



VETUS SCHOLA
"Legends Endure"

Newsletter

LEGENDS ENDURE

MAY – SEPTEMBER 2025



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IN MEMORIAM



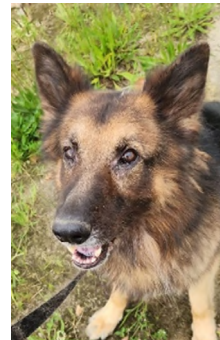
In Loving Memory of K9 Handler Tukani

This June, we said goodbye to one of our most dedicated K9 handlers, Tukani, whose passing leaves a profound void in our Vetus Schola family. For the past two years, Tukani worked closely with K9 Rex at 13 Vines, forming a partnership built on trust, respect, and unwavering commitment from day one. Their bond was truly exceptional, Tukani's patience and care helped Rex overcome previous difficulties and flourish beyond all expectations.

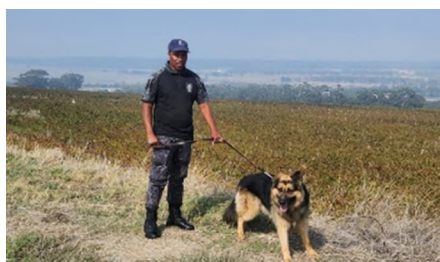
Tukani was known not only for his professionalism but for his genuine love and dedication to his K9 partner. He consistently went the extra mile to ensure Rex's wellbeing and success, demonstrating a level of diligence and respect that inspired everyone around him. The

connection they shared was evident in every training session and operational task, reflecting the true spirit of teamwork and devotion. Beyond his role as a handler, Tukani was a valued colleague, always ready to support his team with kindness and integrity. His warmth, humility, and passion for his work made a lasting impression on all who had the privilege to work alongside him.

As we remember Tukani, we extend our deepest condolences to his family, friends, and everyone whose lives he touched. His memory will live on through the legacy of excellence and compassion he leaves behind. He will be dearly missed but never forgotten.



LEGENDS OF THE MONTH



Thembalam Mkancu

K9 Unit
Employee of the Month

MAY

Themba continues to stand out in the K9 Unit for his passion, positivity, and dedication to the dogs in his care. In May, he embraced new training methods with enthusiasm, helping newer K9s excel in their evaluations. His initiative and joy in training make him a well-deserving nominee this month.



Ntobeko Swewhase

K9 Unit
Handler of the Month

MAY

Ntobeko is nominated for May for his outstanding work at Spes Bona Trekkers alongside K9 Challenger. Known for staying calm under pressure, he expertly balances multiple demands while keeping his K9 focused and under control. His professionalism, strong handling skills, and client-first approach make him a standout member of the team.



Sanele Sotywambe

K9 Unit
Handler of the Month

MAY

Sanele is nominated for his exceptional teamwork with K9 Prince, showcasing the powerful bond between handler and dog. Their patrols are carried out in perfect sync, with K9 Prince responding confidently under Sanele's care and guidance. His dedication, both on duty and during downtime, plays a key role in Prince's excellent condition and performance.



Jeremy Roland

Armed Response
Officer of the Month

MAY

We appreciate Jeremy's hard work and dedication, your commitment does not go unnoticed, and it truly makes a difference every day.



Keanon Williams

Armed Response Control Room
Operator of the Month

MAY

Your positive attitude and dedication make a real difference in our workplace. We truly value the energy and enthusiasm you bring to the team every day.



Ephraim Marais

Armed Response
Officer of the Month

JUNE

Thank you for bringing your positive attitude to work every day.



LEGENDS OF THE MONTH



Quinton Walters
Paarl Control Room
Operator of the Month

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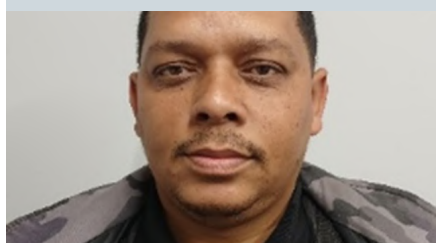
Thank you, Quinton, for your hard work and dedication to the team. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed.



Lonwabo Gani
K9 Unit
Employee of the Month

JUNE

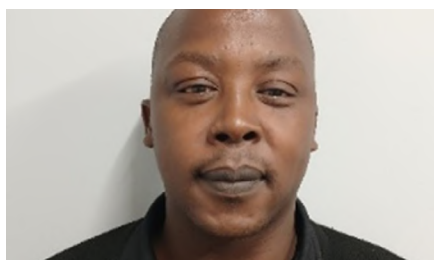
Over the past three months, Lonwabo Gani has shown outstanding dedication to the K9 unit's refresher training classes, bringing enthusiasm and creativity to every session. As the decoy for bite work exercises, he creates challenging scenarios while adding a welcome sense of fun for trainees. His professionalism, bilingual skills, and positive attitude make him an invaluable asset to the team.



