



# Rural Safety

Centre of Excellence

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## VISION

Farming communities that live and prosper in a safe environment that ensures national food security.

## MISSION

Liaison with government and private sector to keep the farming community safe and protect their operations by promoting rural safety excellence.

## MANDATE

The centre's mandate is focused on:

- Security aspects that impact the farming community's safety and on general criminality.
- Influencing policy, legislation and programmes, thereby creating a conducive regulatory and policy environment.
- Advocating the operationalising of the Rural Safety Strategy to restore the safety of farming communities.
- Being the opinion leader on rural safety for the farming community.



## STRATEGIC FOCUS

- Influencing the implementation and operationalising of the Rural Safety Strategy.
- Establish a professional working relationship with the police.
- Participate in the development, analysis and influencing of policy.
- Liaise with and advise members on safety aspects.
- Ensure positive media coverage and make use of social media and media platforms.
- Make use of the knowledge base of members to promote the centre's work programmes.
- Liaise with the SANDF regarding the implementation of the Mzansi Home Guard concept and the operational area along the international border.
- Promote a more effective criminal justice system.



National Rural Safety Strategy

National Level

Provincial Level

District Level

Station Level



# RURAL SAFETY

## Rural Safety COE - Focus areas

1



Crime  
Intelligence

2



Policy and  
legal affairs

3



Advocacy

4



Communication

# 1

## Crime Intelligence

NOVEMBER 2024 MANDATE CONSIDERATION

To **explore** the **possibility** of establishing an integrated '**federal**' data collection and distribution capability to empower structures to create an 'AgriCulture' in local, **district, provincial,** and **national** environments to address crime effectively.



### AgriCultureSA.io Development

#### AgriCultureSA.io Rural Safety Incident Reporter

- Designed with rural crimes in mind
- Template design can be replicated as needed
- Phase 1 deployed – will improve over time

### AgriCultureSA.io Deployment Stages

1	Approve final product
2	Implement at the National level
3	Implement at the Provincial level
4	Reassess capabilities and needs
5	Interrogate collected data
6	Effectively communicate and implement data

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## Crime Intelligence - SAPS Quarterly Crime Stats

