

Bulletin

CGC Crime Prevention

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The 5th year of the CGC Crime Prevention Programme holds great challenges for all of us. The continued high levels of crime experienced by all sectors of our industry require a concerted effort if they are to be contained or even reduced.

The Crime Office has been keeping statistics on incidents of crime throughout the country. The analysis of threat (a bi-annual survey published in July & January) will show a more detailed examination of what we face. However, what needs to be stated at this juncture is what we (as an industry) need to do this year, in combating crime.

Incident reporting & analysis

For the last 26 months, the crime office has focused on getting all locations (stores, warehouses, factories, etc) to report the incidents as they occur. We are now of the opinion that the reporting ratio (of occurrence to reports) is high enough for us to focus on the quality of the information provided. In order to develop effective crime combating strategies (are of our key goals for 2005!) we need to have all the relevant information on each incident.

This will then enable us to develop real information intelligence about the crime threat.

SAPS:

Our fight against crime most, of necessity, focus on our own operations. Our crime combating strategies will encompass procedural changes, structural security, manpower alignment, etc, but it will not include any configuration with the criminal elements.

That is for the SAPS to do. The police have supported our endeavors from the outset. We will continue to support them in their position they occupy in the crime combating space. Our role is to provide them the tools that are in one section of this space information and we will continue to provide all the support we can assist the police in preventing and solving the crimes that occur in our industry.

During 2005 we will expand the relationships we have built up at strategic level down to grass roots, utilizing the SAPS Sector Manager Structure to ensure our members receive effective policing at all levels, throughout South Africa.

The Industry:

Our mission statement refers to our initiative as benefiting the Industry.

This can only be achieved if the industry is involved. "Involved" has two dimensions. First we need all companies that operate in the FMCG sector (Retail stores, Wholesale stores, merchandisers, promotions, transporters, warehouses, manufacturers, as well as those who clean or guard the facilities) to join the initiative. Second, each and every company needs to participate. Every incident must be reported, in complete detail. Members must include pre-screening their candidate employees via our Employers reference Site and ensure their terminations are sent to us every month.

Also, the Crime Programme hosts a range of focus groups, dealing with the full gamut of crime issues that affect the various sectors of our industry

ID Cards:



Drivers, co-drivers and promoters / promotional companies will have to have their green cards by the 31 March 2005. The Sales & Merchandising companies went very well last year. The stores will be preventing all from coming into the stores or deliveries from the 31 March 2005. Please contact the CGC Crime Prevention Offices on 0861 101 726, e-mail: idcards@cgcsa.co.za.

We now have almost 900 companies as members of the CGC Crime Prevention Programmed (list attached). It is up to each and everyone of us to bind together to reduce the incidence of crime in 2005

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