



SAGA Snippets

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SAGA Class Action re SAPS Poor Service Delivery

As SAPS and CFR poor service delivery continues, with many members waiting many months and in some situations more than a year or two on the finalization of licence and competency applications, the SAGA office has been receiving numerous queries about the status of the class action and whether members can still join the action.

The answer is that SAGA is indeed proceeding with a number of class actions on behalf of its members against CFR and SAPS and the members on the previous list have been contacted and are forwarding their applications and information for inclusion in the various class actions.

It is not too late for further members to join the various class actions and the link to join the action is:

<https://forms.gle/9MqptoAeEmJwBf2L7>

The process of the class action is as follows:

- * Add your name and details to the form in the link
- * Our chairperson Damian Enslin is a practicing attorney, and runs a legal practice called Matthews Enslin Inc Attorneys, and you will receive an email from Damian's offices requesting supporting documents and information.
- * Final letters of demand will be sent to CFR on behalf of our members
- * The formal application will be drafted with supporting affidavits from members who wish to join the class action

* The various applications will be issued by the various courts

* The applications are then served by the Sheriff on the Minister of Police, National Commissioner and CFR

* A hearing date will then be obtained

Those who wish to financially contribute to the SAGA class action are welcome to do so and all payments must be made to the SAGA bank account, details of which are as follows:

Bank: Standard Bank
Branch: Durban North
Branch Code: 042 826
Account Name: SAGA Trust
Account Number: 05 135 0610
Reference: Your surname and initials with "Class Action"

Please email the proof of payment to: saga@saga.org.za and in your covering email provide us with your name and contact number.

Any funds that are paid towards the class action will be ring fenced and kept aside purely for the legal action against SAPS and CFR.

SAGA will keep its members up to date as the matter proceeds.

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Special points of interest:

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False Bay Sports Shooting Club – Open Day 11th December 2021



SAGA Chairperson, Damian Enslin, and SAGA Trustee, Lance Allam, represented SAGA at the False Bay Sports Shooting Club Open Day on the 11th December 2021.

The event was very well attended by the general public, and more ammunition was expended at this Open Day than ever before. The public had an opportunity to handle and shoot various firearms from .22 pistols to rifles; handguns in various calibres and types, shotguns, including clay target shooting, as well as both bolt action and semi-auto rifles in different calibres and types.



The was also muzzle loading and black powder pistols and rifles, as well as a miniature cannon.



SAGA was there to answer questions from members and firearm owners and discuss concerns on firearm related issues – many people complained about the SAPS poor service delivery.

Overall the day was extremely successful for the False Bay Sports Shooting Club and SAGA.

Thanks to those SAGA members who volunteered their time on the day: Mr Jonny Levin, Mr David Szoke and Ms Andrea Engle.

SAGA will continue to support such events.



New Staff : Peter Marshall-Goodridge

SAGA would like to officially welcome Peter Marshall-Goodridge to our staff. Peter is based in the office and has been handling the membership database and various other administrative and promotional duties for a few months already. From January 2022 he has become a permanent employee.

Peter comes to us with an extensive sales, marketing and management background and a solid understanding of good administration.

We plan to draw on Peter's expertise to, among other things, help grow SAGA membership, increase our marketing/branding, run promotional projects and to liaise with clubs, associations, and corporate members.

Peter is husband to Gaye, our office manager, and we look forward to their team dynamic bringing a fresh approach to our administration office and all membership matters.



Peter, seen here with Shaun Lyle, promoted SAGA at the Hillandale Ladies Range Day in October 2021.



The Great Debate: On-Body Vs. Off-Body Carry

<https://www.nrafamily.org/articles/2022/1/15/the-great-debate-on-body-vs-off-body-carry>

by Barbara Baird
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Once you decide to become a card-carrying, concealed-carry (CCW) citizen, you will find yourself asking two questions every morning: What should I wear? and How will I carry? You might want to throw a third question in there, too: Where am I going?

After you decide what to wear, that's when you need to decide how you're going to carry a concealed firearm. Will you wear your firearm on your body or off your body? These are the only two options available and they require not only different gear, but also different training.

5 Reasons For On-Body Carry

From your armpits to your ankles, you can wear a concealed firearm in many holster designs. Here are five reasons to carry on your body.

