



**MINISTRY OF POLICE
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**MINUTES OF THE MINMEC MEETING HELD 1 JULY 2011
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**MINUTES:
POLICE MINMEC MEETING**

Birchwood Hotel
1 July 2011

1.	OPENING AND WELCOME The Minister of Police welcomed all present.
2.	PRESENT EN Mthethwa - Minister of Police Ms M Soty - Deputy Minister of Police Ms F Mazibuko – MEC: Gauteng Mr TW Mchunu – MEC: KZN Ms H Sauls-August – MEC: Eastern Cape Ms N Ndonga – Mpumalanga (on behalf MEC) Mr P Mabilo – MEC: Northern Cape Mr Dan Plato – MEC: Western Cape Gen. BH Cele – National Commissioner Ms J Irish- Qhobosheane – Secretary of Police Mr S Ndlovu – Chief of Staff
3.	APOLOGIES Ms SFD Mohono – MEC: North West
4.	ABSENT Mr T Manyoni – MEC: Free State
5.	ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF 19 November 2011
	The Minutes of the MINMEC Meeting of 25 February 2011 were adopted with the necessary amendments

6.	MATTERS ARISING
6.1	<p>Legislative programme update The Secretary of Police informed the meeting that the Civilian Secretariat for Police Service Act and the Independent Police Investigative Directorate Act had been signed off by the President in May 2011 but a date of when they come into operation was still being discussed.</p>
6.2	<p>Update on CFR process The Minister of Police reported that the process was now in its eighth month and that significant progress was being made in addressing the backlogs and that more 900 000 license applications had been dealt with during this period. The deadline for this process is end of September and the CFR is on track to meet this deadline.</p>
7.	<p>WHITE PAPER The Secretary of Police presented to the meeting a power point presentation on the issues and the proposals that will be addressed in the White Paper for Safety and Security.</p>
7.1	<p>Comments on the Presentation The Minister of Police said the review of the White Paper attempted to take on board what had happened since 1998 and that social crime issues needed to become a multi-agency approach to crime and he emphasized that this is not the primary role of the police. The Minister said that one of the flaws had been that all these social crime prevention areas had been dumped on the police. The Minister also emphasized that the community policing philosophy had to be emphasized upfront in the White Paper.</p> <p>The MEC for KwaZulu Natal said that the presentation clarified a number of issues in that it provided a framework around which people could apply their minds. The MEC for KwaZulu Natal also said that the issue of CPFs needs to be addressed in detail as this was causing problems for the provinces. The MEC for Gauteng supported this view and said that the province had experienced numerous problems in this regard. The Secretary of Police then responded by saying that it may not be possible to provide all the detail in the White Paper because this would then turn the document into a thesis and what would be required is that specific areas and aspects of our vision then need subsequent policy documents that would go into the details of different aspects of our vision.</p> <p>The MEC for Gauteng raised the issue of the shift systems within the police and that current shift systems don't allow for the necessary personnel to be available during peak crime times.</p> <p>The MEC for Northern Cape also raised the issue of knives that are used in the Northern Cape to commit robberies. The Minister of Police explained that this will be addressed in changes to the Dangerous Weapons Act.</p> <p>The MEC Western Cape raised that rural safety needed to be prioritized. The Minister responded by saying the Police already have a Rural Safety Strategy which will be sent to the MEC in Western Cape.</p>

8.	POLICE KILLING SUMMIT The Minister of Police highlighted that the Police Killings Summit had attempted to bring together all the different stakeholders and role players to develop solutions. The Minister emphasized that he would like to follow up this summit with provincial summits.
8.1	Comments on the issue of Police Killings The National Commissioner said that police killings was a real problem and he invited MECs to come to the funerals to see the real damage this was doing to both police morale and the families left behind.
9.	CLOSURE The Minister thanked the MECs for attending the MINMEC and closed the meeting and invited MECs to join him for lunch.
10.	DATE, TIME OF NEXT MEETING The dates for the meeting for the year have been circulated.

