



NEWSLETTER

ONRUS VERMONT SPECIAL RATING AREA

Q4 2026



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QUICK FACTS ABOUT ONRUS VERMONT SRA

- **Established in 2021**
- **NPC board with 5 directors**
- **Full-time General Manager**
- **103 CCTV cameras**
- **24/7 monitored control room & Hotline**
- **2x shared response vehicles – Contracted to Fidelity ADT**
- **2x daily foot patrollers 7am to 7pm**
- **Additional patroller and control room operator during peak season**
- **Assisted with more than 100 arrests since inception**
- **Provide and support a central radio network for neighbourhood watches and security companies within our area**
- **Member of JOCOM, E2 and other community committees**



ONRUS VERMONT SRA

CONTROL ROOM: 079 469 8606

www.onrusvermontsra.com

AGM / AJV

Saturday 3 October 2026

09:15 Registration

10:00 Meeting

NG Kerk Onrus

Die vergadering is oop vir alle inwoners. Stemreg is beperk tot lidmaatskap van die OVSRA (NWM). Alle dokumentasie is beskikbaar op www.onrusvermontsra.com

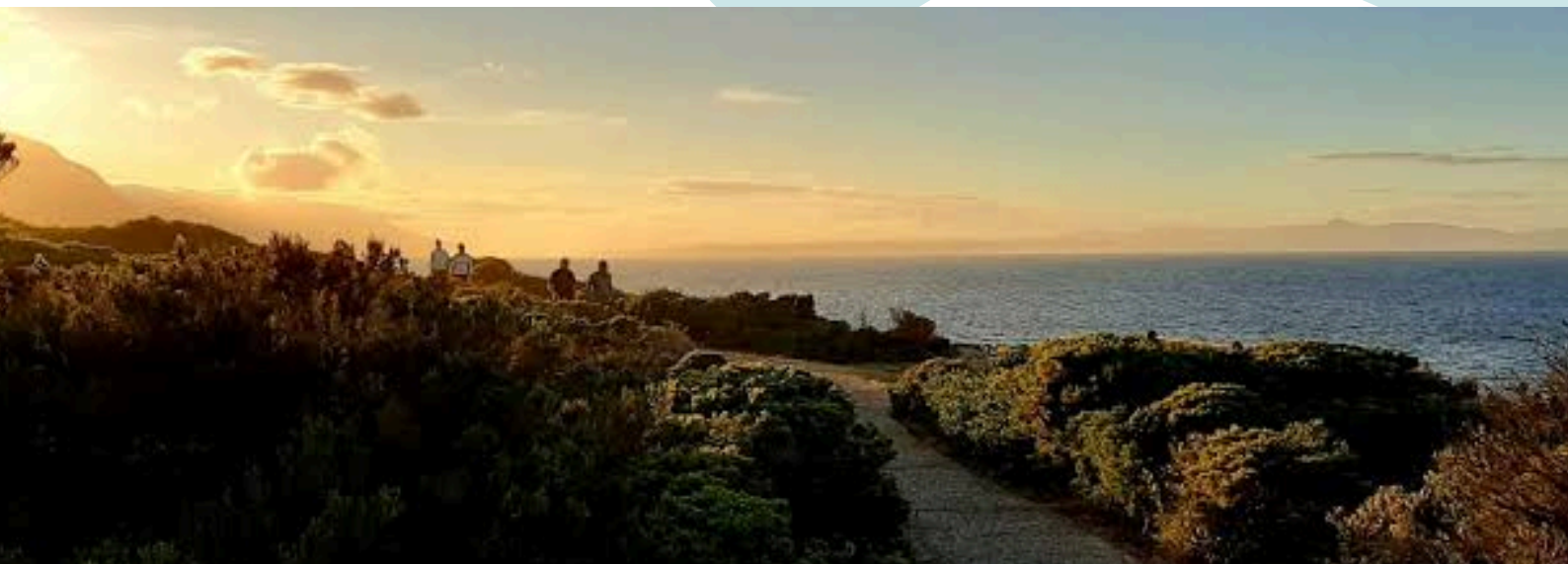
The meeting is open to all residents. Voting is restricted to members of the OVSRA (NPC) only. All documentaion is available on www.onrusvermontsra.com

PERSONAL SAFETY – HELP AT THE TOUCH OF A BUTTON

For many of us, walking the coastal path, taking the dog for a walk, going for a run or simply heading out in the car is part of everyday life, but what happens if something goes wrong when you are away from home?

While crime rates in our area remain very low, the OVSRA strongly recommends considering additional layers of personal security that can provide greater freedom, confidence and peace of mind wherever you may go.

One option worth considering is Fidelity ADT's SecureMe device – a compact personal emergency device that gives you access to assistance when you need it, whether you are at home or out and about. You do not need to have a Fidelity ADT home alarm to use this system.





How does it work?