### SAPS delayed release of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025/2026 crime stats

#### Key points from official crime stats

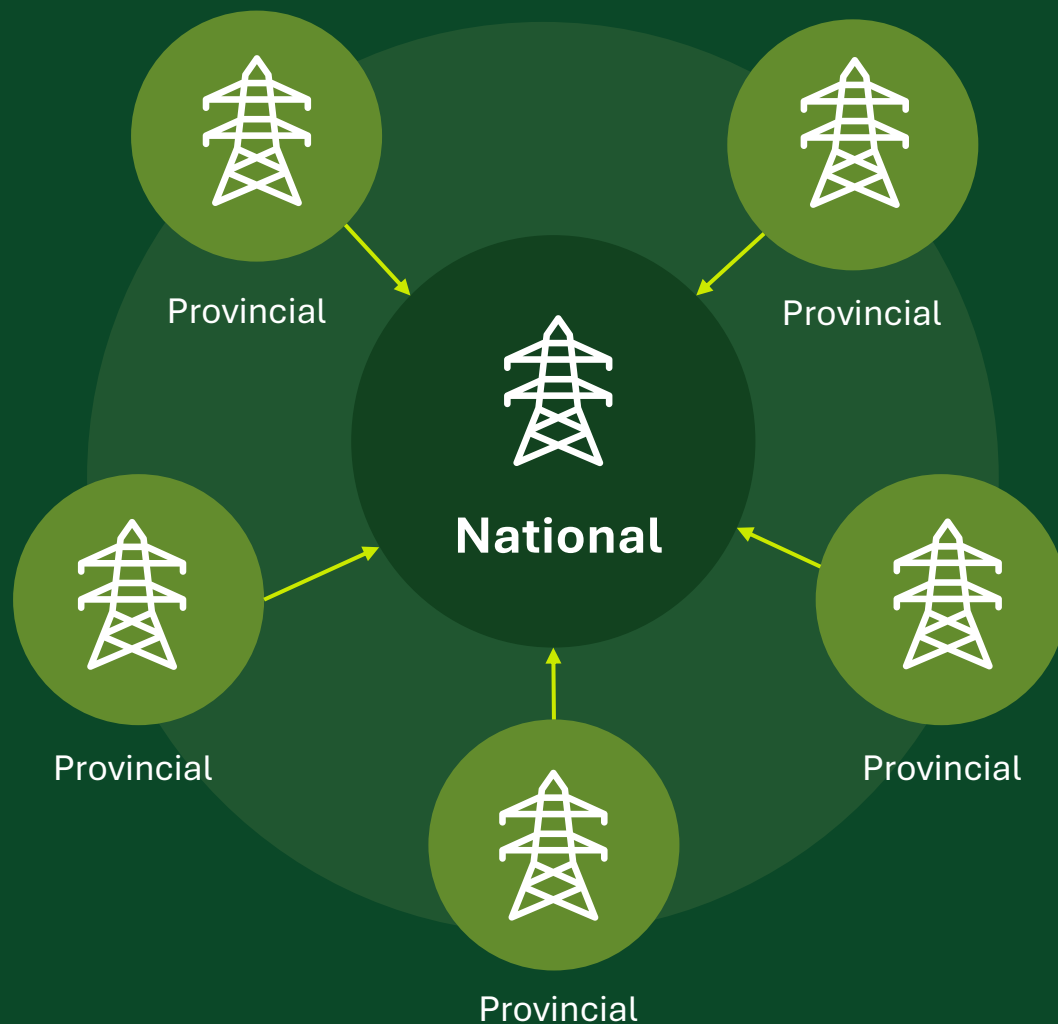
- Release of statistics postponed – no reason provided
- Long-term goal is to compare with farmer stats logged on AgricultureSA.io
- Encourage more accurate information sharing between SAPS and Agricultural sector.

Crime Stat Focus Areas	
1	Farm Attacks
2	Stock Theft
3	Cable Theft
4	?
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8	?
9	?
10	?

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# Crime Intelligence - Non-Ferrous Crime Reporting

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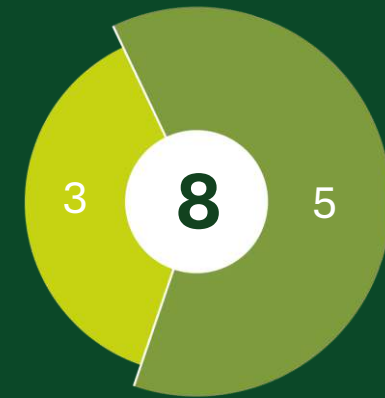
## AgriSA request for detailed reports

- National Non-Ferrous Crime Combatting Committee meets once per quarter.
- Cable and copper theft, in particular, are not being prioritised/highlighted in the official crime stats.
- This value is higher than other highlighted crime categories.
- Request provinces to participate in providing detailed reports on this crime category
- **AgriSA to motivate....**

## 2 Policy and Legal Affairs

AgriSA is supportive of all the legislation pertaining to rural safety as well as the National Rural Safety Strategy.

**The Challenge is implementation...**



### CRITICAL CONCERNS - Applicable legislation and policies

- SANRAL CCTV Agreement
- National Rural Safety Strategy Review
- Firearm Control Amendment Bill - NEDLAC

