



Welcome to the "Year in Review" edition of SECURITY MATTERS, the first issue of 2026. As the new year begins on a positive note, we take a moment to reflect on the significant events, achievements, and community spirit that defined 2025 for the security team.



## BIDVEST PROTEA COIN LAUNCH

In March 2025, we welcomed Bidvest Protea Coin as our new security service provider, ushering in a new era of enhanced protection. The transition was seamless and

professional, highlighted by the impactful Security Townhall on 6 March 2025, where residents experienced live demonstrations of advanced tactics, rapid-response strategies, and cutting-edge innovations that continue to strengthen our defenses.



### **K9 PAXTON AND REVA ON DUTY**

K9 Paxton quickly proved his exceptional capabilities by making his first successful detection - a significant cannabis seizure - at the contractors' gate, underscoring his

outstanding value to site security. He further demonstrated his worth during recent Crime Operations conducted in collaboration with the South African Police Service (SAPS) and Drakenstein Law Enforcement, where his skills contributed effectively to enhanced enforcement efforts and crime prevention on the estate.

K9 Reva, a two-year-old German Shorthaired Pointer, was appointed in November 2025 as our specialised tracking K9 to bolster protection across the estate. Her role focuses on advanced human scent trailing, evidence location, and support during incidents requiring precise follow-up on footpaths, trails, or disturbed areas. We look forward to seeing Reva's skills in action as she continues to prove her value in safeguarding our community.



K9 PAXTON

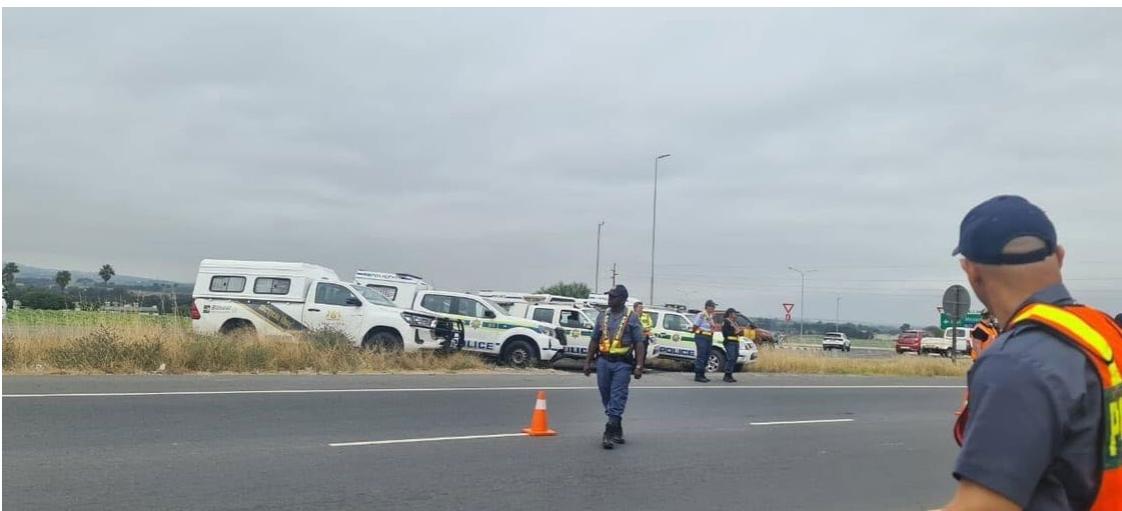


K9 REVA

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### **DRAKENSTEIN COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM**

This collaborative initiative was launched in August 2025 to strengthen crime prevention and safety interventions across the region. This multi-stakeholder platform unites the South African Police Service, Municipal Law Enforcement, Fire and Rescue Services, private security companies, Community Police Forums, and Neighbourhood Watch structures. The security team, actively participates by joining the forum's joint crime-prevention operations and coordinated efforts. Through this united approach, we are building a safer, more resilient Drakenstein community.





## **FIRE IN THE WINELANDS**

During 2025, the security team played a vital role in supporting efforts to combat both house fires and numerous veld fires that affected the Estate and surrounding areas. The team provided swift on-site responses to house fire incidents, helping to prevent major damage in several cases and assisted with containment, monitoring, and coordination

during larger veld blazes amid hot, windy conditions. The Security Team extends their deepest gratitude to the residents for their remarkable generosity and community spirit. This collective support truly made a difference and exemplified the strong sense of unity within the estates.



