



VETUS SCHOLA  
"Legends Endure"

# Newsletter

== LEGENDS ENDURE ==

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Do you recognise the background in the front page?



## LEGENDS OF THE MONTH

### OCTOBER



**Sylvia Johnny**

Your commitment to excellence shines in everything you do, you consistently go above and beyond your duties, tackling challenges with enthusiasm, delivering amazing results, and stepping up whenever the team needs you.

### NOVEMBER



**Odwa Mgudu**

Odwa has shown excellent work in the way that he cares for his K9s. He always shows the utmost respect and kindness to his K9 colleagues. He is someone who understands what it truly means to be a K9 handler.

### DECEMBER



**Andre Pietersen**

Always available, no matter the time, he consistently goes above and beyond. From leading with confidence to being hands-on in arrests. We're proud to have such a fearless individual on the team.



**Benjamin Bewee**

Your dedication is unmatched! Always available whenever needed, you go above and beyond with unwavering commitment. Leading by example and playing a key role in arrests.



**Anneline Dampies**

Thank you for being someone we can always count on. Your exceptional work ethic, showing up with dedication, consistency, and a commitment to doing things right every time.



**Luyanda Makapela**

Thank you for always being so incredibly reliable. In a fast-paced environment, knowing we can always count on you to show up, deliver consistently, and be there when it matters most is truly special.



## LEGENDS OF THE MONTH

OCTOBER



**Andrea Vermeulen**

Andrea started in 2018. Started as a filling clerk. Tech co-ordinator for Paarl. Has grown very much within the company. Works well with her peers and co-ordinates bookings and appointments very well. Reliable, dependant and an asset to the department.

NOVEMBER



**Nathaniel Daniels**

Thank you for being an outstanding team player. Your positive attitude, willingness to support others, and consistent efforts to help the team succeed truly make a difference.

DECEMBER



**Graham Hendricks**

Graham joined us in 2019 as a controller and quickly transitioned to our technical team with ease. He's settled in brilliantly, works seamlessly with everyone, and is always friendly and professional with clients.

## Q4 LONG SERVICE

### LEGENDS



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Nceba Mkhona  
Security Officer  
01 Oct 2010

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Eugene Thomas  
GM Support Services  
13 Sep 2011

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Mbongeni Mhlanga  
Security Officer  
01 Sep 2011

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Morne Sebonka  
Area Manager  
12 Mar 2012

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Pathlyn Baatjes  
Security Officer  
29 Nov 2012

12

Riedewaan Agmat  
Shift Commander  
23 Jul 2013

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Mzikayise Lurwayi  
Security Officer  
01 May 2013

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Jan Pienaar  
Security Officer  
01 Feb 2013

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Nokuvuma Rigala  
Security Officer  
25 Jul 2013

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Mandla Gulwa  
Security Officer  
30 Aug 2013

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Michelle Horn  
Receptionist  
04 Apr 2014

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Mzukisi Mini  
Armed Response  
01 Sep 2014

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Lee Marshall  
Brand Ambassador  
01 Jul 2014



## FROM THE EDITORS DESK

### A Heartfelt Thank You as We Close Out 2025

Dear Legend Readers,

As the year draws to a close on this December 31, 2025, I've been reflecting deeply on the incredible stories that have filled the pages of Legend News throughout 2025. From rapid responses thwarting break-ins and recovering stolen vehicles, to proactive LPR installations enhancing estate security, and community events like the joyful Somerbosch Fun Run. Each edition has been a vivid testament to the dedication, courage, and professionalism of every single member of the Vetus Schola family.

You, our responders, control room operators, technicians, K9 handlers, tactical teams, and support staff, are the true Legends. Day and night, in all weather, you answer the call, often putting yourselves on the line to protect homes, businesses, and neighbourhoods across the Helderberg, Drakenstein, Paarl, and beyond. The success reports we share aren't just statistics; they're real moments where your swift actions, cutting-edge technology like ANPR and NAVIC, and unwavering teamwork make our communities safer.

