

Jonkershoek SRA NPC

Chairman's Report: AGM 2023

1. Introduction

The 2023 AGM of the Jonkershoek Special Ratings Area NPC will be held on Tuesday, 21 November 2023 at the Stellenbosch High School. The official Notice of AGM was distributed on 30 October 2023.

This year's AGM will be held in person. Members not wishing or able to attend in person, must please complete and submit the proxy form attached to the Notice of the AGM, by no later than 17h30 on Monday, 20 November 2023. We urge any such members to kindly appoint proxies in order to reach the number of members required to constitute a quorum to be present in person or represented by proxies.

A short presentation of this report will be given at the AGM

2. Membership

As mentioned before, membership of the Jonkershoek SRA NPC is limited to property owners within the boundaries of the JSRA, but owners must apply for membership by completing the appropriate application forms available on the JSRA website. If any members are aware of new owners of property in their area who may not have applied for membership as yet, please forward the notice of AGM and encourage them to complete and submit the application forms. Membership currently numbers around 404 and contributing properties 1,060.

3. Financial Report

3.1 Annual Financial Statements

The Annual Financial Statements (AFS) for the year ended 30 June 2023 were approved by the Board of Directors on 12 October 2023 and are presented to the members for noting at the AGM. The AFS are available on the JSRA website.

Here follows some salient features:

Income statement

	R'000	2023	2022
Levy income		5 362	5 050
Interest / other income received		-	21
Donation received		20	20
Expenditure		(5070)	(4 608)
Over recovery for the year		<u>375</u>	<u>502</u>

Balance Sheet

	R'000	2023	2022
Assets			
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant & Equipment		<u>820</u>	<u>739</u>
Current Assets			
Trade and other receivables		179	-
Cash and cash equivalents		<u>2 356</u>	<u>2 152</u>
		<u>2 536</u>	<u>2 152</u>
Total Assets		<u>3 356</u>	<u>2 891</u>
Equity and Liabilities			
Equity: Retained Income		3 222	2 846
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables		<u>135</u>	<u>45</u>
Total Equity and Liabilities		<u>3 356</u>	<u>2 891</u>

Changes in Equity

Balance 2021 – 2 343

Balance 2022 – 2 846

Balance 2023 – 3 221

Total cash at end of 2023

R 2, 356 mil

Commentary:

2023 expenses came in below budget and is shown as retained income growing the net cash position

The financial situation is healthy and the current team will continue with responsible financial management

3.2 Budget

The budget for the next financial cycle = R 5 693 842 increasing by 6.43% compared to 2023

4. Directors

The Directors of the Jonkershoek SRA NPC as currently registered with the CIPC are:

Jacques van Aswegen (Chairman)*
Charl Cillié
Helmi Dreijer
Mike Ehret
Gretha Groeneveld
Pierre Bekker*
Jannes de Wet
Frans Krige*

* Retire by rotation and available for re-election.

5. Public Safety: JSRA Patrols, Control Room and Crime Statistics

Patrol Vehicles:

- Three patrol vehicles in area 24/7 on three shifts (day, night, rest day)
- AM Security is the appointed contractor

Control Room:

- JSRA control room (established 2018) is becoming too small. New premises are being investigated
- Currently one operator per shift on three shifts 24/7 (day, night, rest day)
- Operators contracted from AM Security

Municipal Control Room:

- Currently one operator on ad-hock shifts mostly during weekends on dayshift
- Operators contracted from AM Security

JSRA SUCCESSES FOR 2023 (JAN TO OCT)

Arrests:

JSRA Security Officers made 20 arrests - among others:

