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## **FIREARM AMNESTY 2019/2020: CONTINGENCY MEASURES TO ENSURE SMOOTH PROCESS OF RECEIVING AND SAFE CUSTODY OF AMNESTY FIREARMS UNTIL 31 MAY 2020**

1. The Minister of Police declared a Firearm Amnesty for the period of six (6) months from **01 December 2019 to 31 May 2020** to allow persons and institutions to surrender illegal/unwanted firearms, firearm parts and/or ammunition without fear of prosecution for illegal possession.
2. The amnesty period is ending on **31 May 2020** and experience from previous amnesties have shown a trend where participation increased in numbers during the last two weeks. It is anticipated that a high influx of firearms will be handed in over the weekend.
3. In light of the above the Provincial Commissioners are to ensure the following arrangements:
  - 3.1 The Designate Firearm Officers (DFO) and SAPS 13 Stores are to remain open until the last hour of the amnesty (2020-05-31 at 23:59)
  - 3.2 If necessary, additional personnel be allocated to assist the DFOs and SAPS 13 officials;
  - 3.3 Sufficient resources be made available **especially** the Amnesty Register (SAPS 548);
  - 3.4 Strengthen security measures for the safety of the community, whilst handing in firearms and the safe custody of firearms;
  - 3.5 Measures be put in place for the safe escorting of firearms to enabled the station in line with amnesty guidelines with reference 27/5/2/1 dated 2019-11-28 attached as **annexure "A"**;
  - 3.6 The processing of firearm licence and competency certificate applications must be done in accordance with directive, reference 1/1/4/1 dated 2020-01-21 attached as **annexure "B"**;

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- 3.7 Provincial amnesty monitoring teams be made available to assist with problematic stations; and
- 3.8 No firearm will be accepted after the closing.
4. The letter is for internal distribution to South African Police Service (SAPS) employees only.
5. The Provincial Commissioners are request to ensure that the content of this letter is brought to the attention of all Station Commanders and DFOs.
6. Further enquiries can be directed to Brigadier (Dr) LS Bopape at e-mail [Bopapels@saps.gov.za](mailto:Bopapels@saps.gov.za) or mobile 082 779 8729 and Colonel P Pather at e-mail [PatherP@saps.gov.za](mailto:PatherP@saps.gov.za) or mobile 082 416 2170.
7. Your continued support in ensuring the success of this Firearm Amnesty is appreciated.



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