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**2018 FIREARM AMNESTY**  
**1 June 2018 – 30 November 2018**

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# Background

- The Minister of Police may by notice in the Gazette declare an amnesty if the amnesty may result in the reduction of the number of illegally possessed firearms in South Africa and it is in the public interest to do so.
- Section 139(2) of Firearms Control Act, 2000 (Act No 60 of 2000), also provides that such amnesty will only be valid if it is approved by Parliament;
- The amnesty must specify the period during which persons may apply for amnesty and must specify the conditions under which amnesty may be granted.
- In line with the above proviso, a presentation was made to the Portfolio Committee on Police in March 2017, 08 November 2017 and 15 November 2017;



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- Previous Amnesties yielded significant success in South Africa and we are looking forward to even a more success in 2018
- Further engagements with internal role players indicated that the SAPS is ready to administrate 2018 Firearm Amnesty with effect from 1 June 2018 to 30 November 2018 ;
- A project plan for 2018 Firearm Amnesty was developed to ensure effective implementation and monitoring;



# 2018 Firearms Amnesty Objectives



**1**

To reduce the number of illegally possessed firearms in circulation in South Africa

**2**

To provide firearm owners with the opportunity to hand in unwanted firearms

**3**

To prevent crime and violence and to promote safety

**4**

To address the fundamental causes of crime in order to effectively protect our communities

**5**

To ensure people living in South Africa feel safe and have no fear of crime



# Implementation Plan: Planning Phase

Objective	Action Steps	Deliverables/ Output	Responsibility	Start Date	End Date	Status
Ensure readiness of all provinces and stations to implement amnesty	1.1.1 Draft the guidelines for the implementation	Approved implementation guidelines	Visible Policing	2017-03-01	2018-02-21	Draft implementation guidelines finalised
	1.1.2 Arrange a workshop with all provincial FLASH commanders	Workshop call-up instruction finalised Workshop concluded	Visible Policing	2017-03-01	2018-02-28	Workshop conducted during 2017  Follow-up session to be conducted prior to roll out
	1.1.3 Identify suitable Storage facilities, for the storage of amnesty firearms at Provincial and National level	Suitable storage facilities identified and secured at national and provincial levels	Visible Policing Supply Change Management	2017-03-01	2018-02-16	Storage facilities identified in the following Provinces: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eastern Cape</li> <li>• Free State</li> <li>• Gauteng</li> <li>• Limpopo</li> <li>• Western Cape</li> </ul>



# Implementation Plan: Planning Phase

Objective	Action Steps	Deliverables/Output	Responsibility	Start Date	End Date	Status
Ensure readiness of all provinces and stations to implement amnesty	1.1.4 Arrange for destruction of firearms already at Division: Supply Chain Management, to created storage space for amnesty firearms	Destruction of existing firearms at SCM approved  Existing firearms at SCM destructed	Visible Policing Supply Change Management	2017-03-01	2018-03-31	
	1.1.5 Initiate the identification of adequate Designated Amnesty Officials at all levels	Directive to identify adequate Designated Amnesty Officials drafted and distributed  Adequate Designated Amnesty Officials identified	Visible Policing	2017-03-01	2018-02-12	
	1.1.6 Ensure screening/ profiling of all Designated Amnesty Officials	Identified Designated Amnesty Officials screened/profiled	Crime Intelligence	2017-03-01	2018-02- 19	



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Objective	Action Steps	Deliverables/Output	Responsibility	Start Date	End Date	Status
Ensure readiness of all provinces and stations to implement amnesty	1.1.7 Ensure the appointment of suitable Designated Amnesty Officials in all the Provinces	Suitable Designated Amnesty Officials appointed in writing	Visible Policing	2017-03-01	2018-02-19	
	1.1.8 Conduct a work session with all appointed Designated Amnesty Officials at Provincial level	Work session with appointed Designated Amnesty Officials concluded	Visible Policing	2017-03-01	2018-03-02	
	1.1.9 Establish teams at CFR to oversee/deal with amnesty applications, including WR numbers and deployment of members at the NATJOC and PROVJOCS	Directive to establish CFR Teams drafted and distributed  Established CFR teams at all levels  Established teams deployed in NATJOC/PROVJOC	Visible Policing	2017-03-01	2018-02-16	





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Objective	Action Steps	Deliverables/Output	Responsibility	Start Date	End Date	Status
Ensure readiness of all provinces and stations to implement amnesty	1.1.10 Train identified members on IBIS testing and etching in Provinces	List of members trained at each Province	Forensics Services	2017-03-01	2018-02-19	
	1.1.11 Establish dedicated investigative teams to investigate amnesty related cases	Directive to establish investigative teams drafted and distributed  Dedicated investigative teams established in all Provinces	Detectives	2017-03-01	2018-02-19	



# Implementation Plan: Planning Phase

Objective	Action Steps	Deliverables/Output	Responsibility	Start Date	End Date	Status
Ensure readiness of all provinces and stations to implement amnesty	1.1.12 Finalise administrative processes and procedures to ensure proper control of the Amnesty firearms, including monitoring and reporting framework	Firearm amnesty administrative processes and procedures finalised <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Process flow</li><li>• Dedicated forms and registers</li><li>• Checklists</li><li>• Reporting framework</li></ul>	Visible Policing	2017-03-01	2018-02-21	Draft forms finalised
	1.1.13 Create codes on the Enhanced Firearms Control Register (EFRS) and the FSL system for the Amnesty period	Dedicated firearm amnesty codes created	Technology Management Services Forensic Services Laboratory	2017-03-01	2018-02-28	Codes finalised Implementation to be communicated