Management may guide the submissions, but the heart of Legend News comes directly from you, the boots on the ground, the voices in the control room, the hands installing the systems. Your achievements inspire us all, motivate your colleagues, and reassure our clients and the wider community that Vetus Schola stands as a trusted guardian.

In the spirit of Phil Jackson's timeless words:

*'The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.'*

This perfectly captures what makes Vetus Schola so special. Every patrol, every alert handled, every arrest or prevention – big or small – weaves into the fabric of safer streets and stronger neighbourhoods.

On behalf of the entire Vetus Schola staff, a massive thank you to our valued clients, partners, and community supporters. Your trust and partnership enable us to continue safeguarding what matters most and to expand our reach with more advanced systems and dedicated service in the year ahead.

Keep sharing your stories, you are the creators of Legend News, and together, we're building an even safer 2026.

Gratefully yours,  
The Editor





## SUCCESS STORIES

### Swift Teamwork Leads to Stolen Vehicle Recovery!



An alert was triggered on our NAVIC system for a stolen vehicle. Our vigilant controller immediately notified responder Zipho, who sprang into action and headed straight to Victoria Street.

Zipho quickly spotted the white Toyota Conquest matching the stolen vehicle's description. Backup was called in, and the vehicle with three occupants was safely stopped.

Upon interception, the driver and front passenger fled the scene in opposite directions, leaving a female passenger behind. The scene was promptly secured and handed over to Somerset SAPS Sgt Joseph for further investigation.

Thanks to seamless coordination between our NAVIC alert system, alert controllers, and rapid-response team, another stolen vehicle is off the streets! This recovery highlights the power of integrated technology and professional teamwork in action. Our LPR systems, surveillance solutions, and 24/7 monitoring continue to deliver results for estates and neighbourhoods across the region.

More success stories like this are rolling out in additional areas as we expand our advanced security installations.

**NAVIC™**  
National Vehicle Intelligence Cloud



## SUCCESS STORIES



Armed Response Officer Daniels responded to a silent panic alarm at a residence in Paarl.

While checking the premises, he discovered a male suspect hiding in a tree. Paarl SAPS was notified, and a case of trespassing was opened.



Armed Response Officer Roland observed a suspicious male emerging from behind our offices in Paarl, heading towards the train station.

When Officer Roland attempted to approach him, the suspect dropped the bicycle and fled on foot.

The bicycle was recovered and taken to our office, where it was successfully reunited with its rightful owner, Mr. Grobbelaar.



The homeowner, Mr. Bierman, reported that a suspect entered through an open window and stole a cellphone.

Using tracker updates from the stolen phone, officers located and pursued the suspect on foot, with Meyers, Blankenberg, Jacobs, and Marais involved.

The suspect was detained, SAPS arrived, and the cellphone plus a stolen torch were recovered. Police returned the suspect to the premises to check for other missing items. The case was handed over to SAPS.



## SUCCESS STORIES

A vehicle linked to fraud cases in Caledon and Hermanus was flagged on our advanced ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) system. Alerts began triggering as early as Friday, but the suspect proved elusive, narrowly evading our responders each time.

On Monday evening, the vehicle started generating multiple hits across the Strand and Somerset West areas. Our determined team stayed on the chase until around 21:00, when a final alert came from an ANPR camera in Vergelegen Plein.

With perfect timing, our response units already en-route to the suspect's last known location, quickly converged, located the vehicle, and safely blocked it in. Multiple Vetus Schola members secured the scene while coordinating with the SAPS Investigating Team and local Somerset West officers.

Upon SAPS arrival, the scene was professionally handed over for further action.

Well done to every team member involved, your persistence, coordination, and professionalism turned repeated alerts into a successful apprehension!

This case demonstrates the real power of our integrated ANPR technology combined with relentless on-the-ground response. We're proud to play a key role in removing wanted vehicles and suspects from our roads.

As we continue rolling out more advanced systems across the region, stories like this are becoming the standard.





## SUCCESS STORIES

### WATCH THESE SUCCESS STORIES

You've seen some of our recent wins from swift stolen vehicle recoveries to rapid responses that stop incidents in their tracks. But that's just the start!