Dominique Harris
Armed Response
Officer of the Month

JULY

We proudly recognize your hard work and dedication with this well-deserved Employee of the Month award. Keep up the outstanding effort, your commitment truly makes a difference!



S Guda
Guarding
Supervisor of the Month

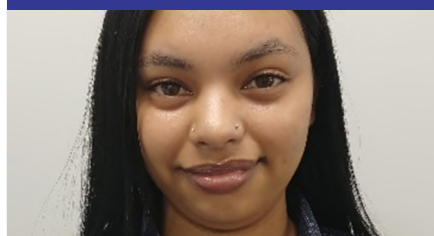
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We sincerely appreciate your hard work and commitment. Your efforts make a real difference, and we are grateful to have you on the team.



Ivan Sauls
Paarl Armed Response
Officer of the Month

AUGUST



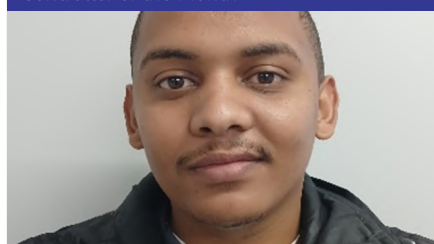
Jayden Solomon
Paarl Control Room
Operator of the Month

AUGUST



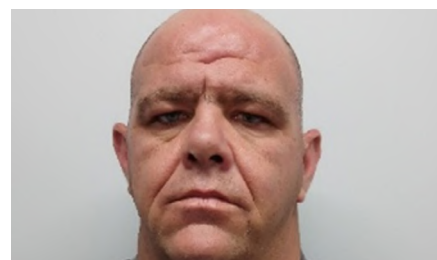
Sylvia Johnny
Paarl Guarding
Controller of the Month

AUGUST



Miquel du Plessis
Guarding
Driver / Supervisor of the Month

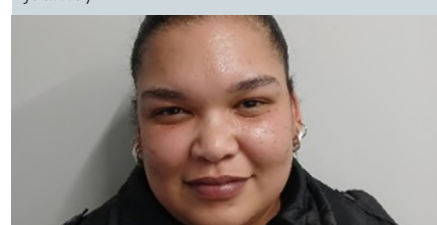
AUGUST



Daniel Vernooij
Paarl Armed Response
Officer of the Month

SEPTEMBER

We're celebrating an incredible 10 years of dedication at Vetus Schola! Your hard work, commitment, and willingness to go above and beyond truly make a difference. Thank you for being such an essential part of our journey!



Velandre Hendricks
Control Room
Operator of the Month

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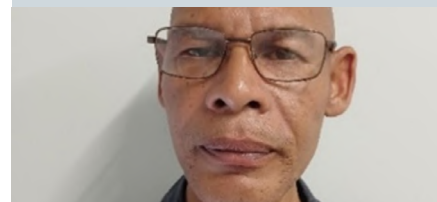
This recognition is truly well-deserved. Thank you, Velandre, for your hard work, dedication, and the positive impact you make every day!



Andiswa Ntamnani
Paarl Guarding
Controller of the Month

SEPTEMBER

Andiswa always brightens our days with her smile! Thank you for your hard work, dedication, and positive spirit.



Aubrey Blaine
Paarl Guarding
Supervisor of the Month

SEPTEMBER

Mr. Blaine, thank you for your relentless effort and unwavering commitment. Your hard work does not go unnoticed, and we truly appreciate all that you do!



LEGENDS OF THE MONTH



Odwa Mgudu

K9 & Training
Employee of the Month

JULY

For the month of July, we are proud to nominate Odwa Mgudu as Employee of the Month for his outstanding dedication to the K9 unit. Odwa is a true team player, always supporting his colleagues during training sessions, and his keen observations and helpful nature ensure every session runs smoothly. His enthusiasm and positive attitude uplift the entire unit, and we congratulate him on this well-deserved recognition!



Lonwabo Gani

K9 Unit
Employee of the Month

AUGUST

This month, we proudly nominate Lonwabo Gani as Employee of the Month for his outstanding contributions. Lonwabo consistently demonstrates skill and creativity in his work with trainees and colleagues, especially as a decoy during bitework exercises. His dedication to supporting trainees, caring for the K9s, and applying innovative ideas ensures the continued success and development of the unit.

Thembalam Mkancu

K9 Unit
Employee of the Month

SEPT

For the month of September, we are proud to nominate Thembalam Mkancu as Employee of the Month. Themba expertly fulfills multiple roles within the K9 unit, including driver, K9 handler, and caregiver, ensuring both our sites and K9s are well cared for. His dedication, especially with upcoming inspections, reflects the highest standards of the Company, and we congratulate him on this well-deserved recognition!