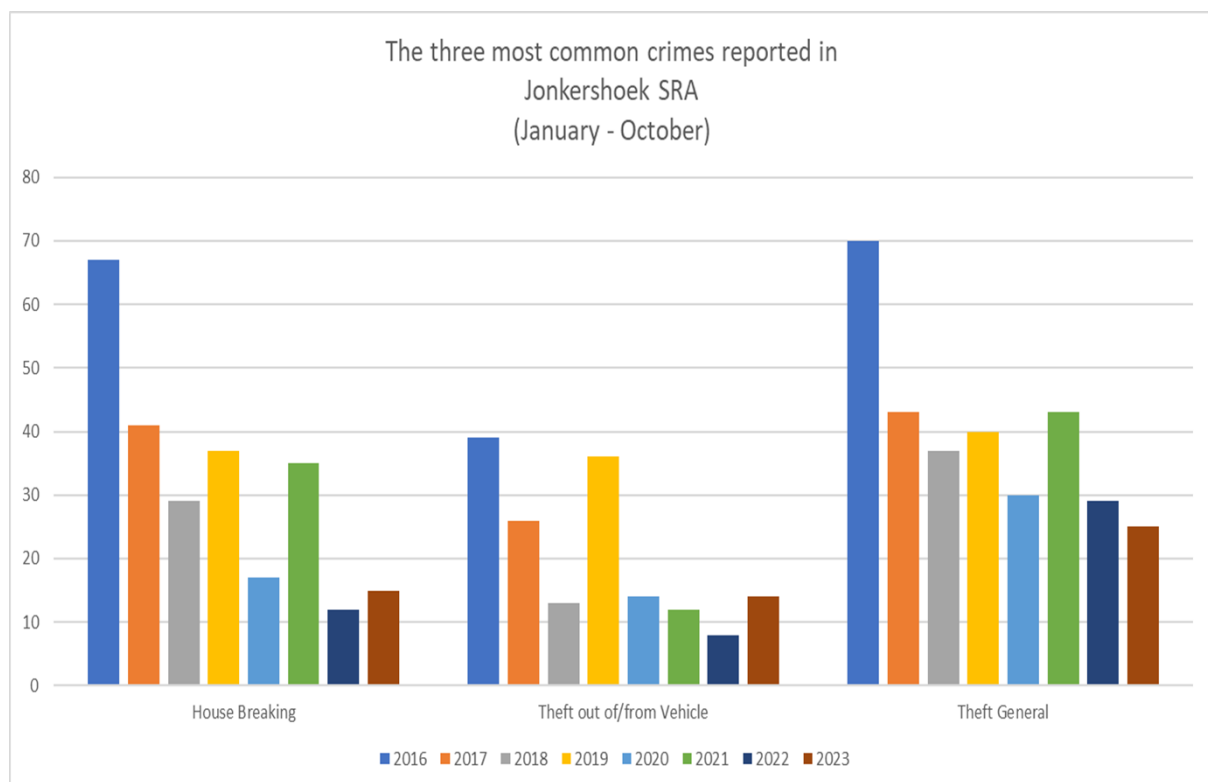
- Housebreaking & Theft
- Possession of housebreaking equipment
- Possession of suspected prohibited substances
- Theft general
- Possession of presumably stolen property
- Possession of dangerous weapon Suspects were handed over to SAPS for profiling.

Complaints attended to:

The JSRA guards attend to an average of 324 complaints per month:

- ±132 Suspicious persons
- ±29 Suspicious vehicles
- ±68 Open gates/garage doors
- ±43 Suspicious activities (dogs barking, etc.)

JSRA CRIME OVERVIEW – 2023 (JAN TO OCT)



The three most common crimes reported in JSRA

(All the reports include attempts and crimes not reported to SAPS)

- During 2023 we had an increase in House Breaking and Theft out of/from Vehicle and a decrease in Theft General.
- There were several cases where suspicious persons/activities were observed by control room operators, JSRA patrol vehicles dispatched and the suspects arrested
- Also, some cases where residents reported crimes on the WhatsApp groups or by telephone and the review of the camera footage resulted in the subsequent arrest of the suspects by SAPS .
- We also have incidents that's log onto our crime stats, that is not reported to SAPS.

Herewith a few examples:

- In the early morning hours on a Wednesday in January the JSRA Control Room observed three suspicious persons on camera in the Mostertsdrift area. In cooperation with other security partners the suspects were apprehended and taken for possible further investigation.
- In January a case of theft general was reported in the Mostertsdrift area. By reviewing the video material, the suspect was identified. Early in February the suspect was observed again. The complainant in the case was contacted and he opened a case of theft general. The suspect was handed over to the SAPS and arrested for the possession of presumed stolen property which is linked to the theft general case.
- In May a person presumed to be involved in crime was observed by the community in Jonkershoek Valley. JSRA vehicles were informed and were successful in finding the suspect. He was handed over to the SAPS for further investigation. Information regarding other incidents in the Jonkershoek Valley was also handed over to the SAPS.
- The JSRA Control Room received a complaint about two persons who are presumed to steal flowers. The suspects were found. The complainant was unwilling to open a criminal case. The suspects were warned and are monitored.

