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GREETINGS FROM EXCO

As we reach the conclusion of 2025, we reflect on a year that has presented many challenges within the sheriff profession. Despite these difficulties, our commitment and resilience as an organisation carried us through.

It is with great sadness that we learnt of the passing of Mr Shabeir Ismail. He was a stalwart in the Sheriff's profession, one of the founding members of SASS and a mentor to many and will be greatly missed. Our condolences to his family, friends, colleagues and staff.

The South African Sheriff Society (SASS) extends its heartfelt wishes to all our members for a blessed festive season. We hope that you will enjoy a well-deserved rest and spend meaningful time with your loved ones.

For those who are travelling, please do so safely. Stay alert and well rested when driving.

We hope the new year brings hope, health, wealth and happiness.



FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST

Successful fundraising breakfast was hosted on 8 November.

Insightful information was provided by Chief Magistrate du Plessis on small claims court rules.



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SASS SUB-COMMITTEES

Members are invited to sign up for the following sub-committees that have been created within SASS to assist with the smooth running of our various projects and responsibilities viz:

- * Communication, Electronic Media and Recruitment
- * Finance and Fundraising
- * Social Responsibility
- * Events
- * Legal and Cost Committee
- * Training
- * Elections

Your contributions to these committees will be highly appreciated.



TRAINING

The final SASS training workshop for the year took place on 15 November 2025. The event attracted significant participation from sheriffs and staff of North West and Limpopo provinces, with additional attendees joining virtually.

The agenda covered the following topics:

- Implementation of new sheriff tariffs
- Introduction of Small Claims Court tariffs
- Procedures related to sales, transfers, and conveyancing of immovable property
- Updates regarding the status of municipal rates
- Guidelines for charging fees on Mediation notices
- Addressing incomplete returns submitted by sheriffs
- Regulations concerning livestock attachments and sales
- Procedures for the attachment of bank accounts

- Interpleader processes applicable to both the High Court and Magistrate's Court



For suggestions on future training topics or to join the SASS training team, please contact petro@sheriffbfn.co.za.



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NATIONAL AGM 2026
DUNKELD COUNTRY
ESTATE, DULSTROOM
15 & 16 MAY 2026

The 2026 AGM will be hosted by Mpumalanga in Dullstroom.

This is an election year for Provincial management as well as the Executive Committee and all members are urged to attend. Please note that all membership fees need to be paid up in order to stand for elections and to vote.

The cost for the above is R 450.00 per ticket/event, per person. To attend the AGM, gala dinner and training, 3 tickets must be purchased.

Invitations will be distributed shortly. Please note that the tickets will be sold on a Computicket private link and no tickets will be available after the RSVP date.

You are encouraged to attend the training in numbers. The training committee is working very hard to deliver excellent training.

We are very excited to introduce an electronic voting system for the Executive Committee at the AGM.



**NEW MEMBER
RECRUITMENT**

All members are encouraged to invite other colleagues or new appointees to become members of SASS -

"The Organisation of Choice". Members are further to mobilise within their provinces and work together to strengthen the organisational structures on grassroots level. Getting involved will broaden your knowledge as well as your skills.



SODESTA

Members are reminded to encourage their deputies and office staff to join SODESTA.

National Chair: Derick Esau 073 391 8929



DID YOU KNOW?

Members are invited to suggest snippets for the DID YOU KNOW column. Please send suggestions to petro@sheriffbfne.co.za



**BANKING FORUM
MEETING**

The meeting was held on the 5th of September 2025, with the following concerns being raised:

- Sheriffs still requesting deposits
- Failure of sheriff staff to read instructions properly
- Returns that are not reflecting court appearance dates
- Acting Judge Allen removing matters due to non-compliant returns
- Photos of assets not taken by Sheriffs
- Some Sheriffs are still not adhering to the fees agreed to in the forum
- The type of assets should be amended on the fee structure
- Sherifs are claiming attempts on return of service
- Sheriff office vacancies and/or appointments are taking too long



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- Sheriffs are making use of assets that have been attached by court processes
- Sheriffs are still attaching shells of assets which has little value
- Proposed annual fee increase

KZN, FS,
MPM, NW,
GP, WC, NC,
LIM, EC

PROVINCIAL AGM's

Provinces are reminded to have their own AGMs to elect their EXCOs.



DESK CALENDAR

Desk calendars will be delivered shortly!