

## MEET THE TEAM

### 1. BACSA NATIONAL OFFICE:



*Lorinda Nel, BACSA National Project  
Manager.*

Lorinda Nel, currently one of BACSA's National Project Managers, obtained her law degree from the Rand Afrikaans University in 1985. She then started her career as a public prosecutor within the Department of Justice. She was appointed Magistrate in 1990. After leaving the Department, Lorinda acted as an assessor in various high-profile criminal matters.

From 1994 to 1996, Ms Nel lectured criminal law and specialised in the transfer of legal skills to police officials.

Lorinda Nel joined Business Against Crime South Africa in October 1996 and initiated the National Vehicle Crime Project under the auspices of the National Crime Prevention Secretariat. She also became a member of the National NFTCC in 1999.

While working in BACSA, Lorinda Nel has been a principle drafter of the Second-Hand Goods Bill. She currently acts as the convener for the private sector to finalise, as requested by SAPS Legal Services, the Regulations that are to be promulgated with the Act.

She is currently the National Project Manager for BACSA's national Hijacking and House Robbery Projects.

## **2. PROVINCIAL CHAIRPERSONS:**



### **2.1. Ms Suzan Seabi – Chairperson, BAC-North West**

Ms Suzan Seabi has recently been appointed Chairperson of the BAC-North West Board.

Ms Seabi is currently a managing member of a training and development company dealing with skills development and capacity building mostly in rural areas. In addition to her work on the Board of BAC-NW, she also serves on various other Boards. From 2007 to-date, she was appointed as Provincial Chair of the Black Management Forum (BMF). She also serves on the BMF Board of Trustees, the Siyenz'umehluku NGO, which provides assistance to children affected by HIV and AIDS, as well as the Board of the Xtensive ICT Academy. From 2009 to-date, Ms Seabi sits on the BUSA Committee of Trade and Economy.

Ms Seabi's professional qualifications include a BCompt Degree, awarded in 1999 from Unisa. She majored in Accounting and Auditing and later obtained a certificate in Customer Relations and Marketing from the same University. From Wits Business School, she has obtained a MAP Certificate. From Duke CE, she completed a Global leadership programme in 2009.

Ms Seabi began professionally as a nurse before venturing into the corporate world where she worked as an accountant in an investment company. She later took on managerial roles in sales, marketing, accounting and taxation within various financial institutions.

*Ms Seabi is warmly welcomed to the BAC provincial and national Board.*

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## **2.2. Mr Melvyn C. Joshua – Chairperson, BAC-Western Cape**

Mr Joshua is former Head of the Department of Community Safety in the Provincial Government of the Western Cape. In this position, it was his role to exercise civilian oversight over the police and forge broader partnerships for a range of social crime prevention programmes.

He was invited to join the board of BAC - Western Cape in August 2005 after he had completed a 7-year stint as the Deputy Director-General for Community Safety.

He is currently assisting Government with a restructuring exercise in one of the provincial Departments and also serves on the Audit Committee.

He was elected Chairperson of the Western Cape board on 31 March 2010.

*Mr Joshua is warmly welcomed to the BAC provincial and national Board.*

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### **2.3. Mr O'Brien Smith – Chairperson, BAC-MP**

Mr O'Brien Smith joined the S.A. Police after leaving school. On completion of his basic training, he served as a training instructor in the then S.A. Police College.

After serving the SAPS for 6 years, he joined Sappi in 1978.

Within Sappi, Mr O'Brien Smith has focused on risk management. He was transferred from the Tugela paper mill to the Stanger mill on promotion in KZN. At the Ngodwana mill in Mpumalanga, he currently heads the Risk Management department.

Mr O.B. Smith has represented the company in various forums, including the CPFs, the Mpumalanga Civil Protection Association and BAC-MP.

This is Mr O.B. Smith's second tenure at BAC – MP after a three-year gap which allowed him to complete a SAP R3 Project for the Sappi Head office in Johannesburg. Since his return to Ngodwana, he did not hesitate to once again become involved in BAC – Mpumalanga.

O'Brien lives on a small farm 10km outside of Nelspruit with his wife Petro. On the farm, they have the best of both worlds: a challenging workplace with Lowveld country living around the corner. In his spare time, Mr Smith enjoys the outdoors. Both he and his wife are active Honorary Rangers in the Kruger Park. He has hiked the Fish River Canyon twice and the Upper Fish River confluence once.

*Mr O.B. Smith is warmly welcomed back to the BAC provincial and national Board.*

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