Crime Tendencies:

House breaking (15 cases), Theft out of/from Vehicle (14 cases) and Theft general (25 cases).

Numerous cases not reported to SAPS by victims.

Housebreaking (15 cases):

- 8 cases reported in Jonkershoek Valley area. Most of the cases happened during the night. No specific day tendency.
- 3 cases reported in Mostertsdrift area. All 3 cases happened during the day. No specific day tendency.
- 2 cases reported in Karindal area. Both cases happened during the day.
- 1 case reported in Rozendal area. Wednesday during the day.
- 1 case reported in Uniepark area. Sunday during the night.

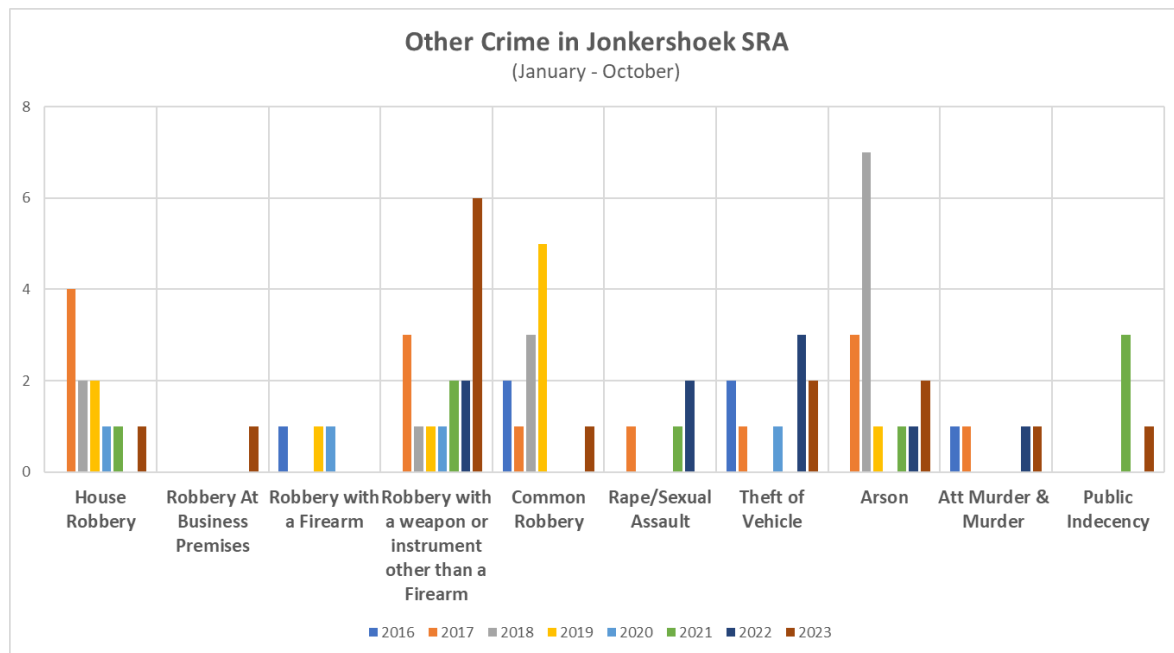
Theft out/from Vehicle (14 cases):

- 7 cases reported in Mostertsdrift area. Most of the cases happened during the day. No specific day tendency
- 4 cases reported in Jonkershoek Valley area. 3 of the cases happened during the day. Most of the cases also happened on a Saturday.
- 2 case reported in Rozendal area. No specific day or time tendency.
- 1 case reported in Unipark area. Tuesday morning.

Theft general (25 cases):

- 9 cases reported in Mostertsdrift area. Tuesdays during the day standing out.
- 6 cases reported in Simonswyk area. Monday during the day standing out.
- 4 cases reported in Uniepark area. No specific day & time tendency.
- 3 cases reported in Jonkershoek Valley area. No specific day & time tendency.
- 2 cases reported in Karindal area. No specific day & time tendency.
- 1 case reported Rozendal area. Wednesday during the day.