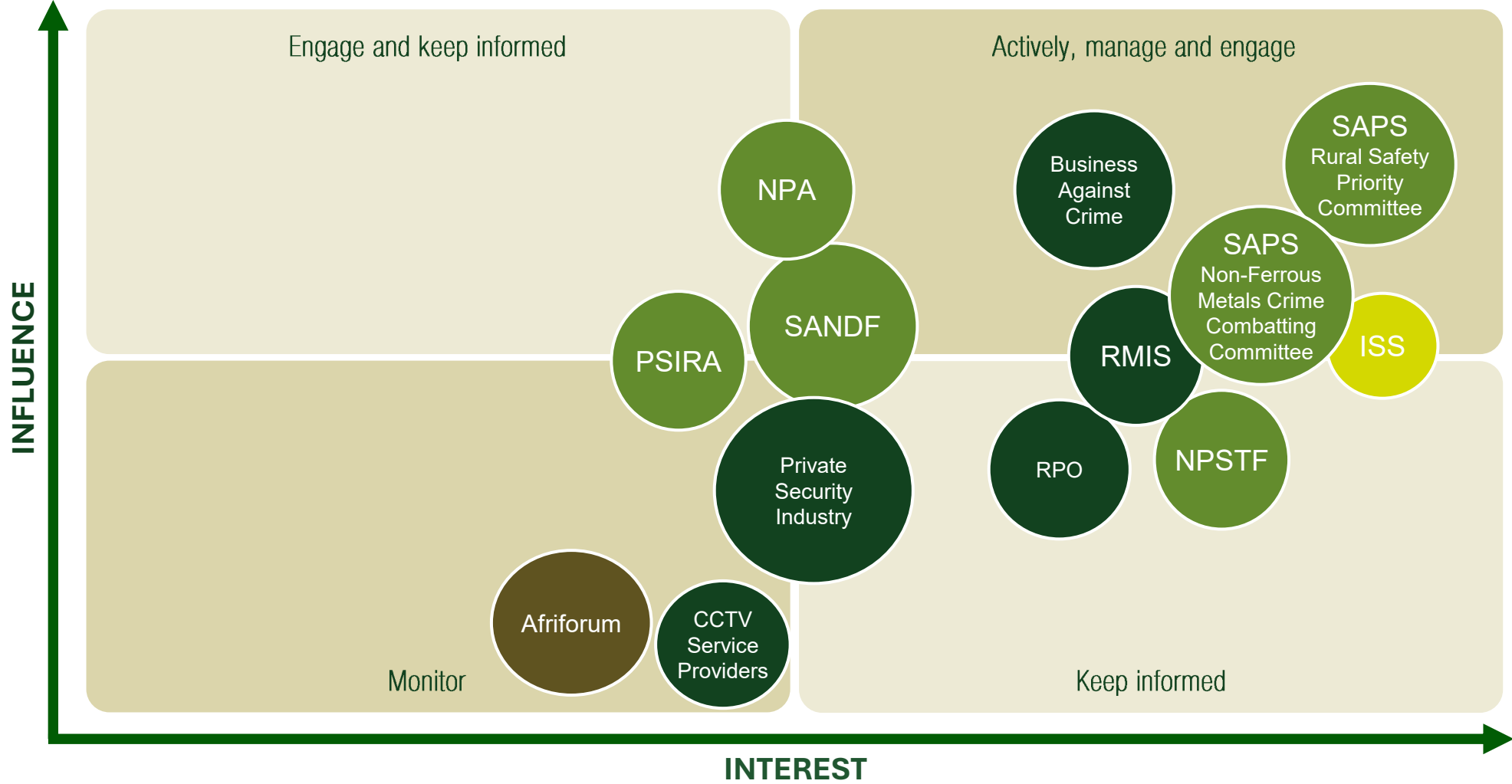
### Applicable legislation and policies

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|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | National Rural Safety Strategy    |
| 2 | South African Police Service Act  |
| 3 | Criminal Procedure Act            |
| 4 | Prevention of Organised Crime Act |
| 5 | Animal Identification Act         |
| 6 | Firearms Control Act              |
| 7 | Community Safety Forums Policy    |
| 8 | PSIRA Act                         |

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Advocacy - Stakeholders

Public Private NGOs Civil Society



## 4 Communication and Transparency



### Monthly committee meetings

Available for all members to attend upon request.

Items for discussion to be sent through in advance

Meetings take place on the second Friday of each month



### Report Generation

Easily generated reports available at the click of a button through [AgriCultureSA.io](https://AgriCultureSA.io)



### Media Engagements

Promote positive but factual media engagements on Rural Safety.

Request all provinces to inform AgriSA of media engagements regarding rural safety.



Thank you