



## Dear Residents

### Invitation I Security Workshop

We invite you to an exceptional **"Hostage Survival Training"** learning opportunity hosted by the Security Team and presented by internationally recognised experts from KIMS International, specialist consultants to our Security Team.

This is not a practical session. It is an insightful, knowledge-driven two-hour course designed to empower you with a critical understanding of how to respond should you ever find yourself in a kidnapping situation.

### Event Details

Dates: Thursday, 17 July and Friday, 18 July 2025  
Time: Thursday at 11:00 and 14:00, and Friday at 09:00 and 12:00  
Venue: L'Huguenot Cellar

Booking details: The sessions are limited to 40 attendees per session, and the cost is R150 per attendee. Please book your seats with Ronecia Adams at [ronecia.adams@vdrvhoa.co.za](mailto:ronecia.adams@vdrvhoa.co.za).

### Your Speakers from KIMS International

- **Herman Bosman**, Managing Director
- **Gerco van Deventer**, Crisis Incident Analyst

### About Gerco van Deventer

With nearly three decades of operational medical and crisis management experience, Gerco has worked in some of the world's most volatile and high-risk environments, including Afghanistan, Somalia, and Libya. His extensive international background and specialist training, including Royal Dutch Air Force SERE (Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape), have positioned him as a respected expert in crisis response and survival under extreme circumstances.

Gerco's most profound insights come from personal experience. In November 2017, he was kidnapped en route to a power station project in Libya. Held captive for more than six years, including eight months in the Sahara Desert and over five years in the custody of Al-Qaeda operatives in Mali, his survival story is nothing short of extraordinary. Released in December 2023 following delicate negotiations by the Algerian Secret Service, Gerco shares his experience and what it takes to survive.

### **Why Attend**

This is a rare opportunity to hear firsthand how to survive a hostage situation, from someone who has lived it. The session offers invaluable insight into:

- What happens during a kidnapping
- The psychological and physical challenges of captivity
- Essential survival strategies
- What knowledge can make the difference in critical situations

Seats are limited, so we encourage you to reserve yours promptly.

Kind regards,

**Pearl Valley Security Team and Val de Vie Estate**  
**01 July 2025**

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