LEGENDS OF THE MONTH



Q3 LONG SERVICE LEGENDS

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LIANI STRYDOM
ADMIN ASSISTANT PAARL
01 MAY 2015

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JONATHAN HORN
CONTROL ROOM MANAGER
06 FEB 2015

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EDWARD BERNARDO
ARMED RESPONSE
13 JAN 2015

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MANDY CROY
TIME/ATTENDANCE CLERK
09 MAR 2015

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ANNIE CHALAMANDA
CLEANER
08 APR 2015

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NKOSIVUMILE NTOBELA
SECURITY OFFICER
30 MAR 2015

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ANDILE LETLATSA
SECURITY OFFICER
29 MAR 2015

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FUZILE NJAMA
SECURITY OFFICER
30 MAR 2015

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MBONI ROBO
SECURITY OFFICER
02 APR 2015

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SHIERAAZ FRANCIS
SECURITY OFFICER
04 MAY 2015

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SITHEMBISO MAGUMELA
SECURITY OFFICER
21 JUL 2015

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THABISO PHELANE
SECURITY OFFICER
10 SEP 2015

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THOZAMILE NDLELA
SECURITY OFFICER
11 SEP 2015

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LULAMA JALI
SECURITY OFFICER
11 SEP 2015

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DANIEL VAN DER MERWE
SECURITY OFFICER
21 OCT 2014



FROM THE EDITORS DESK

VETUS SCHOLA TEAM MISSION INCREDIBLE THE STRENGTH OF A TEAM

SECURITY OFFICERS, ARMED RESPONSE, K9, MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATORS, SUPERVISORS,
SHIFT COMMANDERS, SALES, MARKETING, SUPPORT, HUMAN RESOURCE, FINANCE

Dear Legend Readers

Legend News kicks off with a heartfelt tribute to K9 Handler Tukani, one of our most dedicated K9 handlers. His memory will live on through the legacy of excellence and compassion he leaves behind. He will be dearly missed but never forgotten.

Management would like to remind everyone that we are fast approaching summer with the festive season around the corner. Although this time of year brings joy to many emerging out of winter hibernation into the warm sunshine, we are reminded that so too are the criminals looking

for opportunities to strike. Please ensure you arm your alarms at night and when you are not at home during the day. Just like your vehicles need servicing to remain safe on the roads, so too do your alarm systems. Please contact our Technical Department to arrange for your alarms to be checked. Servicing early prevents a crazy rush before the end of the year.

To our staff, our Human Resources Department has a message for you. kindly take good care of yourselves as you protect and serve our communities you work in. Please look out for

each other and take note of the very important information on being wellness champions. All relevant contact information has been supplied.

Finally, we leave you with a taster for our next Legend News. October 2025, Vetus Schola protecting new sites...

Fond greetings to you All.



POSITIVE FEEDBACK

MAY

Paarl Armed Response & Guarding

Mr Christiaans – Paarl would like to thank Vetus Schola for assisting with the capturing of the suspect that was on his premises.



JULY

Somerset West Guarding

Somerset Oaks-Letter of Appreciation from Resident. I am a resident at Somerset Oaks and on Friday 18 July I suffered a blackout from incorrect medication in my car in Gordon Rd. The quick thinking and acting of the two above guards potentially saved my life.

I would like them to know how grateful I am to them and also to commend them to you for acting so heroically in their line of duty.

I shall also thank them personally when they return to duty on Wednesday.

Kind regards,
Pen Johnson

S/o Matome Kgatla CPT1617 and Kenan Keka CPT3349

Well done to these officers. They saved the day, and potentially a life.





POSITIVE FEEDBACK

JULY

Paarl Post

Paarl Armed Response & Guarding

'Diewe' vlug van slagoffers, kruip by Paarlse kompleks weg

By Rasaad Adams, 27 June 2025.
Share this post: Rasaad Adams

Twee mans is Maandagaand (23 Junie) by 'n sekuriteitskompleks in Vryk in die Paarl in hegtenis geneem nadat hulle oor die kompleks se hek gespring het toe 'n groep van sowat tien mans hulle glo met grawe agterna gesit het.

Die twee mans en 'n derde verdagte het na bewering die groep mans in die omgewing van Brugstraat probeer beroof. 'n Derde verdagte het in die Bergrivier-boulevard weggehardloop en verdwyn, het 'n inwoner van Vryk aan Paarl Post vertel. Volgens die inwoner het die oproerigheid omstreeks 21:00 begin.