Numerous cases were not reported to the SAPS by the victim/complainant. Please note the JSRA cannot open criminal cases on behalf of a victim/complainant.



Other Crime reported in JSRA

(All the reports include attempts and crimes not reported to SAPS)

House Robbery (1 case):

During July at ± 20:20 on a Sunday night the JSRA was informed of an incident in Oranjelaan. The suspect presumably gained entrance to the house through a window. The complainant detected the suspect red-handed, resulting in a row. The complainant was injured. The suspect fled with stolen items.

The suspect fled over several premises in AP Venterlaan and was also observed in Otterkuil Street. Information was received that the suspect presumably also passed through Unielaan and Rheesicht Street areas.

Information regarding the incident and the suspect was passed on to the Stellenbosch Reaction Group, resulting in a search by several entities.

On the Monday morning the JSRA Control room was informed of an incident in Unielaan where a laptop was stolen. The complainant only realised it on Monday morning. The complainant could not determine at what time or in which way the suspect gained entrance to the property.

Later the Monday morning information was received from a client about an incident in the Banhoek area. The detail of the suspect matched the profile that was compiled about the suspect who was involved in the incidents the previous evening. The JSRA shared the information with the Stellenbosch Reaction Group. The suspect was detected by the SAPS, but unfortunately could not be arrested. The SAPS recognised him and while he was fleeing, he also drop a laptop. The suspect was known to the SAPS and was later arrested. The laptop that was lost on the flight was later identified as the property of the complainant in Unielaan. The suspicion also exists that the person was involved in the incident in Oranjelaan. All the information gathered by the JSRA was passed on to the SAPS for further investigation.

Business Robbery (1 case):

During March, on a Friday morning two suspects attempted to gain access to a business site at the informal settlement in the Jonkershoek Valley. The shop owner heard a noise and went to inspect. One of the suspects who was apparently armed with a firearm threatened the owner and ordered him to open the shop door. The owner ran away and then the suspects also fled. The suspects are unknown to the complainant. No injuries occurred.

Robbery with a weapon or instrument other than a Firearm (6 cases):

During March on a Saturday evening the complainant walked in the Jonkershoek Valley in the direction of the Okkie Jooste Camping site. He was approached by four suspects armed with knives. The suspects took the complainant's cell phone and fled. This is the only information available to the JSRA. No injuries occurred.

In April there were two incidents and both occurred in the Jonkershoek Valley. One incident occurred on a Tuesday afternoon, where three suspects approached the complainant. One of the suspects had a knife and he threatened the complainant. They took his cell phone and fled. No injuries. The other incident occurred on a Saturday evening. Three suspects approached the complainant and her friend. The suspects were armed with a stick and a panga. The suspects took their cell phone and bag and fled. No injuries.

During May, one incident was brought to our attention. It occurred on a Monday afternoon in the Jonkershoek Valley. The complainant and a girlfriend were at the Jonkershoek soccer field when they were approached by two suspects. The suspects threatened them with a knife and a panga. Items were handed over to the suspects and then they fled. No injuries.

During June, one incident was brought to our attention. It occurred on a Thursday morning in the Simonswyk area. The information was reported to us by a third party. The complainant is unknown to the JSRA and cannot be traced. According to the person reported the incident, three suspects approached the complainant and threatened him with a knife. They took his bag and other items. The complainant was assaulted and sustained injuries. The suspects took the items and fled.

During September, one incident of attempted armed robbery with a weapon other than a firearm was reported to us. The complainant is unknown to us and according to the witness a case was not opened with the SAPS. The incident probably occurred on a Wednesday afternoon in the Jonkershoek Valley behind the MTO parking area. The complainant and a girl-friend were approached by a young guy (at the age of about 14). He threatened them with a knife and demanded money. The complainant told the suspect that they did not have money and the girl-friend called for help. The suspect then fled. No injuries.

Common Robbery (1case):

During March, on a Sunday early evening, the complainant walked in the vicinity of MTO in the Jonkershoek Valley. Four suspects approached him, took his cell phone and cash and fled. No injuries occurred.