## COMMUNITY AWARENESS

The Security Team hosted a highly impactful Hostage Survival Training session presented by KIMS International. The event offered practical insights into the realities of kidnapping and hostage situations, along with essential survival strategies. A key highlight was the presentation by Gerco van Deventer, Crisis Incident Analyst at KIMS International, who shared his extraordinary personal story of surviving a prolonged hostage ordeal after nearly 30 years of crisis management in high-risk zones such as Afghanistan, Somalia, and Libya. This valuable training equipped participants with the knowledge and preparedness needed to better respond to such critical threats.



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## STAR OF THE YEAR

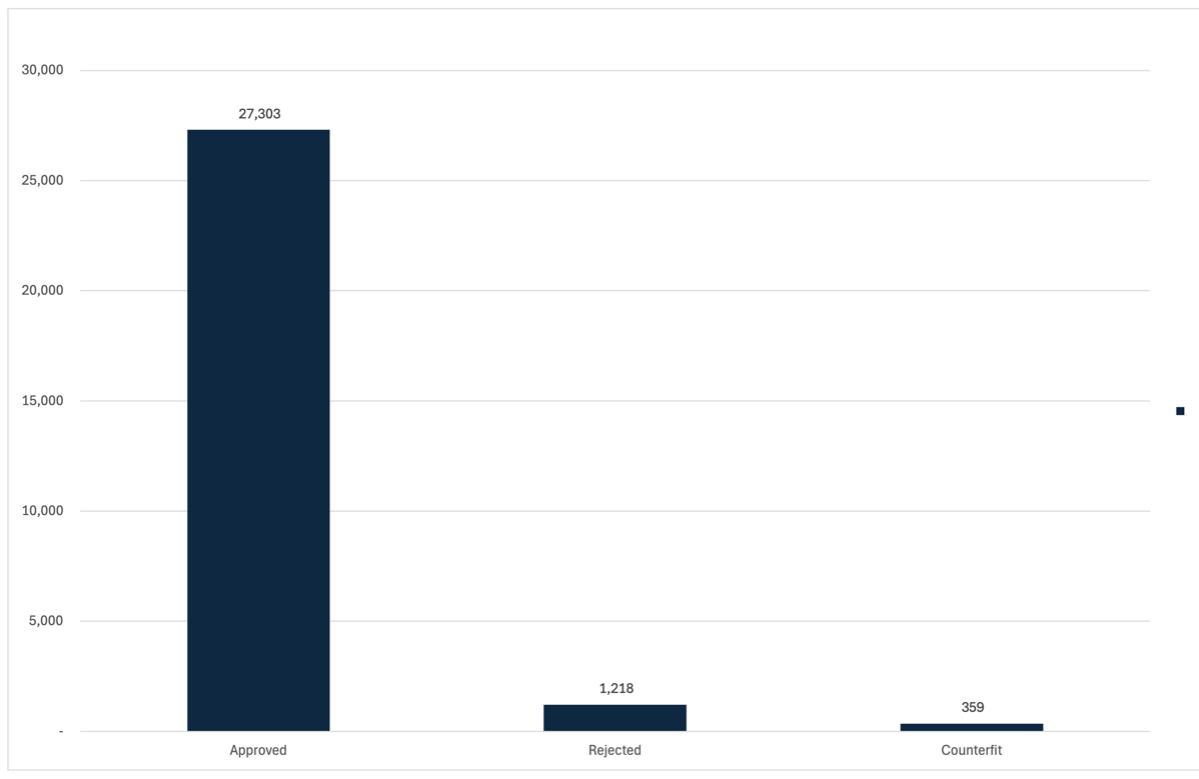
Officer Yamkela Tafeni has been named our Star of the Year employee for his heroic response to a house fire at Pearl Valley. Arriving on scene in just three minutes, he swiftly accessed the nearest fire hydrant, connected the hose, and began containing the blaze by spraying the roof, following emergency protocols with calm precision. His quick, decisive actions - supported by Titanium Ambulance responders - kept the fire under control until the Fire Department arrived, preventing a far worse outcome. We salute Officer Tafeni for his composure, initiative, teamwork, and unwavering dedication to protecting our community.



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## WE PROTECT

Our estate community is home to a combined total of 7,750 residents. During 2025, the security team managed 6,813,419 movements through the entrance gates. Below are some statistics on the annual vetting conducted for service providers.



*Criminal Background Checks Conducted*

## IN CLOSING

As we step into 2026, these reflections serve as a powerful reminder of the strong foundation we have built together as a community. Thank you for your ongoing partnership and unwavering support, we remain fully committed to keeping our estate safe, secure, and the truly special place we all call home.

### **Yours in Security**

The Security Team

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