# Implementation Plan: Planning Phase

Objective	Action Steps	Deliverables/ Output	Responsibility	Start Date	End Date	Status
Ensure readiness of all provinces and stations to implement amnesty	1.11.14 Establish amnesty enquiry desks in the respective provinces	Established amnesty enquiry desks in all Provinces	Visible Policing	2017-03-01	2018-02-19	Enquiry desks established to be activated
	1.1.15 Develop a communication plan	Approved communication plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Internal and external communication</li></ul>	Corporate Communication	2017-03-01	2018-02-19	Draft communication plan finalised
	1.1.16 Facilitate the approval of the Declaration of Amnesty in terms of section 139 of the Firearms Control Act, 2000 (Act No 60 of 2000)	Approved Declaration of Amnesty gazetted	Legal and Policy Services	2017-03-01	2018-02-19	Draft Declaration of Amnesty finalised



# Implementation Plan: Planning Phase

Objective	Action Steps	Deliverables/ Output	Responsibility	Start Date	End Date	Status
Ensure readiness of all provinces and stations to implement amnesty	1.11.17 Determine final firearm amnesty implementation dates	Firearm amnesty dates communicated	Visible Policing Legal and Policy Services	Date to be confirmed	Date to be confirmed	
	1.1.18 Compiling of a budget submission for amnesty project	Approved budget submission	Visible Policing Financial Administration Service	2018-02-12	2018-02-19	
	1.1.19. Present 2018 Firearm Amnesty Plan to NMF	Firearm amnesty placed on NFM Agenda  Presentation developed and presented	All role players	2018-02-21	2018-02-23	



# Implementation Plan: Implementation Phase

Objective	Action Steps	Deliverables/ Output	Responsibility	Start Date	End Date	Status
Ensure the effective implementation of the 2018 Firearms Amnesty Project	2.1.1 Implement approved communication plan (Communicate approval and dates of the firearm amnesty)	Approved communication plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Firearm amnesty date and process communicated internally/externally</li><li>Media statement issued by Minister of Police</li></ul>	Corporate Communication	Date dependant on the declaration of amnesty		
	2.1.2 Issue NCCF instruction to communicate implementation process	NCCF Instruction drafted and issued	Visible Policing Operational Coordination	Date dependant on the declaration of amnesty		



# Implementation Plan: Reporting and Monitoring Phase

Objective	Action Step	Deliverables/ Output	Responsibility	Start Date	End Date	Status
Ensure the effective reporting and monitoring of the 2018 Amnesty Project	3.1.1 Design reporting template for monitoring purposes	Approved reporting template	All role players	Date dependant on the declaration of amnesty		
	3.1.2 Activate monitoring team to conduct quality assurance visits with a specific focus on identified problematic police stations	Directive to establish quality assurance monitoring team drafted and distributed	All role players	Date dependant on the declaration of amnesty		
		Problematic police stations identified				
	Established quality assurance monitoring team					
	3.1.3 Generate and analyse daily, weekly and monthly reports received for intervention by the monitoring team	Consolidated daily, weekly and monthly reports	Identified team at NATJOC/ PROVJOC	Date dependant on the declaration of amnesty		
		Analysis conducted				



# Implementation Plan: Reporting and Monitoring Phase

Objective	Action Step	Deliverables/ Output	Responsibility	Start Date	End Date	Status
Ensure the effective reporting and monitoring of the 2018 Amnesty Project	3.1.4 Monitor amnesty firearms handed in linked to crime and firearm licensed applications received	Number of amnesty firearms handed in linked to crime  Number of licensed applications received	Visible Policing Detective Services	Date dependant on the declaration of amnesty		



# Implementation Plan: Destruction Phase

Objective	Action Step	Deliverables/ Output	Responsibility	Start Date	End Date	Status
Decrease the opportunity for the proliferation of firearms through destruction	4.1.1 Conduct an audit of the amnesty firearms ready for destruction	Finalised amnesty firearms audit	Visible Policing	Date dependant on the declaration of amnesty		
	4.1.2 Compile a notice of the firearms for destruction and gazetting	Approved notice for firearm destruction drafted and gazetted	Visible Policing Legal and Policy Services	Date dependant on the declaration of amnesty		
	4.1.3 Plan for the destruction of the amnesty firearms	Amnesty firearm destruction concluded	Visible Policing Supply Change Management Operational Response Services	Date dependant on the declaration of amnesty		
	4.1.4 Updating the EFRS with the details of the destroyed amnesty firearms	Updated EFRS	Visible Policing	Date dependant on the declaration of amnesty		
	4.1.5 Compile a final destruction report	Approved firearm amnesty destruction report	Visible Policing	Date dependant on the declaration of amnesty		





# Implementation Plan: Debriefing Phase

Objective	Action Step	Deliverables/ Output	Responsibility	Start Date	End Date	Status
Conduct debriefing on the outcome of the 2018 Firearm Amnesty Project	5.1.1 Develop a standardised debriefing template	Approved standardised debriefing template	All role players	Date dependant on the declaration of amnesty		
	5.1.2 Conduct debriefing sessions at all levels and submit consolidated reports to Division: Visible Policing	Debriefing call-up and sessions finalised	All role players	Date dependant on the declaration of amnesty		



# Conclusion

Firearm Amnesty is essential tool in removing illegally possessed and surplus firearms from society. South African Police Service is committed to eradicate proliferation of firearms in the country and is operationally ready to administrate Amnesty.

Approval of 2018 Firearm Amnesty for the period 2018-06-01 to 2018-11-30 will enhance the purpose of the Firearms Control Act, 2000 (Act No. 60 of 2000).

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