Theft Of Motor Vehicle| Motor Cycle (2 cases) reported:

Both cases were reported during March - Both incidents occurred in the Mostertsdrift area.

The one incident is also linked to a case of fraud, where the complainant advertised the vehicle on the internet. The complainant received a SMS showing that the payment for the vehicle was made. She handed over the keys of the vehicle to the suspect. The complainant only later realised that no payment had been made. She then reported the incident to the SAPS.

Video material of the possible suspect vehicle is saved for further investigation purposes.

In the other incident the complainant parked her motor cycle and left. After about a week she returned and discovered that it was not where she had parked it. She reported the motor cycle as being stolen.

Arson (1 case) reported:

During February, The JSRA Controller dispatched the JSRA Vehicles to Cape Natures Offices. According to information received, a petrol bomb was thrown through the window of an office at Cape Natures offices. All necessary emergency units informed.

During March a case of arson was opened in the Mostertsdrift area. No more information is available.

Murder | Attempted Murder (1 case) reported:

During July on a Saturday afternoon a fight broke out among guests and a resident at Assegaaibosch in the Jonkershoek Valley. One person stabbed another one in his neck with a sharp object. The victim was taken to the hospital where he was later declared dead. The SAPS was informed.

Public Indecency:

During May the following complaint has been brought to our attention. An unknown man urinated in public and when a girl passed by on her bicycle, he made indecent comments towards her. The girl continued driving and the man continued with the comments.

6. Public Safety: Operational Overview – Cameras

- 129 Cameras monitored live
- Control Room is now becoming too small. New premises are being investigated
- All images recorded and kept for a minimum of five days
- Cameras assist patrol vehicles with surveillance
- Increasing incidents where operators identified suspicious activity on camera and dispatched patrol vehicles to investigate
- Surveillance of public areas only
- Ongoing requirement of upgrading and expansion



Camera views in area – for each camera we need a camera licence



View of the monitoring screens in the JSRA Control Room

- JSRA currently have six LPR cameras installed by the municipality and one LPR camera installed by JSRA



LPR day/night vision



*Suspect spotted with a stolen bicycle –
Suspect found, identify scene, case open and handed over to SAPS*



Vehicle identify that was involved in a possible remote jamming in Mostertsdrift area

7. Operational Overview – Environmental Improvement

- Langverwacht Landscaping contracted to clean and beautify JSRA parks
- Team of ten workers clean parks and open areas
- The open area behind the Kwik Spar was added in 2023



8. Operational Overview – Social Responsibility

- A donation was made to Prochorus to build a new class room. They still need some funds to complete.
- You can read more about Prochorus on the following link:
<https://prochorus.org>



Aftercare Centre

Our Aftercare Centre exists to provide the scholars of Jonkershoek with an accessible and appropriate place to receive help with their school work. There is also a focus on developing other skills and providing mentorship.



Jonkershoek Cycling Project

The Jonkershoek cycling project uses cycling as a tool for whole life coaching and a life skills development programme. Our aim is to connect with the family, social and educational environment of these youngsters and to build networks and partnerships to positively impact their lives.



9. Operational Overview – Communication

- Security WhatsApp Groups: 8 with 1,222 members.
- Security Telegram Group: 1 with 74 members.
- Social WhatsApp Groups: 3 with 789 members
- Social Telegram Group: 1 with 63 members
- Crime Bulletin (monthly)
- Facebook page: 349 members
- Website: <http://www.jonkershoekstra.co.za/>

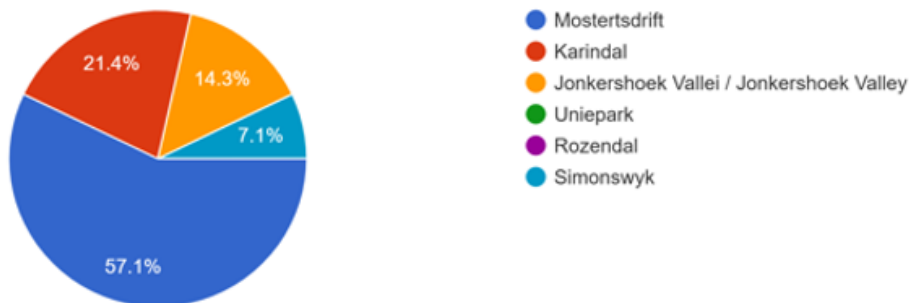
10. Jonkershoek SRA Flood Survey 2023

During June 2023 and September 2023, we experienced severe flooding in our area. Many properties were damaged during these floods.