1. Keep your friends close and your firearm closer. Close can mean a faster draw, if the setup is right.
2. You will never have that "purse moment" when you frantically wonder where the gun is, if you know it's holstered and on your person.
3. It is technically more secure to keep your gun on your person. It can't get ripped off your body as a purse can be. Note: Wearing your gun in a back holster is often discouraged by self-defense experts. That's because the first place a robber or rapist wants you to be is on your back.
4. Concealment is king here. Once you know what to look for in most CCW purses or bags, you can spot these types of carrying devices easily – and so can others.

Heavier straps, zippers and compartments all make for a great carry bag, but they can also make for an easy target.

5. If there are children in the area, you absolutely need to know where your gun is at all times, but especially in this situation.

5 Reasons for Off-Body Carry

1. Off-body doesn't mean you have to wear a fanny pack like Grandpa wears. Not only are there lots of attractive options for both men and women, like purses, briefcases and tablet cases, but there's another advantage: If you carry off the body, you might decide to choose a larger caliber and firearm, too. (Make sure you are comfortable with the weight of that firearm, though. It might be a long day, otherwise.)

Another point is that women might encounter a few bumps in the road that make on-body carry difficult. Creative curves, disabilities and pregnant bellies might make it difficult to draw, and/or it is uncomfortable.

2. Another point that affects the ladies: If you are wearing an evening gown or dress, most will not accommodate any type of holster other than one that fits between your legs. Awkward. It's called printing and you don't want your gun to do it. You can buy CCW clutches with wrist straps.
3. For carrying in a vehicle, you can set your purse, briefcase or tablet holder on the floor or seat next to you. No need to unholster it and put it somewhere on its own (unless your state requires you to do so). And also, it's difficult with some holster setups to re-dress in a parking lot or re-holster in the car.
4. Perhaps you choose to wear more trendy clothing that might include spandex, "athletic cuts" or tight-fitting fabric. If so, it's time to look for a cross-body purse, little pack or other type of carry bag. Just make sure you can keep it close and attached in some way.
5. Maybe you are active. If you are doing

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something that makes you bounce up and down you have to ask yourself if you want to wear a belly band while doing this exercise, or do you want to put it in a front pack of some type? Note: I never recommend tucking a gun into a backpack unless you absolutely must. Talk about being hard to draw from!

Just to complicate the debate, here are two questions you should be asking yourself:

1. Where am I going?

If there is a chance that you will be going to a federal building, school or any place that is against the law to carry, you had better have thought about this way before you stepped out the door and dressed for the day. Know your state's rules and regulations regarding concealed carry and where it's permitted, and where you'll have to park 1,000 yards away and place your gun into a case, or whatever. This is why you must think about your schedule for the day as you dress for your gun. If you're in an urban area, and need to go into a building where you cannot carry, think about how you are going to secure that firearm in a way that doesn't brandish it before you do secure it.

2. Have I trained for this type of situation?

For any of the above methods of carry, you must train – experts love the idea of dry-firing your concealed carry gun without any ammunition in the gun or in the vicinity at all. Imagine yourself in the worst situation, play the “what if” game in your head – food court at the mall, church, office, you name it. Are you confident with drawing from the method you've chosen?

Note from SAGA:

Carrying a licensed firearm for self-defence is a personal choice. This article is intended to provide food for thought.

Concealed carry is mandatory in South Africa. Handguns must be carried either in a holster or similar holder designed, manufactured or adapted for the carrying of a handgun and attached to your person.

SAGA Membership



Thank you for your support for SAGA - by virtue of our membership we are able to continue working for firearm rights for responsible gunowners.

Do you know someone who supports the right to own a firearm for lawful purposes?

Refer them to SAGA today!

Rates for New Members for 2022:

Adult R260

Junior R160

Pensioner R160

Family:

1x Adult @R260 plus any number of family members @ R70 each

Scan the QR code below for a quick link to the SAGA application form or join via our website at www.saga.org.za



Should you have any queries please contact the office on 031-562-9951 or be email to saga@saga.org.za



SAGA Corporate Membership

SAGA Corporate Members are clubs, associations and businesses who actively endorse the work being done by SAGA to protect firearm ownership rights in South Africa.

We appeal to you our members to actively support these proud Corporate Members in return

If you are interested - or know someone who may be interested - in becoming a SAGA Corporate member please contact the office for more information.

Join via the SAGA website using the Corporate Application tab on the Join SAGA page.

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