



# Mass patrol, huge success!

**Rustenburg** – The magnitude of this mass patrol is a first for Rustenburg.

The 36-hour crime combating patrol saw both private and public sectors working hand in hand to combat crime. The day was officially opened with prayer.

On Friday morning 4 August a command and control centre was set up on the corner of Bult and Kerk Streets and from this point the mass patrol was underway.

The goal of this operation was to create more visibility, crime fighting and crime prevention. This patrol was manned by more than 200 people, approximately 155 vehicles and a helicopter.

This massive operation, organised by Johan de Klerk, chairman of security for AfriForum Rustenburg said: "This operation was conducted in the Rustenburg policing area with great success. The support and cooperation of the Rustenburg Local Municipality (RLM) was phenomenal and all sectors worked well together."

In an interview with the *Platinum Weekly* newspaper, Shadrack Kotsedi, director of Public Safety said: "Crime is everyone's enemy. You can't sit back; we all need to get involved and we must feel safe in our community."

Steven Alexander, commander of the Rustenburg Commando told the *Platinum Weekly* newspaper: "The community benefits if we work together. We look forward to the next mass patrol."

"A big thank you for all the support at this

event, if we all stand together like this, we will be combating crime before it occurs," Tarien Cooks, manager of general support services for AfriForum said, "This nationally rolled out mass patrol initiative form part of AfriForum's Project Nehemia."

**Friday 4 August 18h00 – Saturday 06h00:** Friday night was a relatively quiet night; Public Safety impounded a vehicle for being non road-worthy (Kremetart Avenue). A number of trespassing cases were attended to.

**Saturday 5 August 06h00 – 18h00:** Members of Public Safety were alerted to a vehicle in Leyds Street which had been hijacked on 21 July. The suspect tried to escape, but was successfully apprehended.

**Saturday night 18h00 – Sunday 06h00:** Approximately every 30 minutes cases of trespassing were reported and attended to by patrols, and a break-in at a business premises was reported in Dawes Street.

**Sunday 06h00 – 12h00:** A break-in at a residence in Francolin Avenue was reported at around 12h39. The suspect fled, scaling walls to escape arrest. Fortunately patrols were able to apprehend the suspect in Fisant Avenue.

*AfriForum would like to thank all everyone involved in this massive operation. They include:*

- **Public Safety:** 2 vehicles with 10 members and an intervention team on stand-by.

- **Fidelity ADT Rustenburg:** 2 vehicles with 5 members.

- **Wesalarms Rustenburg:** 4 vehicles with 4 members.

- **ARS Rustenburg:** 1 vehicle with 1 member.

- **Oostermoed:** 3 vehicles with 3 members. The deployed helicopter partook in planned operations during the weekend and was on standby if the need arose for a serious situation. The helicopter travelled about 312km with 30 man hours. This included one mountain rescue and a poaching incident. Estimated cost: R17 345.00

- **ER24 Rustenburg:** 1 Ambulance with 2

paramedics. Estimated cost: R20 000.00

- **KromRex Community Group – Kroondal area:** 16 vehicles with 316 man-hours and travelled 1435km.

- **Rustenburg Commando:** 17 vehicles with 438 man-hours and travelled 1114km. Estimated cost: R 3 634.00.

- **RCCF:** 92 vehicles with 648 man-hours and travelled 3412km. Estimated cost: R 3 126.00

- **CPF Rustenburg:** 17 vehicles with 1365 man-hours and travelled 1280km. Estimated cost: R 875.00

- **BUCO Rustenburg:** donated 40 reflective vests and 100 bottles of water. Estimated cost: R 2 800.00



From left: Shadrack Kotsedi, director of Public Safety; Nqobile Sithole, municipal manager for Rustenburg Local Municipality and Johan de Klerk, chairman of security for AfriForum Rustenburg. "This is a first in Rustenburg's history, that an operation of this magnitude was undertaken," Sithole said.



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**SAPS**  
MISSING



**PINK LADIES:** Hendrick Van Wyk (29) was last seen on 30 July 2017 in Mooienooi NW, driving a Black Nissan Qashqui 2008 REG: JRL-825NW. He was wearing black tracksuit pants, a grey fleece jacket and black and green tekkies. If you have any information, please contact SAPS Mooienooi Cst Tshabalala on 014 574 3215

**WANTED**



**SAPS:** The suspect is a male between the age of 25 and 28. He is of medium height and of slender build. The suspect speaks Setswana and English and his hair is shortly shaved. The SAPS is looking for this person regarding a case of Rape, which occurred on the 28th of August 2016 at about 04:30 in the morning in Thlabane. The investigating officer on this case is Cst Moshe of Rustenburg FCS with the following contact numbers: 014-594 8300 / 060 967 3924.



From left: Johannes Makanita, security manager of RLM's Public Safety department; Solomon Setshedi, Thato Nthite, Charmaine Lekote and Timothy Yabo, all members of Public Safety.



Friday night at the command and control centre.