We've got even more powerful success stories showcasing how our advanced LPR systems, NAVIC alerts, dedicated response teams, and K9 units are making a real difference across the Helderberg, Drakenstein, and beyond.

Scan the QR code below with your phone to watch the full videos and see the action for yourself.  
Real alerts, real responses, real results!



**From Breach to Neutralized: The Power of Proactive Response**



**Proactive Protection: Instant Alerts & Rapid Response in Minutes**



**Holiday Home Protected: Rapid Response Leads to On-Site Arrest**



**Intruders Foiled: Rapid Response Prevents Theft in Groenvlei Break-In**



## OFFICERS ATTENDANCE RAFFLES

At Vetus Schola Group, reliability is the cornerstone of what we do, showing up every shift, ready to protect our communities 24/7. Today, we're proud to shine a spotlight on our officers who have demonstrated outstanding attendance throughout the year!

These dedicated Legends have gone above and beyond, ensuring seamless coverage and unwavering commitment. As a token of our appreciation, they've each received a well-deserved Certificate of Excellence in Attendance.



Vanari



S.Kolisi



T.Mjwara



M.Cekwane



Magumela



Bukuma



Luyanda Makapela



Mzunzima Klaas



Z Mbendeni



Dilin Forbes



S Matose



## GENERAL NEWS

### Start up of new site - Helderberg Manor



Vetus Schola Group had the privilege of onboarding a brand-new site on 1 October 2025. The prestigious Helderberg Manor in the Somerset West area.

This beautiful retirement village forms part of the greater Heritage Park Estate, which has been under our professional protection since 1 September 2025. We're proud to extend our comprehensive security services, including 24/7 armed response, advanced surveillance, and dedicated on-site guarding to ensure the safety and peace of mind of all residents.

A special thank you to Dube for your outstanding efforts in successfully launching and establishing the site. Your professionalism and commitment made the transition seamless!

At Vetus Schola, every new partnership strengthens our mission to create safer communities across the Helderberg and beyond. We're grateful for the trust placed in us and look forward to serving Helderberg Manor with the same excellence we've delivered to Heritage Park.

Welcome to the Vetus Schola family!



**Vetus Schola Paarl proudly participated in a high-impact joint SAPS operation this festive season.** A multi-agency roadblock focused on road safety and crime prevention!

Working side-by-side with SAPS, Law Enforcement, Traffic Services, and various other security companies, our team helped ensure all road users are compliant: checking licenses, vehicle roadworthiness, and more to keep our roads safer for everyone in the Drakenstein area.

These collaborative efforts are part of the broader Safer Festive Season 2025/2026 initiatives, intensifying patrols, checkpoints, and visibility to protect residents, visitors, and travellers.



## GENERAL NEWS



### Security Partnership Highlight: Successful Upgrades and More to Come!

#### TWIN PALMS

In October, we worked hand-in-hand with your community to complete advanced security upgrades at the Twin Palms entrances and exits. These access points are now fully equipped with cutting-edge License Plate Recognition (LPR) systems and comprehensive overview cameras.

We supplied the additional LPR units, overview cameras, NVRs, labour, cabling, poles, power supplies, and all supporting equipment to ensure a professional and efficient rollout.

The upgrades at Die Bos Entrance 2 were also progressing during that time, with successful completion soon after. These enhancements deliver stronger monitoring, faster response times, and greater peace of mind for everyone in the community.

Exciting news: We have more of these advanced LPR and surveillance systems rolling out in other areas very soon! If your estate, complex, or neighbourhood is interested in similar high-quality security upgrades, we'd love to hear from you. Contact the Vetus Schola Group team today to discuss how we can tailor a solution for your area.





## GENERAL NEWS

As the festive season is in full swing, Vetus Schola Group is proud to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with Drakenstein Municipality, SAPS, and all role-players in ensuring a safer holiday period for everyone.

We're fully committed with:

Extra patrols ✓

More officers on duty ✓

24/7 rapid response ✓

Working side-by-side with SAPS and the Municipality, our teams are dedicated to keeping our communities protected this December and beyond.