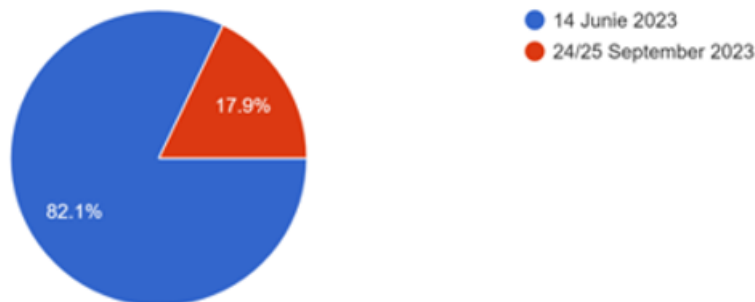
The intention of this survey was to determine the damage in Jonkershoek SRA and also which properties have been affected so that effective action can be taken in the future.

The outcome of the survey will assist the JSRA NPC Board to prioritize and improve the current services provided by the JSRA in similar situations.

Area that reported damage:



Date – Flood damage occurred:



11. Jonkershoek SRA Survey 2023

Introduction

The intention of this survey is to determine the general opinion of Jonkershoek Special Ratings Area (JSRA) ratepayers regarding the service provided. The outcome of the survey will assist the JSRA NPC Board to prioritize improvements to the current services provided as well as establish which issues residents would most like to see addressed.

Background

The objective of the JSRA is to improve and sustain a safe, healthy, clean, and caring environment for residents and visitors. The focus is on safety and security, the improvement of the public environment, and social upliftment.

The aim is to supplement and enhance municipal services determined by the community. The JSRA will not substitute municipal services, instead, the services of the JSRA will be 'over and above and on top of' services provided by the Municipality.

It is however important to note that the JSRA's focus is on the public areas within its boundaries. The JSRA will never replace private security companies and their armed response services to individual properties and residents. The purpose of the JSRA patrol vehicles and cameras is to keep the streets and other public areas safe and free from crime.

Cleaning and greening

The JSRA landscaping contractor will continue to provide services in addition to the normal services provided by the Stellenbosch Municipality.

Urban management and social upliftment:

The JSRA management will continue its good relationship with the various Municipal departments and continually look at projects to improve the social environment.

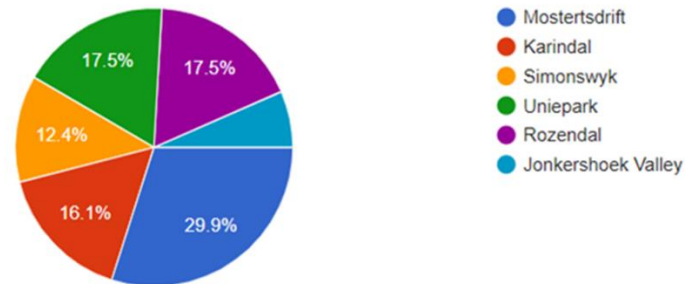
Communication

The successful WhatsApp|Telegram groups, e-mail communications (Crime Bulletin), and JSRA Website will be continued.

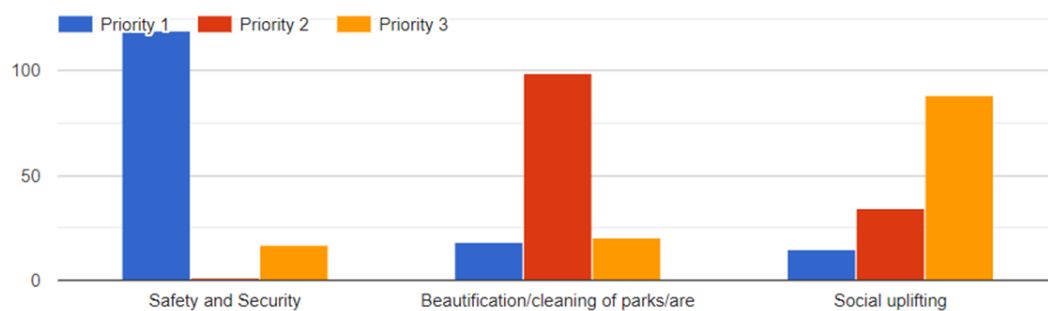
Survey Results:

Areas that participated in the survey (137 responses received back)

137 responses

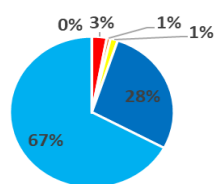


Overall, our priorities stay the same as our previous survey



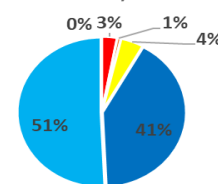
Overall, most of our community members is satisfied and very happy with our service provided

How satisfied are you with the overall performance of the JSRA?



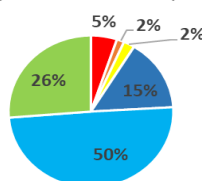
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How safe do you feel in your neighbourhood and in the community as a whole?



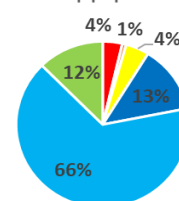
1 2 3 4 5 N/A

Have you ever had to report a crime or emergency to the JSRA? If so, how satisfied were you with the response?



1 2 3 4 5 N/A

Please rate your interaction with the JSRA using the WhatsApp platform.



1 2 3 4 5 N/A

12. General

The JSRA successfully operated during the past years each with unique challenges. In 2023 the biggest challenge was loadshedding and its effect on our operations. Back-up power was identified as the biggest challenge for the JSRA camera surveillance systems and has been addressed on a number of strategically placed cameras. The said cameras are equipped with a backup power system to ensure continued operation throughout loadshedding. It remains an expensive alteration and will be rolled out over the next few years to include more cameras.

Jonkershoek Valley received a camera at Kieriekwaak utilizing the solar/battery technology to operate, monitoring the main road leading in and out of the valley.

Die Laan area applied for SRA status to be incorporated with the JSRA by June 2024. The voting went well and their application was submitted to the municipality end October 2023. The incorporation with the JSRA was welcomed and accepted by the JSRA directors. This means a full integration expanding the JSRA boundaries to include Koloniesland Estate and the general route school children from the area uses along the river.

The JSRA's most vulnerable boundaries remains the Botmaskop nature area and the length of the Eersterivier. Headway was made along the Helshoogte pass road with a security fence extending from Beltana (the municipal workshops) to Delaire Graff farm at the top of Helshoogte. This impressive fence is the result of collaboration between the municipality and private sector. Members of the JSRA will surely reap the enhanced security benefits in the future. The challenge now is the length of the Eersterivier and how to make it attractive and safe to utilize and preserve for the future.

The Jan Marais Park is also on the radar and we applied for funding to incorporate and take over the security of the park.

Our area experienced some extreme weather in 2023 same as other areas in the country. Two flood events in the same season only seen in previous generations caused extensive damage to properties in the low laying areas close to the Eersterivier. The JSRA collected information on the extent of the damage through a questionnaire that was sent out to the community through e-mail and WhatsApp/Telegram. The intention is to use the information formulating a appropriate response to future events.

During 2023 the JSRA lost its offices at the now new Botmaskop development. We have an interim solution in place which is not sustainable. Positive talks are in progress with the high school to establish a facility on their grounds with a office, control room and monitoring facility. This will be on a rental basis with cost to equip and furnish the facilities for the JSRA own account.

2024 will be an exciting year for the JSRA. I believe we have the right structures in place to achieve our goals with the day to day management and the board of directors contributing positively and with enthusiasm. Thank you, it is a real pleasure working with you.

13. Acknowledgements

A special word of thanks to the following:

- The JSRA Manager and Directors
- The SAPS: Capt. Marco Nel
- Law Enforcement
- Stellenbosch Municipality
- Ward 7 Councillor: Annemarie Ferns
- All service providers and contractors
- All members and residents

If you have any questions or comments, you are welcome to contact us by email at thea@jpstrust.co.za.

Jacques van Aswegen

Chairman

21 November 2023