

Cape St Francis at your service Calibre Response Officers



Owner Simon Edwards with Stanford, Simon and Bennie

Introducing our permanent NIGHT response officers in Cape St Francis, Bennie and Stanford together with Response Team leader Simon. Bennie and Stanford have been based in Cape St Francis for 3 years and know their area well.

Calibre has a dedicated car based 24 hours doing patrols, responding and regular checks in Cape St Francis.

We as a company maintain a high morale among our staff by offering incentives and rewards for various criteria. Our arrest record speaks for itself with our staff following through their arrests by testifying in court against the accused. As a company we have arrested over 11 suspects in the last year and in one case the suspect received a 5 year jail sentence.

Keeping it in the family Calibre's control room



Standing: Shamilla, Lynn, Merle and Anneline. Seated: Salome, Petrus and Rene.

The Williams family form a large part of our control room staff with sisters Merle and Salome and their first cousins, Anneline and Rene. Shamilla van Wyk and the "thorn among the roses" stalwart Petrus Malando make up the rest of the team.

Control room staff are the key to any successful security business as they deal with receiving the information and dispatching the staff accordingly. We feel that we have a unique culture at Calibre that we foster, by believing in our staff and focusing on their strengths and bringing out the best in them. As a family owned business we place a priority on being community based and driven and are the only "local" company with a Control Room based in St Francis Bay and that is manned 24 hours.

We are here not only to provide our clientele with stability and responsibility by having long serving staff members, but also to provide our clients with our personal touch.

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Heroine Nerine and hero Malan



Dr Jean Malan and Dr Nerine Botha from St Francis Bay, who acted beyond the call of duty.

St Francis' local doctor and vet were the heroes of the day when two boats collided at the Kromme River mouth last month.

A 26 year-old Canadian woman, Emelia Grobler, was badly injured when the one boat flew over the boat she was on and the running propellor severed her leg and femoral artery.

She was bleeding profusely. Vet Dr Nerine Botha, her vet friend and a PE Dr Rob Freesers were first on the scene as they were nearby. They were joined by local doctor Judy Kirk and the three quickly attended to Grobler's wounds and stemmed the bleeding. Observers and rescue teams say that if it was not for their quick action, Grobler may have died. Botha had summoned Dr Jean Malan, the

NSRI crew and an ambulance.

The NSRI organised a river tourist boat to take the injured woman to Shore Road where Dr Malan was waiting. He stabilised the woman and helped her into the ambulance then drove behind the ambulance all the way to PE - in case the woman needed help or collapsed en route or if the hospital needed his help. Many have lauded the actions of Botha, Malan and others who went out of their way, beyond the call of duty, to assist in the tragedy, thereby saving Grobler's life and leg.

Kouga Municipality and SAMSA are investigating the incident and will release a media statement in due course.

DA loses case against Kouga Municipality

The Democratic Alliance (DA) suffered a second defeat against Kouga Municipality at the end of last year when the Supreme Court of Appeals dismissed, with full costs, an appeal by the party that the appointment of the municipality's directors be declared unlawful.

The DA also lost the case in the Port Elizabeth High Court in January last year also with full costs.

Welcoming the judgment, Kouga Executive Mayor Booi Koerat said the Supreme and High Court decisions made it clear that the appointments were legal and that the incumbents had the necessary qualifications, skills and experience to head the institution.

The judgements followed claims by the DA last year that the municipality had acted unlawfully when it appointed directors Carleen Arends (Tourism, Creative Industries and Local Economic Development), Carlien Burger (Finance), Victor Felton (Infrastructure and Planning), Japie Jansen (Social Services) and Thobeka Tom (Administration, Monitoring and Evaluation) in August 2012.

"It is good to have confirmation from the highest courts of law that the right people have been appointed to take Kouga forward and that the right process was followed," the Mayor said.

"We are grateful that we can now put this unpleasantness behind us. The opposition's political game-playing has been obstructing our efforts to improve services, but we can now focus on

unlocking the full potential of this institution and the region as a whole."

He said that the Supreme Court had been highly critical of the manner in which the DA had approached the court in this manner.

"They wasted the court's time and were reproached for forcing the municipality into a legal battle when the matter could have been resolved internally. This is why they have been ordered to pay the municipality's legal costs as well," he said.

He said that the Supreme Court had upheld the municipality's contention that the appointments were lawful as the institution did have a staff establishment and the Municipal Manager had been consulted sufficiently.

"The court rulings have vindicated Kouga. We have been able to prove that the correct process was followed and that our directors have the relevant skills as required by section 56 (b) of the Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000."

He said the court case had been based on misinformation that had been fed to opposition councillors by disgruntled employees.

"It is of serious concern that opposition councillors would allow themselves to be used in this manner. It is of even greater concern that they would encourage officials to behave inappropriately," he said.

"In so doing, they not only wasted the court's time but delayed the progress our communities deserve."

No dogs on golf course in season

During the period December to mid January no dogs are to be exercised on the golf course between 6:30 am and 6:30 pm due to the number of golf rounds being played and the possibility of accidents or incidents occurring.

Once the holiday season is over and the town returns to normality the following will apply:

* No dogs will be allowed on the golf course on Wednesday and Saturdays due to these being competition days.

* On non-competition days dog owners must

give way to golfers on the course and dogs must be on a lead at all times. Dogs running uncontrolled over fairways, greens and in the bunkers will no longer be tolerated.

* Dog owners are responsible for picking up their dogs faeces and disposing thereof. (not in the bins on the course)

Non adherence to these conditions will lead to a total ban on the walking of dogs on the course. The St Francis Bay Golf Club would appreciate your co-operation in the matter so that a compromise can be implemented.