"Die res van die sekuriteitskompleks is met elektriese drade omhein. Dis net die hek wat nie het nie, dus kon hulle so maklik daaroor spring. Die groep wat hulle gejaag het, het buite die hek lawaai gemaak. Sommige het grawe gehad. Hulle het beweer dat die drie mans hulle probeer beroof het. Die kompleks se wagte het die situasie probeer beredder en hulp ontbied," vertel die inwoner.

Die private veiligheidsmaatskappy Vetus Schola was volgens die inwoner binne enkele minute op die toneel, gevolg deur die Paarl-polisie.

"Hulle het die situasie dadelik kalmeer. Die twee verdagtes, wat nog binne die kompleks weggekruip het, is deur die polisie in hegtenis geneem. Die groep mans is toe gevra om die gebied te verlaat. Terwyl die twee in die vangwa gelaai is, was daar steeds 'n oor-en-weer gestryery." Die inwoner het verder vertel dat Brugstraat, veral die gebied onder die brug langs die Bergrivier, " 'n nes vir misdadigheid" geword het. "Daar is so baie onheilighede wat onder daai brug en langs die rivier plaasvind. Kyk, nou raak dit onskuldige inwoners van die buurt." Kapt. Louise du Plessis, 'n woordvoerder vir die Paarl-polisie, het by navraag bevestig dat twee mans (22 en 34) in hegtenis geneem is. Volgens Du Plessis is 'n mes en 'n panga in hul besit gevind.

Hulle sou gister (Woensdag 25 Junie) op aanklagte van poging tot roof, bedreiging op private eiendom en die besit van gevaarlike wapens verskyn.

JULY

» Forwarded

More Sam ..duisend dankies vir julle op en wakker diens. Ek het boodskap gestuur en vertrou dat iemand die hekke sal gaan toemaak. Bly warm Sam. 🙏🏻

07:22

Ina Pelser – Klein Gimnasium

AUGUST

Paarl Armed Response & Guarding

On 5 August 2025 technician was booked to assist with alarm at Egbert Street Northern Paarl. Mrs Pretorius would like to say thank you for sorting out her alarm and for receiving great service from Vetus Schola.

SEPTEMBER

Technical

T03 - Charl Smith – SW

Every time we make use of your services, we are impressed by the quality of the technical staff who arrive.

T03 - Charl Smith – SW

Prompt and professional.

T04 - Leeroy Hendricksen- SW

Very efficient and helpful.

T04 - Leeroy Hendricksen- SW

Always a pleasure dealing with Leroy & the team. always on time and very helpful, many thanks.

T05 - Talgah Omar – SW

Tidy, quick well-mannered and respectful.

T05 - Talgah Omar – SW

Friendly and competent.

T06 - Bevan Hendricks – SW

Very good service. Technicians were polite and friendly. Problem sorted out quickly.

T06 - Bevan Hendricks – SW

Prompt, efficient and cordial.

T01 - AJ Du Toit – SW

The two technicians were skilled, knowledgeable, well-presented and respectful. It was a pleasure dealing with them and they represent Vetus Schola well as brand ambassadors.

T01 - AJ Du Toit – SW

Your team, led by Ajay, were professional, friendly and proficient. Thank you.

TA09 - Jonathan Blankenberg

I am always pleased with service delivery.

TA09 - Jonathan Blankenberg

Amazing tech team!

TA01 - Manriqueco Benans – Paarl

Excellent service.

TA01 - Manriqueco Benans – Paarl

Technicians were very helpful and kind.

TA07 - Wessel Anthony Paarl

Wessel het professionele diens gelewer. Baie dankie.

TA07 - Wessel Anthony Paarl

Fast and efficient.



SUCCESS STORIES

MAY

Kleinzee & Koiingnaas: Joint Operation Leads to Arrest of Illegal Miners in Koiingnaas

On May 22nd, Vetus Schola and SAPS conducted a joint operation targeting illegal mining activity in Koiingnaas. Two illegal miners were successfully apprehended during the operation. This marks another step forward in our ongoing efforts to combat illegal mining.



JUNE

Kleinzee : Swift Action Leads to Recovery of Stolen Goods

On 20 June 2025, A/R Officer Daniels responded to a call from Malherbe Rust Architects after suspicious activity was reported on the premises. A thorough search uncovered stolen items, which were secured at the Paarl Control Room. Later that afternoon, the rightful owner was located, and all goods were safely returned, a great example of vigilance and swift teamwork in action.



JULY

Paarl Armed Response & Guarding: Successful Arrests

On 10 July 2025, Vetus Schola's Control Room received an alarm activation from a client premises. Armed Response Officer Harris promptly responded and apprehended a suspect found with stolen goods. Paarl SAPS were notified and arrived on scene to make the official arrest, highlighting the effectiveness of our rapid response team.



