



NEWSLETTER

ONRUS VERMONT SPECIAL RATING AREA

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WORD FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

As we move through another busy quarter, it is encouraging to reflect on what has been achieved through the collective efforts of our residents, public safety team and security partners.

Soos wat ons deur nog 'n besige kwartaal beweeg, is dit bemoedigend om te besin oor wat bereik is deur die gesamentlike pogings van ons inwoners, openbare veiligheids-span en sekuriteitsvennote.

The accompanying statistics tell an important story. Between Dec 2025 and May 2026, our CCTV network recorded almost 1,000 proactive detections, leading to hundreds of investigations into suspicious activity, numerous property checks, medical and welfare assists, the recovery of lost property, and several arrests. While every statistic represents an incident requiring attention, it also represents an opportunity to prevent crime, assist someone in need or protect a resident's property.

Die meegaande statistieke vertel 'n belangrike storie. Tussen Des 2025 en Mei 2026 het ons CCTV-netwerk byna 1 000 proaktiewe opsporings aangeteken, wat gelei het tot honderde ondersoeke na verdagte aktiwiteite, talle eiendomskontroles, mediese en welsynsbystand, die terugbesorging van verlore eiendom en verskeie inhegtenisnemings. Terwyl elke statistiek 'n voorval verteenwoordig wat aandag vereis, verteenwoordig dit ook 'n geleentheid om misdaad te voorkom, iemand in nood te help of 'n inwoner se eiendom te beskerm.



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One of the quarter's greatest challenges came during the severe storm and the prolonged power outages that followed. Thanks to the generosity of local resident Coenie Groenewald (CCG Electrical), who loaned OVSRA a generator, we were able to keep our control room operational and continue monitoring many of our key CCTV cameras throughout the outage. It was a wonderful example of neighbours helping neighbours and ensuring that community safety remained a priority, even under difficult circumstances.

Een van die kwartaal se grootste uitdagings tydens die hewige storm en die langdurige kragonderbrekings wat gevolg het. Danksy die vrygewigheid van plaaslike inwoner Coenie Groenewald (CCG Electrical), wat 'n kragopwekker aan OVSRA geleen het, kon ons die beheerkamer operasioneel hou en baie van ons belangrikste CCTV-kameras in werking hou gedurende die onderbreking. Dit was 'n wonderlike voorbeeld van bure wat mekaar help en verseker dat gemeenskapsveiligheid 'n prioriteit bly, selfs onder moeilike omstandighede.

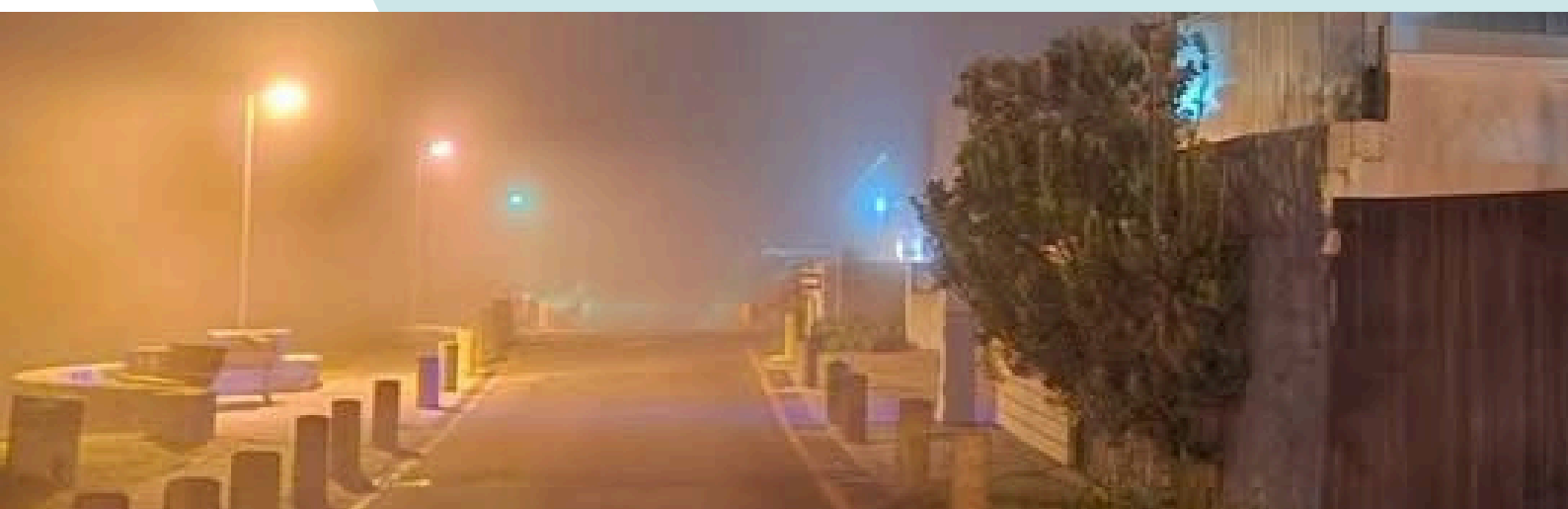
Our patrollers have also continued to support community initiatives beyond traditional safety duties, including assisting with alien vegetation clearing. These projects not only improve the appearance of our neighbourhood but also contribute to safer public spaces and demonstrate the community spirit that makes Onrus and Vermont such special places to live.