A big thank you to Drakenstein Municipality and all involved for the powerful launch of the Safer Festive Season initiatives, Vetus Schola is all in! Together, we've got this!

For more details on the national Safer Festive Season efforts, visit the official resources online.

Enjoy the festivities responsibly and stay safe!





## GENERAL NEWS

### Community Spotlight: A Fantastic Weekend at the Somerbosch Fun Run!

The 5km Fun Run, proudly hosted by Strand Patrol Buurtwag / NHW Helderberg, brought our community together in the best possible way with fresh air, scenic trails winding through the vineyards, and smiles everywhere you looked.

A massive shoutout to KC Gericke and his dedicated team for their outstanding effort in organising such a joyful and successful event.

We also extend heartfelt thanks to Somerbosch Wine Farm for being the perfect host, to all the generous sponsors who helped make it happen, and to every runner, volunteer, and supporter who showed up and made the day special.

Moments like these truly highlight the strength and spirit of our Helderberg community when we unite. At Vetus Schola Group, we're proud to be more than just your security partner, we're part of this vibrant community, supporting events that bring us closer while remaining on high alert 24/7 to keep our neighbourhoods safe.

Here's to many more community gatherings in 2026!





## GENERAL NEWS

K9 Rex was rehomed to Mr Van after an illustrious career with the Vetus Schola K9 unit. K9 Rex is now ready to become a couch potato and to enjoy his retirement with his new human.



K9 Max was rehomed and adopted in December. His new owner was thrilled to be able to adopt him and K9 Max is ready to relax in his retirement



We thank both of these K9s for their service and companionship during their careers





## HR DEPARTMENT



### Conflict Management with Coworkers

#### Strengthening Teamwork in Security

In the security industry, teamwork is everything. Whether you're on patrol, monitoring surveillance, or managing client sites, how we handle disagreements with coworkers directly impacts safety, morale, and client trust.

#### Practical Tips for Managing Conflict

- Address Issues Early: Don't let frustrations build up. Speak calmly with your coworker before small issues grow into bigger problems.
- Respect Differences: South Africa's diverse workforce brings different languages, cultures, and perspectives. Approach differences with curiosity, not judgment.
- Stay Professional: Avoid gossip or negative talk. Keep discussions focused on the situation, not personalities.
- Use "I" Statements: Say "I feel concerned when..." instead of "You always..." to reduce defensiveness.
- Seek Mediation: If conflict persists, involve a supervisor or HR to help resolve matters fairly.

#### Why It Matters in Security

Client Confidence: A united team reassures clients that their safety is in capable hands.

Operational Safety: Miscommunication during conflict can lead to mistakes in high-risk situations.

Workplace Harmony: Resolving disputes quickly keeps morale high and reduces stress.

#### Closing Thought

Conflict with coworkers is not a weakness, it's a chance to build stronger relationships. By handling disagreements constructively, we protect not only our clients but also each other.





## SAFETY AND SECURITY TIPS

As we celebrate the holidays and welcome 2026, the Vetus Schola Group team wishes you a joyful and safe festive season. While this is a time for relaxation and family gatherings, it's also when opportunistic crime can increase. Drawing from our experience providing 24/7 armed response, advanced LPR/ANPR systems, alarms, and K9 units across the Helderberg, Drakenstein, Paarl, and Western Cape, here are practical tips to help keep you, your loved ones, and your property protected.

### Home Security Tips (Especially When Away on Holiday)

- Make your home look occupied. Use timers for lights, radios, or TVs. Ask a trusted neighbour to collect mail and check on the property.
- Test your alarm system. Ensure it's armed, batteries are charged (load-shedding proof) and your armed response provider (like us!) has updated contact details.
- Secure all entry points. Lock doors/windows, activate burglar bars, and close garage doors. Avoid leaving keys in hidden spots.
- Don't advertise your absence. Avoid posting holiday plans or photos on social media in real-time.
- Exterior lighting & visibility. Keep outside lights on or use motion sensors to deter intruders.