Quick Response Leads to Arrest

On 16 July 2025, Vetus Schola's Control Room received an alarm activation at a client premises. Armed Response Senior Officer Moni arrived promptly and caught the suspect on the premises with stolen items. Paarl SAPS were notified and arrested the suspect upon arrival, showcasing the efficiency of our team.



AUGUST

Paarl Armed Response & Guarding: Quick Response Prevents Damage at Paarl Plating

On 26 August 2025, smoke was observed emerging from the Paarl Plating premises at Jupiter Street. A/R Officer Jacobs was promptly dispatched to the scene to assist. The Vetus Schola Control Room immediately contacted the Drakenstein Fire Department, who swiftly arrived and extinguished the fire. The Fire Department commended Vetus Schola for their rapid response and effective coordination, which helped prevent further damage to the facility.



Armed Response Success At Kommaweer Café

On 19 August 2025, Armed Response Officer Philander received a call from Kommaweer Café in Main Road, Paarl South, following a reported armed robbery. The suspects fled toward the nearby railway. Officers Roland and Philander conducted a thorough search, and with information from SAPS, discovered the suspects hiding in the local graveyard. Officer Roland successfully apprehended one suspect, who revealed the location of the stolen cash near the railway station. The suspect was handed over to Paarl SAPS, and the recovered funds were returned. Despite one suspect escaping, the quick and coordinated response demonstrated the effectiveness of our armed response teams in protecting clients and recovering stolen property.



Break-In Suspects Apprehended

On 27 August 2025, Armed Response Officer Hendricks was alerted by the Paarl Control Room that suspects were still inside a client premises following a break-in. Upon arrival, Officer Hendricks found and apprehended the two suspects on the premises.

The suspects were handed over to Paarl SAPS, and the client, Mr. Wagenaar, officially opened a case. The swift response ensured that the suspects were caught on-site, highlighting the effectiveness of our armed response and monitoring systems.



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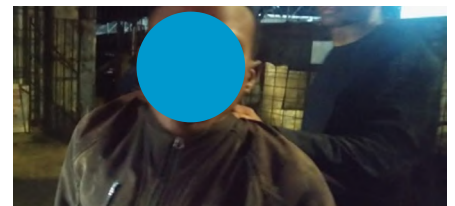
Paarl Armed Response & Guarding. Quick Action Leads To Apprehension In Courtrai

On 12 September 2025, Sammy noticed a male struggling to walk in the road and immediately alerted the Courtrai Armed Response team. Officer Ashton arrived within minutes to investigate and discovered that the individual was in possession of stolen goods and had sustained a dog bite, leaving him bleeding and in pain. The suspect was transported to Paarl Hospital for treatment before being handed over to Paarl SAPS. Despite the apprehension, the suspect has not disclosed where the stolen goods originated. This incident highlights the vigilance and rapid response of Vetus Schola officers in protecting the community and supporting law enforcement efforts.



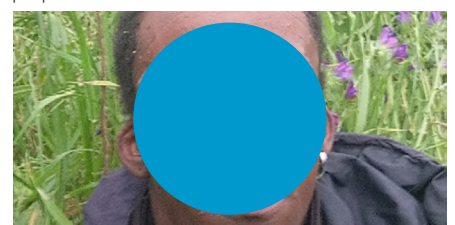
Paarl Armed Response & Guarding. Suspects Apprehended During Routine Patrol

On 12 September 2025, Armed Response Officers Moni, Roland, and Hendricks were conducting a routine patrol at a client premises in Northern Paarl, when they noticed suspicious movement on the premises. Upon investigation, the officers apprehended three suspects on-site. The Control Room promptly contacted Paarl SAPS, who arrived and took the suspects into custody. This quick and decisive action underscores Vetus Schola's commitment to proactive security measures and effective collaboration with law enforcement to keep our clients' premises safe.



Suspect Apprehended After Client Alert

On 15 September 2025, our client in Paarl suspected an intruder on their property and immediately alerted Vetus Schola Paarl. Armed Response Officers Philander and Fisher, promptly went to investigate. The officers discovered a suspect hiding under metal and hoods on the premises. Paarl SAPS were contacted and arrived on-site, and the client subsequently opened an official case. This incident highlights the importance of vigilance, rapid response, and strong collaboration with law enforcement in keeping properties secure.





