



SASS NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2017

Dear SASS members,

The Executive Committee resumed its business for the year 2017 on a high note and wish to share some information with members in this first newsletter for 2017.

We have dealt with two major issues so far.

1. Sheriff vacancies: Apart from one or two non-vacant posts that were erroneously advertised, no major problems were reported. We alerted the Department on this error who in turn have instructed the relevant Advisory Committees accordingly. As you are aware the closing date was Friday 20 January 2017 and hope that you have submitted your completed applications where applicable. We wish all our members who have applied the best of luck. To those members who will shortly be shortlisted, we urge you to prepare thoroughly for the interviews and not to take things for granted.
2. Issue of Fidelity Fund Certificates by the SA Board for Sheriffs: It appears the process was slower than usual this year, resulting in some sheriffs not having received their Certificates at the beginning of the year. Management addressed a few incidents with the Board and those were sorted out. Should any member experience problems with the issuance of their Fidelity Fund Certificates and require the assistance of SASS management, please contact the secretary at sass@sheriffbfne.co.za or 051-4473784.

SASS Calendars

The calendars were posted to all members in the beginning of January and all members should have received it by now.

If you have not received your calendar, kindly contact Sue-Lynne on 051-4473784.

Unfortunately there are mistakes on public holidays.

Eastern weekend: 14 and 17 April 2017 (not 25 and 28 March)

2 May is indicated as a public holiday and it is not.

Please accept our apologies for this oversight.

PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR

A national management meeting will be held early in February, where after provincial meetings and workshops will commence. The intention is to address practical day to day problems experienced by sheriffs; members are encouraged to contact management in this regard, let us know where we can assist.

Management will also prioritize sheriff tariffs. We have not had any increase in tariffs for 2 years and we furthermore need updates on the various submissions made to the Rules Board on commission, urgency fee, etc. We will also follow up on the progress of the proposed amendments to Rules 46 and 43, affecting attachment and sales of immovable property.

Management will also pick up on previous engagements with the Road Traffic Management Corporation and law enforcement agencies to channel service of traffic work to sheriffs.

Attachment, sale and registration of motor vehicles is always causing problems for sheriffs. Once the legalities have been sorted out, we will provide guidance to members.

A relationship with management of the CCMA was established last year and we believe SASS will be able to continue to fast track payments; Management met with Mr Wabile on the 26 January where we submitted members' outstanding invoices. We have been assured that payment of all accounts will be made by the next payment run at the end of February. We urge all of you to please send your invoices to Head Offices instead of your local CCMA offices as this is causing unnecessary delay in the payment of accounts. In the event where you have to resend accounts, the CCMA has agreed to pay for additional copies.

The banking forum meeting is scheduled for 3 February to address amongst others the unlawful repossessions of vehicles by bank agents. In order to prepare adequately for this meeting we need as many examples as possible and we call upon members to inform management if you dealt with incidents where bank agents/tracing agents had used a warrant of delivery or court order to secure "voluntary surrender" of a vehicle.

Management is looking forward to a busy and fruitful 2017.

Best regards,

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SASS President