



NEWSLETTER

ONRUS VERMONT SPECIAL RATING AREA

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WORD FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Dear Members and Residents,

As we move further into the year, it's a good moment to reflect on how much our community safety network has evolved. What started as a focused initiative has grown into a far more active, responsive and interconnected system, supported not only by infrastructure, but by the increasing involvement of residents.

Soos ons met die jaar aanbeweeg, is dit 'n goeie tyd om te besin oor hoeveel ons gemeenskapsveiligheidsnetwerk ontwikkel het. Wat as 'n gefokusde inisiatief begin het, het gegroei tot 'n veel meer aktiewe en geïntegreerde stelsel wat deur die bestaande infrastruktuur en inwoners se betrokkenheid ondersteun word.

One of the most encouraging trends we're seeing is the rise in community reporting and engagement. More residents are making use of the systems in place, whether through reporting incidents or staying informed. This level of participation is invaluable – it strengthens our ability to respond and reinforces the shared responsibility that underpins a successful SRA.



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Een van die mees bemoedigende tendense wat ons sien, is die toename in gemeenskapsrapportering en -betrokkenheid. Meer inwoners maak gebruik van die stelsels wat in plek is, hetsy deur voorvalle aan te meld of om ingelig te bly. Hierdie vlak van deelname is van onskatbare waarde – dit versterk ons vermoë om te reageer en versterk die gedeelde verantwoordelikheid wat 'n suksesvolle SRA onderlê.

At the same time, with this growth comes a new challenge: ensuring that we continue to keep pace operationally. With an expanding camera network and increased activity flowing through the control room, our focus is on maintaining the high standard of monitoring and response that residents have come to expect. This requires ongoing refinement, prioritisation and making the most of available resources.

Met hierdie groei kom 'n nuwe uitdaging: om te verseker dat ons operasioneel tred hou. Met 'n groeiende kameranetwerk en verhoogde aktiwiteit wat deur die beheerkamer vloei, is ons fokus op die handhawing van die hoë standaard van monitering en reaksie wat inwoners verwag het. Dit vereis voortdurende verfyning, prioritisering en die beste benutting van beskikbare hulpbronne.

As part of improving communication, we've launched the Onrus Vermont SRA WhatsApp Channel, which is already proving to be a valuable way to keep residents informed and connected. If you haven't yet joined, we encourage you to do so:

As deel van die verbetering van kommunikasie, het ons die Onrus Vermont SRA WhatsApp-kanaal bekendgestel, wat reeds 'n waardevolle manier blyk te wees om inwoners ingelig en verbind te hou. As jy nog nie aangesluit het nie, moedig ons jou aan om dit te doen.

<https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029VbCC8rB0gcfBxLkirV1z>

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and involvement. Every report made, every message shared, and every resident who stays engaged strengthens the fabric of our community – and together, we continue to build a safer, more connected Onrus and Vermont for all.

Soos altyd, dankie vir jul volgehoue ondersteuning en betrokkenheid. Elke verslag wat gemaak word, elke boodskap wat gedeel word, en elke inwoner wat betrokke bly, versterk ons gemeenskap – en saam beweeg ons voort om 'n veiliger, meer verbonde Onrus en Vermont vir almal te bou.

Warm regards,
Caroline Gabb
Chairperson
Onrus Vermont SRA



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Community Safety Forum



From L-R:
Traffic Chief Rudi Fraser, MCC of Public Safety Andrew Komani, SAPS Provincial Colonel AJ Van Der Berg, Marcia Bown (HPP), Mayor Archie Klaas, Law Enforcement Chief Johan du Toit, SAPS Brig Nosilela, Meredith Thornton (Onrus Vermont SRA), George Lotter (Senior Manager, Electrical Services), Ntombi Mtholo (Directorate for Municipal Public Safety), Kevin Husk (Stanford CPF and vice chair) and Fire Chief Lester Smith

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 February 2026, Council approved the formal establishment of the Overstrand Community Safety Forum as a municipal community safety coordination structure.

Tydens die Gewone Raadsvergadering wat op 25 Februarie 2026 gehou is, het die Raad die formele stigting van die Overstrand Gemeenskapsveiligheidsforum as 'n munisipale gemeenskapsveiligheidkoördineringsstruktuur goedgekeur.

The recommendation, tabled under the Municipal Public Safety Portfolio, confirms Council's commitment to strengthening collaboration between safety stakeholders across the Overstrand.

