sincerely thank our stakeholders, funders and the board for all the contributions through the year (participation in BAC Awards dinner, annual donations). Special thanks go to our Chairman – Joey Kunji-Behari and Vice Chairman Leo Mattioda for their dedication and participation throughout the year. To the media – Zululand Observer, Zululand Fever, The Mercury, and East Coast Radio for the good press coverage and exposure. I would also like to wish the outgoing ZCBF/ ZCCI CEO Magugu Davis (Rapuleng) the best for the future in the United States. Lastly another special thank you to Thabisa Nxumalo, our PA for her commitment to BAC.