GENERAL NEWS

PAARL ARMED RESPONSE & GUARDING

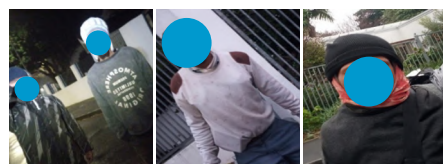
Keeping Communities Clean And Safe – Bin Day Operations

From May through September 2025, Vetus Schola Paarl successfully carried out a series of Bin Day Operations, uniting our Armed Response teams in a proactive effort to maintain safety and order in areas affected by vagrancy. These monthly operations focus on cleaning up public spaces, addressing potential security risks, and ensuring community well-being. By working closely with local authorities and residents, Vetus Schola continues to uphold its commitment to creating environments that are safe, secure, and free from disruption. Through teamwork, vigilance, and consistent action, our Bin Day initiative reinforces the vital role of community collaboration in proactive crime prevention and urban upkeep.

May



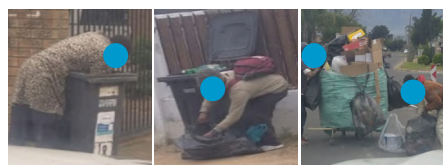
July



August



September



MAY

K9 & Training: Scouts Experience the Power of K9 Teamwork

On 3 May 2025, the Somerset West Scouts visited the Vetus Schola K9 Unit for a morning filled with learning and hands-on experiences.



Organised by Scout leader James Roth as part of his South African Scout colours journey, the troop explored the vital role of K9s in security, observed live training demonstrations, and learned about the strong bond between handlers and their dogs. A highlight of the day was meeting K9 Laika, who impressed the Scouts with her obedience, working skills, and playful personality, sparking plenty of curiosity and inspiring conversations about the world of working dogs.



JUNE

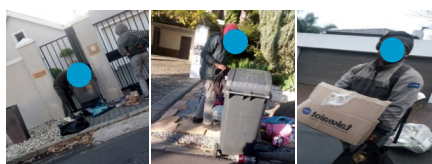
Paarl Armed Response & Guarding: Paarl Road Safety Operation

Vetus Schola Paarl joined forces with SAPS, Law Enforcement, Traffic, and other security companies in a joint roadblock operation, working together to ensure all road users were compliant and competent.



Paarl Armed Response & Guarding: BIN DAY OPERATION: Keeping Our Communities Safe

The Vetus Paarl response team joined forces for a focused Bin Day Operation, escorting vagrants out from key areas. This proactive effort ensures our communities remain safe, secure, and well-protected at all times.



JULY

K9 & Training: Paarl K9 Unit Shows Skills At Cheve Sports Grounds

During July 2025, the Paarl K9 Unit conducted a training session at Cheve Sports Grounds, with kind permission from our client. The session included intermediate obedience training, bite work exercises, and the introduction of new commands for enhanced operational effectiveness.

The training proved both informative and beneficial, allowing the K9 Unit to refine their

skills while stepping into the public sphere. Members of the public enjoyed seeing the Vetus Schola K9 team in action, and the dogs had a rewarding outing. This session demonstrates the unit's ongoing commitment to professional development and community engagement.



Paarl Armed Response & Guarding: Fighting Crime – Joint Roadblock Operation

Vetus Schola Paarl teamed up with SAPS, Law Enforcement, Traffic, and various security companies for a coordinated roadblock operation. The joint effort focused on ensuring all road users were competent and compliant, helping to enhance safety and security in the community.



Training: DH1 Dog Handler Refresher Training Completed

The Training Academy recently conducted refresher training for four DH1 dog handlers, focusing on key safety protocols and emergency procedures such as handling bites, injuries, and escapes. The program included practical, scenario-based exercises to reinforce obedience and control skills, as well as proper use and maintenance of essential equipment like harnesses and leashes. This refresher ensures handlers continue to work safely and effectively with their canine partners.





GENERAL NEWS

Group 007/2025 New Recruits Begin Induction Training at Paarl Academy

The Training Academy recently welcomed six new recruits for induction training at our Paarl branch. The program covered a thorough company overview, including our history and mission, core values and culture, and organizational structure. Recruits were introduced to their job roles and expectations, such as job descriptions, responsibilities, performance goals, reporting lines, and communication channels. The training also included essential policies and procedures like the code of conduct and ethics, HR policies on leave and benefits, as well as safety protocols and emergency procedures to ensure a smooth and informed start to their Vetus Schola careers.

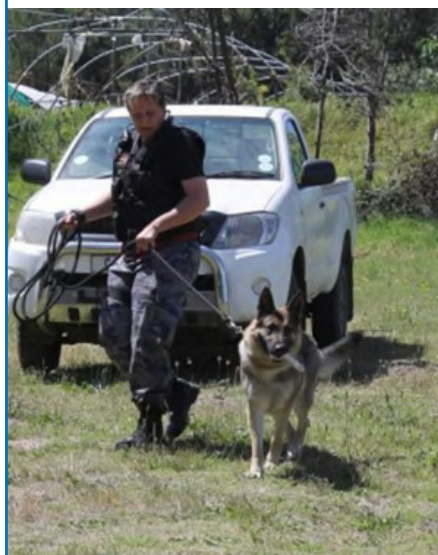


Celebrating Excellence in Training: Kudos to Esme

Training is more than just teaching skills, it's about patience, persistence, and believing in every trainee's potential. We want to commend Esme for her outstanding dedication as a trainer. Despite the challenges many trainees face,

Esme's perseverance and tough love have helped even those struggling with the basics to successfully passing their final tests. Her ability to nurture and uplift every student, regardless of their starting point, truly sets her apart. Well done,

Esme, for giving everyone a fair chance to succeed and make their mark!