If you activate the SOS/panic button, the alert is received by a centralised control room. An operator will contact you through the device using two-way voice communication to establish what has happened and what assistance is required.

If you are unable to speak or respond, the device can provide location information to help identify where you are. The closest participating security company will then be dispatched to assist you. If you are in an area where there is no participating armed-response company, the appropriate Law Enforcement, SAPS station or ambulance service can be notified instead.

Depending on the device and service, features can also include location data and fall detection, while important medical and emergency information can be stored on the system. This can be particularly valuable if you are unable to communicate with the control room yourself.

There is also the reassurance of having an emergency device that you can simply carry or wear, rather than having to find your phone, unlock it and make a call when something goes wrong, and it means that you can leave your phone at home when you are out walking.

Not just for emergencies involving crime

A personal safety device has many applications beyond crime prevention.

It can be particularly useful for people who walk, run or cycle alone, older residents who want to maintain their independence, or anyone who spends time outdoors. It can also provide an additional safeguard for a person living with dementia who may be inclined to

wander, or for someone who could experience a fall or medical emergency while alone.

And it doesn't stop at the boundaries of Onrus and Vermont. You can take it with you when hiking, driving around Hermanus, travelling elsewhere in the Overberg or going further afield, subject to network coverage and the service's response arrangements. Added extras are limited free ambulance response and a Meet & Greet service.

Your personal safety is ultimately about taking sensible precautions and being prepared. Technology cannot eliminate risk, but having help available at the touch of a button can provide an extra measure of security while allowing you to continue enjoying the freedom to walk, exercise, travel and go about your daily life with greater peace of mind.

For more information about this exciting new product, please WhatsApp "OVSRA SecureMe" to 078 460 0266.

SNAKEBITE AWARENESS

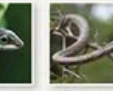


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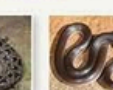
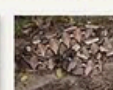
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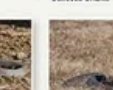
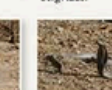
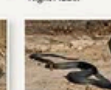
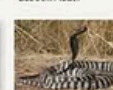
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In Boomslang or Vine Snake Bites ...

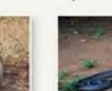
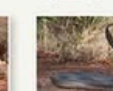
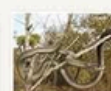


In Adder, Stiletto or Spitting Cobra Bites...





In Mamba and non-spitting Cobra Bites...



WHAT TO DO...

IF THE SNAKE RESPONSIBLE HAS NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED

IF THERE IS PAIN AND SWELLING

PROMPTLY TRANSPORT THE VICTIM TO THE NEAREST HOSPITAL

IF THE VICTIM EXPERIENCES DIFFICULTY WITH BREATHING

FREE ASI SNAKES APP

Immobilise the victim and promptly transport to hospital.

Elevate the affected limb slightly above the heart and immobilise the limb. NO PRESSURE BANDAGES

Wrap the affected limb in a pressure bandage and apply a splint.

Apply mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Make use of a Bag Valve Mask.

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WILDFIRE READY: EVACUATION PLAN

Be Prepared. Be Ready. Be Safe.



You should never wait and see what happens during a wildfire.

When an evacuation is anticipated, follow this checklist to give you and your home the best chance of surviving a wildfire.



OUTSIDE

- ☐  Make sure your car is facing the exit route and your car windows are closed to avoid embers entering.
- ☐  Stay updated on fire information so you will know if the fire has come closer to you.
- ☐  Gather up flammable items from the exterior of the structure and bring inside or place them in your pool.
- ☐  Turn off the gas supply. Designate a safe place to store gas bottles, where they will not be exposed to radiant heat. A pool is a safe place.
- ☐  Wet down any area of the home that can ignite easily, e.g. wooden decks, plants, roofing etc.
- ☐  If time permits, block the downpipes and fill the gutters with water.
- ☐  Leave exterior lights on so your home is visible in the smoke or dark.
- ☐  Seal all attic and roof spaces to stop embers gaining access.
- ☐  Seal gaps in doors and windows with non-flammable material.



INSIDE

- ☐  Make sure you have your ID books, passports, birth certificates and any other important documents packed safely ready to go with you.
- ☐  Pack a WildfireReady Emergency Kit to take with you.
- ☐  Shut all windows and doors. Take down window shades or curtains as these can ignite from radiant heat.
- ☐  Move flammable furniture to the centre of the room, away from windows and doors.
- ☐  Shut off any gas to appliances.
- ☐  Turn off any air conditioning.



ANIMALS

-  Locate your pets and any carry boxes, keep them nearby and ready to go.
-  Prepare farm animals for transport and think about moving them to a safe location early.



PREPARE TODAY
SO WE CAN PROTECT TOMORROW.



STAY INFORMED

Monitor local alerts and follow official updates during fire season.

IN CASE OF FIRE – REPORT IMMEDIATELY



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