

# Security Supplement

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## Cyber aggression and violence among SA youth

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SOUTH AFRICA has an unenviable reputation as one of the most violent countries in the world. Empirical data exists that shows that South Africans, and in particular young South Africans, are disproportionately at risk of falling prey to crime, and worse, to violent crime.

Neither crime, nor violence, is in any way a static phenomenon, with new contexts and forms evolving as fast as technology allows. South Africa is at the forefront of much Information and communication technology development, especially mobile telephony and mobile information networks.

It is therefore hardly surprising that new and associated forms of violence are emerging, most prominent among those who have taken up mobile technology the quickest - youth and children.

There are numerous definitions for cyber bullying which includes acts involving bullying and harassment by use of electronic devices or technology. Cyber violence can also be defined as aggressive, intentional acts carried out by groups or individuals using electronic forms of contact, repeatedly and over time against victims who cannot easily defend themselves. The key element that carries

across, is the repeated nature of the act of intentional harassment or aggression.

Recent survey research conducted by the Centre for Justice and Crime Prevention shows that almost one half of young people have experienced some form of cyber-aggression, including harassment by telephone. Thirty one per cent of the young people interviewed had experienced some form of cyber-aggression while at school, while 42,9 per cent had experienced some form of cyber-aggression outside of school.

These may in themselves seem insignificant data in the face of more violent crime that is reported on daily in the media. However, the potential of cyber-bullying, and cyber-aggression, to have even more harmful and longer lasting negative effects on young people than face-to-face or school-based violence, cannot be over-stated.

The harm of posting derogatory comments, suggestions, photos or videos to websites, or on chat rooms, continue long past the actual posting and initial viewing. These may come back to haunt the victim years later.

The sense of loneliness that many young people feel when bullied, is exacerbated when the medium is electronic, as the young person is usually alone when the incident happens.

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# 7Arrows Security means absolute protection

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The name 7Arrows is taken from the book with the same title, the 7Arrows stand for the four cardinal directions, as well as heaven, earth and the 7th Arrow being the human spirit. The 7Arrows logo is the medicine wheel which represents wholeness and totality, hence 7Arrows for absolute protection.

**Who are the directors?**

The directors are currently Mike Sears, Victor Tortora, Pierre van Zyl and Lennie Glasser. William, Michael's brother, is a shareholder but not an executive director.

**Does the nature of the work involve government or is it only offices, businesses and households?**

All our clients are private companies, private citizens or community organisations, our biggest client being the CAP initiative started by Chief Rabbi Warren Goldstein.

**What is the current staff complement at 7Arrows?**

Currently we employ 250 staff members across four divisions, namely guarding,

armed response, tactical and technical. We also have a small group of employees and contractors that we use for close protection and specialised interventions.

**What training is required and is all the training done by your own company? If so is the training ongoing?**

All employees have to meet minimum entry criteria that involve standard industry qualifications and training. However, depending on the division they work in, our employees also have undergone the following training, much of which is done in-house:

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- SAPS
- Tactical (the use of weapons under duress and in adverse conditions)
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Kevin Norwitz, MD of Vikela Aluvin.

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SECURITAS TACTICAL entered the South African market in 2009 with the primary objective of becoming the topmost security company in the country. Their methodology is to offer a holistic, integrated solution to each client's safety requirements.

By exclusively using the best and latest technologies combined with the specialised skills of selected, highly-trained security personnel, Securitas is able to offer cost-effective, high-quality solutions tailored to each client's needs.

Securitas began attaining its South

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It also gives Securitas immediate access to current "on the ground" information that is vital for accurate risk assessment, as creating an accurate risk profile for a client, is the critical first step in defining a solution for the client's threat exposure.



Louis Mkhethoni, director Securitas Specialised Services (left) and Jacques Pretorius of Avis.



Charles Ngwenya, Sylvester Moyo, Glen Phillips and Colin Solomon.

Securitas' business model is proactive security as opposed to reactive. This means that suspicious activities that might affect a client, will be promptly investigated and appropriately dealt with, before they can possibly escalate into criminal events.