Ons patrolleerders het ook voortgegaan om gemeenskapsinisiatiewe te ondersteun wat verder strek as tradisionele veiligheidspligte, insluitend hulp met die verwydering van indringerplante. Hierdie projekte verbeter nie net die voorkoms van ons buurt nie, maar dra ook by tot veiliger openbare spasies en demonstreer die gemeenskapsgees wat Onrus en Vermont sulke spesiale plekke maak om te woon.

Thank you to every resident who supports OVSRA by reporting suspicious activity to our control room, community safety is a shared responsibility, and together we continue to make a real difference.

Dankie aan elke inwoner wat OVSRA ondersteun deur verdagte aktiwiteite aan ons beheerkamer te rapporteer, gemeenskapsveiligheid is 'n gedeelde verantwoordelikheid, en saam maak ons steeds 'n werklike verskil.

Warm regards,
Caroline Gabb
Chairperson
Onrus Vermont SRA



Collab Citizen App Training

Op Vrydag 15 Mei het die OVSRA 'n opleidingsessie oor die Collab Citizen App aangebied, wat gefasiliteer is deur amptenare van die Overstrand Munisipaliteit.

Die sessie het inwoners praktiese leiding gegee oor hoe om die toep te gebruik om munisipale dienslewingskwessies soos slaggate, waterlekkasies, foutiewe straatligte, onwettige storting en ander instandhoudingsprobleme aan te meld.

Die Collab Citizen App is 'n waardevolle hulpmiddel wat kommunikasie tussen inwoners en die munisipaliteit versterk. Deur probleme vinnig en akkuraat aan te meld, verseker die toep dat diensversoeke die toepaslike munisipale afdelings bereik, wat bydra tot doeltreffender en meer verantwoordbare dienslewering.

OVSRA bedank die Overstrand Munisipaliteit vir die aanbieding van die opleiding, asook al die inwoners wat dit bygewoon het. Deur hulpmiddels soos die Collab Citizen-toep te gebruik, kan ons as gemeenskap saam met die munisipaliteit werk om Onrus en Vermont skoon, veilig en goed instand te hou.

On Friday, 15 May, the OVSRA hosted a training session on the Collab Citizen App, presented by officials from the Overstrand Municipality.

The session provided residents with practical guidance on how to use the app to report municipal service delivery issues such as potholes, water leaks, faulty streetlights, illegal dumping, and other maintenance concerns.

The Collab Citizen App is an important tool for strengthening communication between residents and the municipality. By enabling quick and accurate reporting, it helps ensure that service requests reach the appropriate municipal departments efficiently, contributing to a more responsive and accountable service.

OVSRA would like to thank the Overstrand Municipality for presenting the training and all the residents who attended. By embracing tools such as the Collab Citizen App, our community can work together with the municipality to help keep Onrus and Vermont clean, safe, and well maintained.



MEET & GREET DATE

5 August 2026

Time and location TBC

Reporting of Incidents

YTD 2026

CCTV Detections **982**
Proactive Searches: **612**
Suspicious Persons Investigated: **729**
Missing Persons/Welfare assist: **13**
Lost property recovery: **90**
Fire in public spaces: **8**
Proactive Property Checks (Open Gates/garages): **29**
Medical Emergency Assistance: **12**

ARRESTS MADE
8

CCTV CAMERAS
103

CONTROL ROOM
24/7

ARRESTS MADE
Since OVSRA started

101

Incident Report/Highlights

01/OB330

In the early hours of the morning, the OVSRA Control Room identified two individuals travelling along the R43 on bicycles in the direction of the Vermont Avenue intersection. Based on their movements and the circumstances observed, the individuals were deemed worthy of further investigation and OVSRA response officers were dispatched to the area.

Following a search of the surrounding area, the individuals were located adjacent to the R43. During the interaction, items consistent with tools commonly associated with housebreaking were observed in their possession. Hermanus SAPS was requested to attend the scene. Upon arrival, SAPS members assessed the situation and assumed responsibility for the matter. The individuals were subsequently taken into custody by SAPS for further investigation.