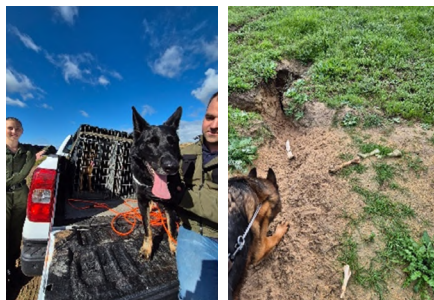


AUGUST

K9 & Training: K9 Unit Tracks Suspects After Hazely Pig Farm Break-In

On 6 August 2025, the Paarl K9 Unit was dispatched to a break-in at Hazely Pig Farm. K9 Zena with handler Cheyenne Grove and K9 Agent with handler Justin Grove joined forces with Armed Response Officers Jako Laas and the Paarl AR team to track the suspects.

The team completed an impressive 10 km trail, navigating open terrain and concluding the search at a river near the Klipheuwel train tracks. Both K9s performed exceptionally, demonstrating their tracking skills and operational efficiency. The client expressed full satisfaction with the rapid and professional response.



K9 Unit Successfully Tracks Suspect After Vredenburg Farm Break-In

On 10 August 2025, the Paarl K9 Unit responded to a break-in at Vredenburg Farm in the Raitshby area. The team, including K9 Maxima with Cheyenne Grove, K9 Agent with Justin Grove, and K9 member Alfredo Engelbrecht, began tracking from the site of the incident.

The suspects fled through neighbouring farms and vineyards, with Bella Valle Equestrian granting access for the track to continue. After a 5 km pursuit leading to an abandoned building near the Eskom substation on the R102, K9 Agent indicated the presence of a suspect attempting to hide and change clothing. Armed Response was called to assist, and the suspect was positively identified by the client. Following proper procedures, the suspect was arrested and charged the following day.

This operation highlights the K9 Unit's exceptional tracking abilities and coordination with Armed Response, ensuring swift justice and community protection.



Training: New Recruits Begin Induction Training At Somerset West

The Vetus Schola Training Academy welcomed 10 new recruits at our Somerset West Branch for induction training. The program is designed to equip recruits with the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to excel in their roles. During the induction, recruits were introduced to: Company Overview – History, mission, values, culture, and organizational structure. Job Role & Expectations – Detailed job descriptions, performance goals, reporting lines, and communication protocols. Policies & Procedures – Code of conduct, HR policies, safety protocols and emergency procedures. This comprehensive training ensures our new team members are well-prepared to uphold Vetus Schola's commitment to professional, reliable, and responsive security services.



Dog Handler Training Enhances Security Careers

The Vetus Schola Training Academy recently welcomed 8 students for the DH1 & DH2 Dog Handler Courses, accredited by SASSETA. These programs provide comprehensive training for security professionals, equipping them with the skills to work effectively with protection dogs while ensuring compliance with industry regulations. DH1 (Foundation Level) – Focuses on the basic needs and care of the dog, as well as handler safety. DH2 (Advanced Level) – Covers basic obedience, patrol techniques, protection work, and operational deployment. Graduates of these courses enhance their operational capabilities and unlock further career opportunities within the security sector, reinforcing Vetus Schola's commitment to professional excellence.





GENERAL NEWS

Paarl Armed Response & Guarding: Fighting Crime – Operation in Action

Vetus Schola Paarl recently joined forces with SAPS, Law Enforcement, Traffic, and several private security companies in a coordinated roadblock operation. The joint effort focused on promoting safer roads and ensuring that all motorists are fully compliant and competent. Through strong partnerships and proactive policing, our teams continue to stand united in the fight against crime and in keeping our communities secure.



Paarl Armed Response & Guarding: Fighting Crime – Operation In Paarl

Vetus Schola Paarl recently joined forces with SAPS, Law Enforcement, Traffic, and multiple private security companies in a coordinated roadblock operation. The initiative focused on ensuring that all road users were competent and compliant with regulations, reinforcing road safety and crime prevention efforts.

This joint operation highlights the importance of collaboration between public authorities and private security in keeping communities safe.