### Personal Safety Tips

- Be aware of your surroundings. Stay alert in crowded places, malls, or ATMs. Avoid distractions like phones.
- Travel in groups. Especially at night or in unfamiliar areas. Safety in numbers!
- Protect your belongings. Keep bags close, wallets in front pockets, and never leave valuables visible in your car.
- Watch your drinks. At parties or events, never leave them unattended.
- Plan safe transport. Use trusted e-hailing services, verify details, and share your trip with someone.

### Vehicle & Road Safety Tips

- Hide valuables. Never leave items visible. Smash-and-grab incidents spike this season.
- Vehicle checks. Inspect tyres, brakes, fluids, and lights before long trips.
- Avoid driving impaired. Plan ahead with a designated driver or rideshare.
- Leave space. At traffic lights, keep a gap to maneuver if needed.
- Emergency kit. Carry water, a torch, reflective triangle, and a charged phone.





## IMPORTANT CONTACT DETAILS

### Vetus Schola Group Contacts

Website: [www.vetusschola.co.za/](http://www.vetusschola.co.za/)

Helderberg / Somerset West Control Room: 021 852 9009 Email: [control@teamvs.co.za](mailto:control@teamvs.co.za)

Paarl / Wellington Control Room: 021 852 9009 Email: [paarlcontrol@teamvs.co.za](mailto:paarlcontrol@teamvs.co.za)

General enquiries: [corporate@vetusschola.co.za](mailto:corporate@vetusschola.co.za)

Vetus Schola provides 24/7 armed response, monitoring, LPR/ANPR systems, K9 units and more across these regions.

### CRISIS & MENTAL HEALTH

Suicide: 0800 567 567

Depression: 0800 121 314

Trauma Line: 0800 205 026

Mental Health: 011 234 4837

ADHD Helpline: 0800 554 433

Lifeline: 021 461 1113

AIDS Helpline: 0800 012 322

### ABUSE & CHILD SUPPORT

Rape Crisis: 021 447 9762

Assault/Gender Abuse: 0861 322 322

Childline SA: 116 / 0800 055 555

Child Emergency: 0800 123 123

### POLICE & CRIME

SAPS: 10111

Flying Squad: 10111

Crime Stop: 0860 010 111

Missing Persons: 021 918 3512 / 3449 / 3452

### MEDICAL, RESCUE & FIRE

Ambulance: 10177

Emergency (Cell): 112

Fire & Rescue: 107 (Landline) / 021 480 7700 (Cell)

Disaster Centre: 080 911 4357

Sea Rescue: 021 449 3500

Mountain Rescue: 021 948 9900

Poison Info: 0861 555 777

### UTILITIES & SERVICES

Electricity: 0860 103 089 / SMS 31220

Water/Blocked Drains: 0860 103 089 / SMS 31373

Road Closures/Delays: 0800 656 463

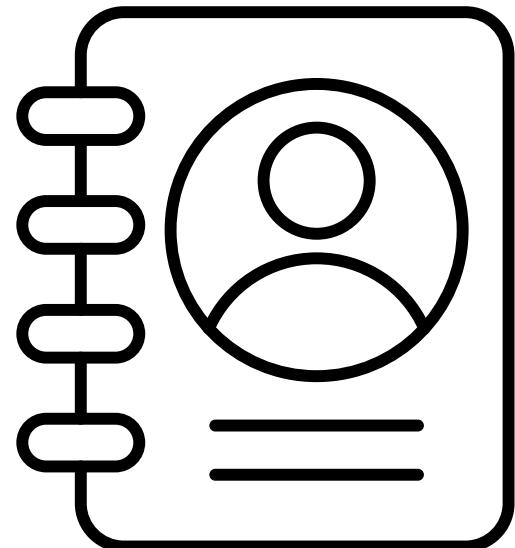
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CT Weather Office: 021 934 0749 / 0831

Weatherline: 083 123 0500 Safe Schools: 0800 454 647

CoCT Emergency: 107 / 021 480 7700

Western Cape Gov: 0860 142 142 (Weekdays)