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Incident Report/Highlights

02/OB86

OVSRA Control Room Operators identified a suspicious individual in the vicinity of Davies Pool through the OVSRA CCTV network and dispatched response officers to investigate. Although the individual was not located during the initial search, the person was subsequently observed again on the CCTV network. Control Room Operators continued to monitor the individual's movements and provided real-time updates to response officers, enabling them to track the individual's route through the area.

As the individual moved towards the R43, multiple CCTV cameras captured and relayed the movement, allowing response officers to intercept and stop the person for further investigation.

During the interaction, items believed to be electrical cable and tools commonly associated with property-related offences were reportedly found in the individual's possession. Hermanus SAPS was requested to attend the scene.

Upon arrival, SAPS members assessed the circumstances and assumed responsibility for the matter. The individual was subsequently taken into custody by SAPS for further investigation.

02/OB279

During routine proactive monitoring, an OVSRA Control Room Operator observed an individual entering a private property under circumstances that warranted further attention. The individual was subsequently seen leaving the property and entering a motor vehicle.

Based on these observations, OVSRA response officers were dispatched to conduct further enquiries. During the follow-up investigation, property reported as stolen was located at the premises. Additional enquiries revealed that a neighbouring property had reportedly been unlawfully entered, and items believed to have been taken from the property were recovered.

The details of the individual and the motor vehicle observed were recorded and shared with Hermanus SAPS, as well as relevant security and community safety partners, for information, monitoring and further investigation.

All findings were handed over to SAPS for assessment and any further action deemed appropriate.

03/OB318

While conducting routine patrols, an OVSRA Public Safety bicycle officer was approached by a member of the public who reported that an individual had been observed entering a private property without the apparent consent of the occupant.

The officer immediately requested additional assistance and proceeded to investigate the report. During the investigation, an individual was located on the property and detained pending further enquiries.

The individual was subsequently handed over to the relevant authorities for assessment and any further investigation deemed necessary.

This incident demonstrates the value of visible patrols, community vigilance and the rapid reporting of suspicious activity in assisting to protect residents and property within the area.



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Incident Report/Highlights

03/OB309/311

During routine CCTV monitoring in Vermont, OVSRA Control Room Operators observed two individuals whose actions warranted further investigation. The individuals were seen entering a private property, whereafter OVSRA response officers were dispatched to the area and additional assistance was requested from members of the local security cluster.

Upon becoming aware of the responding officers, the individuals left the area. Their movements were monitored through the OVSRA CCTV network, enabling response teams to maintain situational awareness while conducting searches. One individual was observed moving towards the nature reserve, while the second individual could not immediately be located.

Response officers and supporting security personnel continued patrols and search efforts in the area. Later that evening, Control Room Operators identified a vehicle entering the area and stopping adjacent to a greenbelt. CCTV observations indicated that the previously observed individual emerged from a concealed location and loaded two gas cylinders into the vehicle.

This information was immediately relayed to response teams, who attempted to stop the vehicle in Lynx Avenue. The vehicle did not stop, and Hermanus SAPS, who had already been informed of the incident, coordinated further action.

The vehicle was subsequently intercepted in Hawston, where SAPS took the occupants into custody for further investigation. The matter was handed over to SAPS for assessment and any further action deemed appropriate.

04/OB71

During routine patrols in the vicinity of Bietou Parking, OVSRA Public Safety Officers located several bicycles concealed in vegetation. Due to the circumstances in which the bicycles were found, it was considered appropriate to refer the matter to Hermanus SAPS for further investigation.

The bicycles were subsequently handed over to SAPS for safekeeping and to facilitate any enquiries that may establish ownership or determine whether they were linked to any reported incidents

Missing Person

OVSRA Control Room received a report of an elderly gentleman who had not returned home following a walk in the area. A description of the individual was circulated to members of the local security and community safety network, and a coordinated search was initiated.

OVSRA Control Room Operators utilised the CCTV network to assist with the search effort. By reviewing recent camera footage, operators were able to establish the individual's direction of travel and identify several locations where he had been observed. This information enabled search teams to focus their efforts on a smaller search area.

During the search, a member of the OVSRA Public Safety foot patrol reported hearing calls for assistance from a nearby park. Response teams were immediately directed to the location, where the gentleman and his dog were located in dense vegetation.

The individual was safely assisted from the area and assessed by emergency medical personnel. He was subsequently transported to hospital for observation as a precautionary measure.

This incident highlights the value of coordinated community safety partnerships, proactive patrols and the OVSRA CCTV network in supporting the wellbeing of residents and visitors.