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## SAPS' proposed changes must also get essential support from within

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THE SA POLICE Services (SAPS) as a national agency, has by far the biggest responsibility for policing in the country. In order for it to function optimally, its support structures must be effective - particularly when radical operational changes are being proposed.

It is clear that the tough approach is central to the SAPS' new strategy designed to bring down the high levels of crime. All in all, the intention is sound - especially given the increases in violent crimes since 1994, the level of violence during the commission of the

crimes, and the levels of fear the crimes have generated.

Additionally, the previous administration's denial of the crime situation and the former national commissioner's silence on the matter, has garnered massive support from a frightened public. The changes have gone a long way in providing much needed reassurances.

The changes, however, are not undeserving of criticism. The central error lies with the SAPS management and their failure to supplement the changes with much needed support within.

There has been a marked lack of parallel strategies and systems to support police members "on the ground", while the changes

are being implemented.

Furthermore, to prevent the police becoming a law unto themselves and uniting behind the thin blue line of protection, it is essential that oversight mechanisms be dramatically improved.

Parliament too would have to intensify the oversight role they perform with regard to overseeing the actions of the police and ensuring that the appropriate legal constraints are legislated.

Another error on the side of the police, has been what appear to be superficial changes which simply reinforce the absence of substantive changes in police focus and ethos. Substantial concerns such as incompetence and discipline within the police and rooting

out corruption, would serve the police much more in becoming professional and effective.

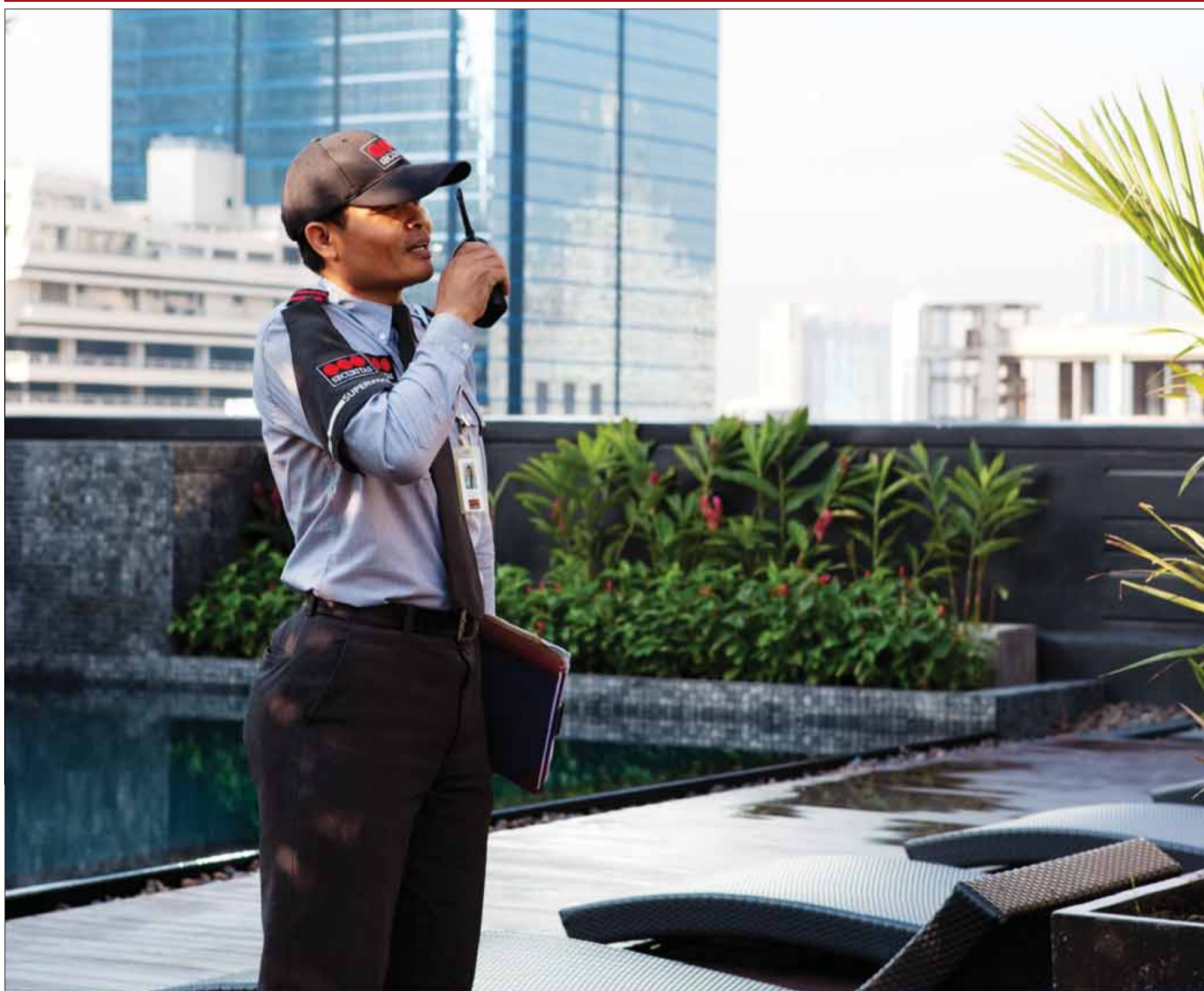
The final error of the police has been the poor communication of messages via the mass media.