SEPTEMBER

K9 Training: K9 Unit Delights Children At Baby Steps Daycare

On 26 September 2025, the Vetus Schola K9 Unit was invited to Baby Steps Daycare to perform a demonstration as part of their Grandparents Day celebrations. K9 Laika showcased her skills in advanced obedience, a bite work demonstration, and an obstacle course, delighting children, parents, and grandparents alike.

The interactive session allowed the K9 Unit to engage with the community and educate attendees on the capabilities of our trained dogs. A special thank you to Baby Steps Daycare for including Vetus Schola K9 in their festivities and giving the team the opportunity to inspire and entertain the next generation.



OCTOBER LOADING

Somerset West Guarding: Vetus Schola Begins Security Services At Helderberg Manor

On 1 October 2025, Vetus Schola proudly commenced operations at Helderberg Manor in the Somerset West area. This site is part of the Heritage Park Estate, which has been under Vetus Schola's protection since 1 September 2025.

We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to provide professional security services at this prestigious location. Special thanks to Dube for successfully launching and managing the site's commencement, ensuring a smooth and efficient start to our operations



RAFFLE WINNERS

Tshepo Khabanyane

Somerset Guarding

Attendance raffle certificate & envelope issued to S/O Tshepo Khabanyane, deployed at 13 Vines



Mpiti

Somerset Guarding

Attendance Raffle certificate issued to security officer Mpiti deployed at Splashworks



Mlonyeni

Somerset Guarding

Attendance Raffle certificate issued to security officer Mlonyeni





GENERAL NEWS



Siyabulela Mthiwi

Somerset West Armed Response



Duba

Somerset West Armed Response



R.Hoolaus

Somerset West Armed Response



C.Wewers

Somerset West Armed Response



Zizipho Mfenyana

June 2025
Somerset West Control Room



Natasha April

July 2025
Somerset West Control Room



Abraham Louw

August 2025
Somerset West Control Room



P. Voyi

April 2025
Paarl Armed Response



Sylvia Johnny

May 2025
Paarl Armed Response



Keanon Williams

May 2025
Paarl Armed Response



Aubrey Blaine

May 2025
Paarl Armed Response



Pamela Rajane

June 2025
Paarl Armed Response



N. Mjacu

June 2025
Paarl Armed Response





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Thandazwe Mlindwa

July 2025
Paarl Armed Response



Quinton Walters

July 2025
Paarl Armed Response



Alfred Kadephi

August 2025
Paarl Armed Response



Andiswa Ntamnani

August 2025
Paarl Armed Response



WORKPLACE WELLNESS MATTERS



Garacia Manual John

April 2025
Kleinsee & Koiingnaas



David Guel Jo.

May 2025
Kleinsee & Koiingnaas



For most people in our community, Spring brings a promise for rejuvenation and the anticipation of the festive season. For many this time of year is a very busy one and the security industry is no exception. We call upon our staff not to just be the legends protecting our clients and communities, we also call upon you to be wellness champions for each other. So let us look out for each other, because we are stronger together.

Human Resources implemented this easy-to-follow guideline for wellness champions to ensure staff get the help they need. Please be reminded that depression is treatable and suicide is preventable.

WARNING SIGNS TO LOOK OUT FOR IN YOURSELF AND YOUR COWORKERS:

1. Withdrawal or isolation from colleagues
2. Persistent sadness or hopelessness
3. Sudden changes in behaviour or performance
4. Talking about death, dying, or feeling like a burden
5. Loss of interest in work

HOW YOU CAN HELP OTHERS:

- Listen without judgement
- Offer support and encourage seeking help
- Share resources confidentially
- Being kind, as a small gesture can save a life

Where to get help for yourself and coworkers:

With telephonic trauma support and counselling by professional and dedicated professionals for traumatic events such as sexual assault, crime, trauma-related gender-based violence, death, attempted suicide and domestic violence etc.

Affinity Health Members - 24/7 Emergency

Please Call Me 060 769 8770

WhatsApp 0832316771

Call Centre 086 188 8662

South Africa Suicide Crisis Helpline - 24/7

Emergency Call Centre 080 056 7567

CIPLA Mental Health Helpline - 24/7 Emergency

Call Centre 080 045 6789

Substance Abuse Helpline - 24/7 Emergency

Call Centre 080 012 1314

South African Depression and Anxiety Group

WhatsApp 076 882 2775

Support Groups

The South African Depression and Anxiety Group has over 180 FREE Support Groups around the country. Support Groups encourage a sense of community and a source of empathic understanding in a non-judgmental environment. A Support Group connects people with shared experiences to provide mutual, emotional and moral support.

If you are interested in joining a Support Group or finding out more visit www.sadag.org or call 0800 21 22 23.

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