### City of Cape Town Fire Stations (Selected):

Wynberg: 021 444 9621

Roeland St: 021 444 8963

Atlantis: 021 444 4260

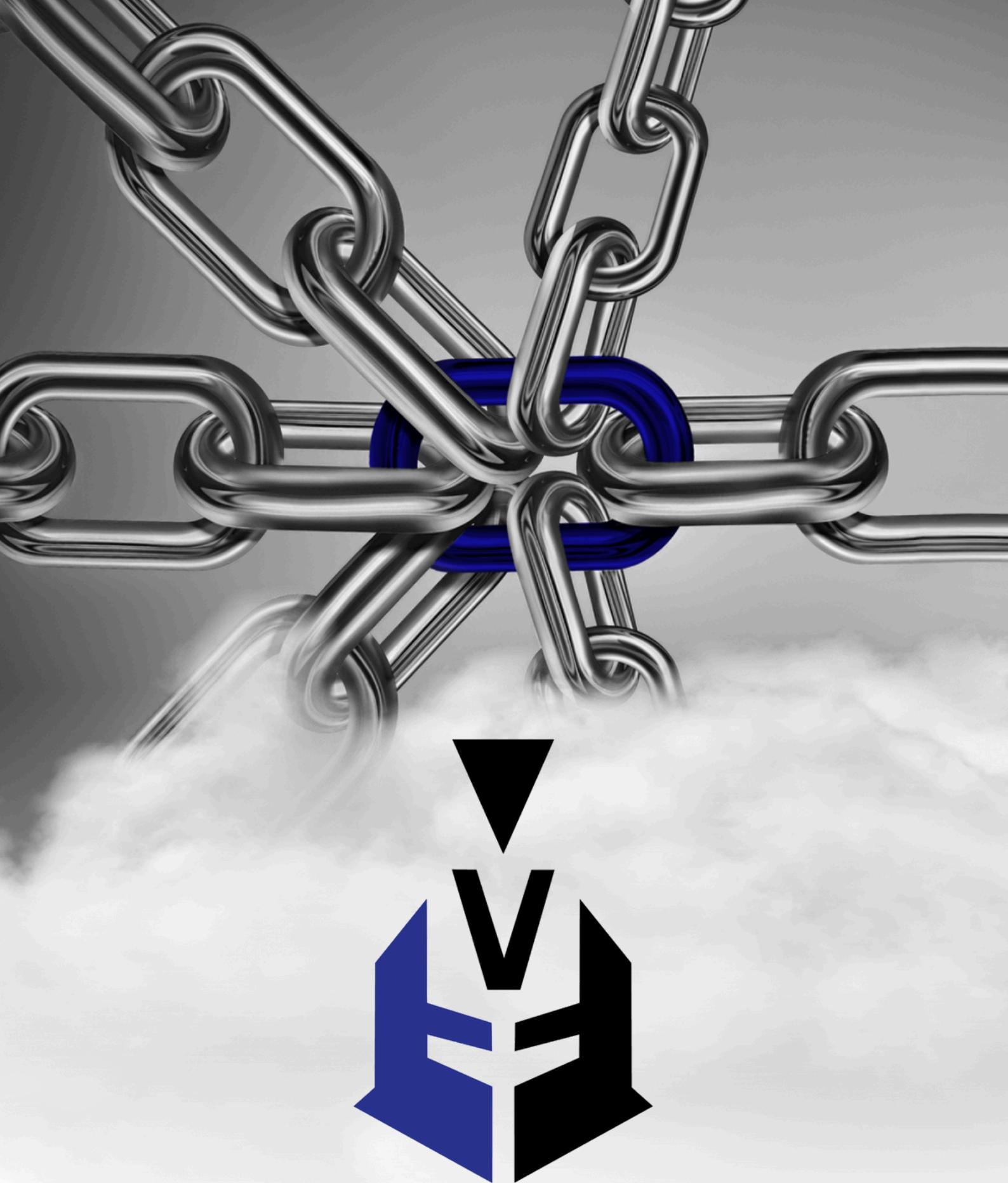
Milnerton: 021 400 6949

Bellville: 021 444 8279

Gugulethu: 021 444 5481

Mitchells Plain: 021 444 3085

Strand: 021 444 7600



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