Die aanbeveling, wat onder die Munisipale Openbare Veiligheidsportefeulje ter tafel gelê is, bevestig die Raad se verbintenis tot die versterking van samewerking tussen veiligheidsbelanghebbendes regoor die Overstrand.

The Community Safety Forum serves as a coordinated platform to enhance communication, cooperation and proactive safety initiatives within our municipal area.

Die Gemeenskapsveiligheidsforum dien as 'n gekoördineerde platform om kommunikasie, samewerking en proaktiewe veiligheidsinisiatiewe binne ons munisipale gebied te verbeter.

We look forward to the continued positive impact this structure brings in supporting safer communities throughout the Overstrand.

Ons sien uit na die voortgesette positiewe impak wat hierdie struktuur inhou om veiliger gemeenskappe regdeur die Overstrand te ondersteun.

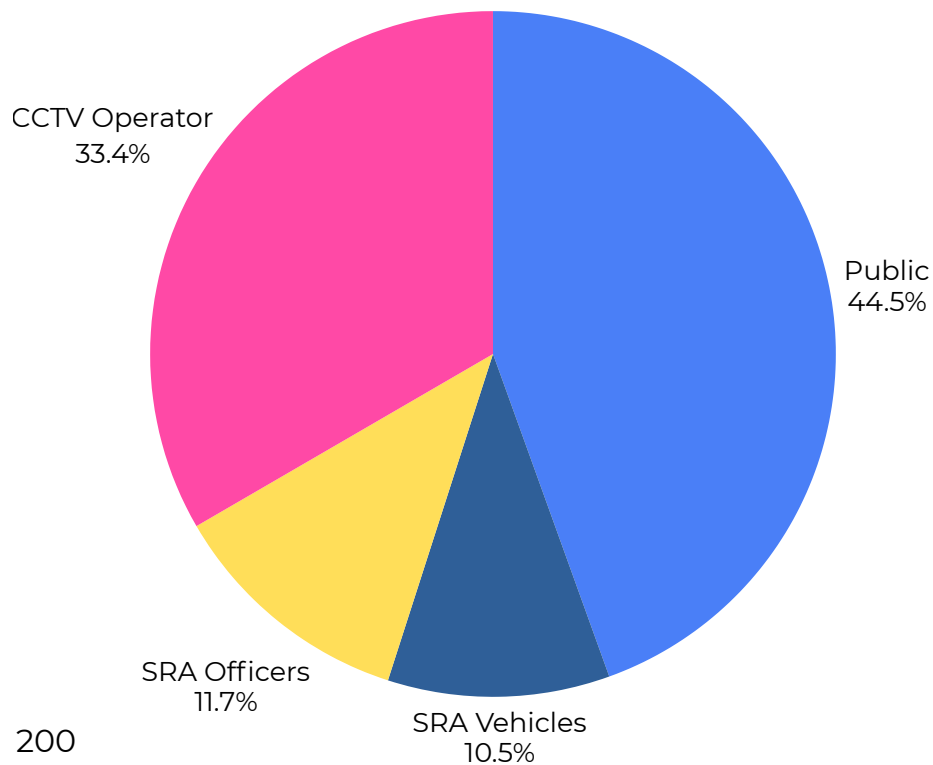


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Reporting of Incidents



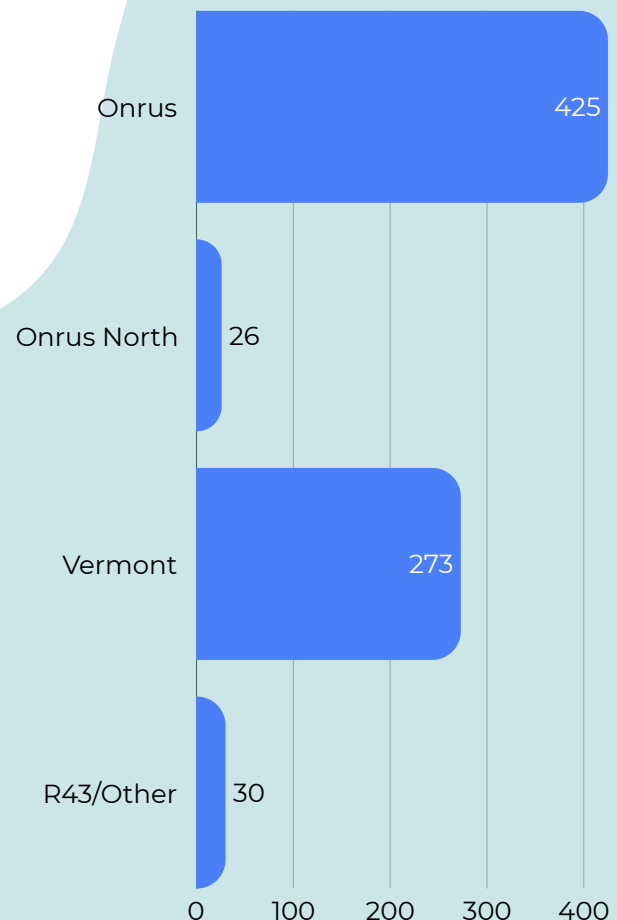
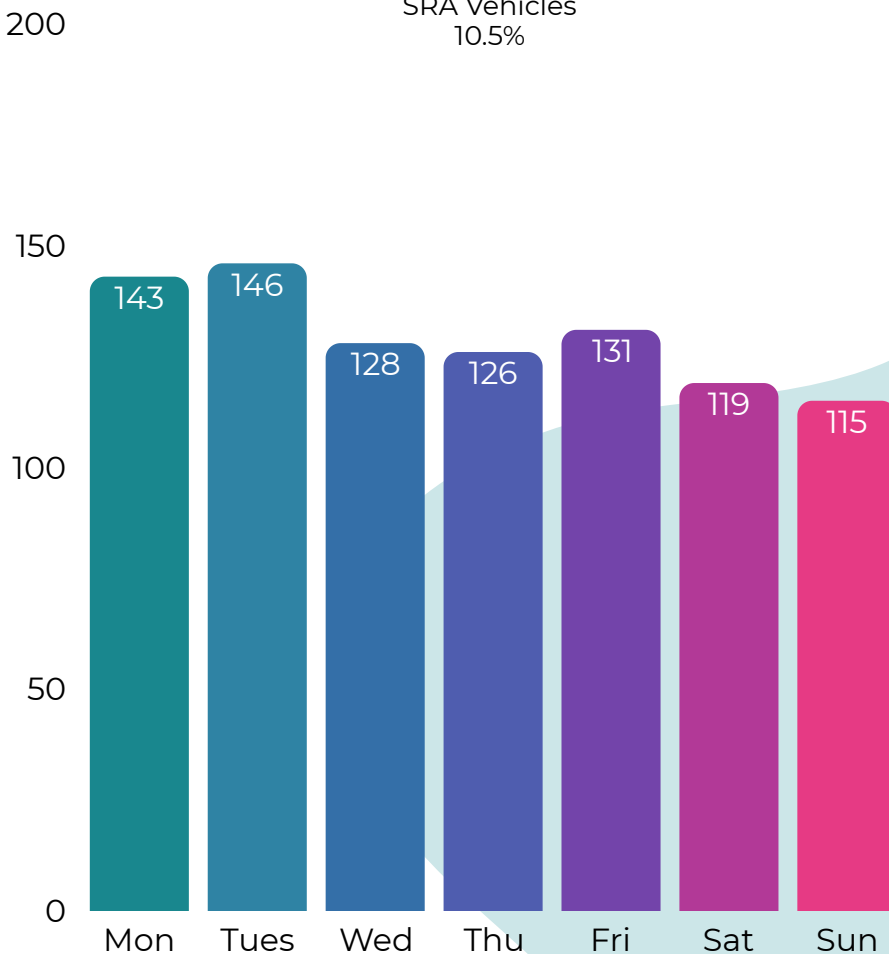
ARRESTS MADE
7

CCTV CAMERAS
99

CONTROL ROOM
24/7

ARRESTS MADE
Since OVSRA started

100



Stats for Jan-March '26



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ESKOM Issues

Following the disruptions a few weeks ago caused by failing Eskom infrastructure, we joined hands with a group of concerned residents who have come together to represent the interests of Onrus and Vermont.

This collaboration is focused on addressing electricity-related challenges in our area. We are not aiming to reinvent the wheel, but rather to strengthen existing efforts by working alongside community members who are already actively engaging with Eskom to seek clarity, accountability and sustainable solutions.

A key strength of this group is the inclusion of electrical engineers, enabling us to engage on technical matters in an informed and professional manner.

Our intention is to engage constructively with Eskom, the Overstrand Municipality and other relevant stakeholders, to gather accurate information, better understand the challenges, and where possible, offer practical, technically sound input and support.

Meet & Greet

15 May 2025

Time: 12:00 to 14:00

Location: Die Kapel @ NG Kerk Onrus

We are very excited to have the next Meet & Greet in a workshop format. We would like to assist the community to correctly use the Collab Citizen App – where communities can report issues to the municipality.



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