Adopting a harder approach to fighting the crime problem, would require a police agency that is more professional and competent.

As it stands, even while legislation relating to either of the proposed changes is pending, the ethos and attitude of police members have changed remarkably - premised on the widespread belief that support for any lethal action will invariably be forthcoming.

The SAPS have to caution against this belief and ensure that the rule of law is maintained.

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**Security** - The strength of InvadaShield is evident in its wide range of security applications, as it provides a high level of resistance without compromising aesthetics. It is generally strong enough to deter a "smash and grab" burglary. Additional plastic interlayers can be added to further enhance its security and safety features.

**UV screening** - InvadaShield can generally be used anywhere ordinary glass is required, providing an effective substitute for other glazing materials while allowing the added benefits of light and visibility and an exceptionally high level of ultraviolet screening.

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**Thermal insulation** - The plastic interlayer provides additional insulation against the transmission of heat or cold through the glass. Varying degrees of thermal insulation can be achieved by utilising customised InvadaShield with various PVB layer specifications and different types of glass.

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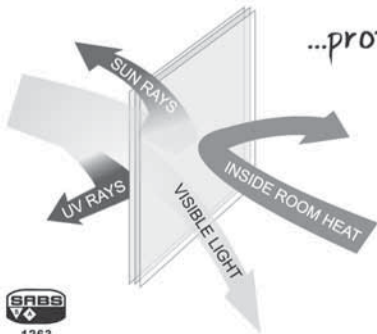
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# A closer look at Xpanda Security - your peace of mind

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XPANDA OFFERS THE end-user security, and security is the key, so strength is never compromised for price and all our products are tested for the South African market and meet stringent SABS ISO 9001:2000 standards.

"The quality of our materials is never compromised. When our products are compared product for product, component for component and quality for quality, the value for money from Xpanda is unrivalled," says MD, Tim Taylor.

"As long as there is crime in this country we will make barriers to deter criminals."

Xpanda Security continually strives to be the best in its field both nationally and internationally. They have been perfecting their products and service for 34 years, keeping abreast of overseas technology with regular trips abroad and instituting a lot of this technology into their local security products.

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(with or without electricity), such as trellis gates, security gates, burglar guards, driveway gates, roller shutter doors and automation, to mention just a few.

Their factory occupies a 10 000m<sup>2</sup> site in Pinetown Durban. Products are distributed from there to branches throughout the country, and to 28 countries worldwide including Australia, Canada and England.

The plant manufactures over 250 gates, 1 500 burglar guards and 280 expanding security doors per day. It has an in-house zinc spray facility, robotic welding machines and state-of-the-art epoxy-coating plant to keep up with the growing need for security products in South Africa and abroad.

The level of crime has changed over the past few years and Xpanda has had to adapt too. The company's products have also undergone continuous facelifts to keep up with the level of security one needs in South Africa, such as the demand for stronger, tougher gates.

The factory also has a section dedi-



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## Stallion continues creating confidence in Fairmount

FOR STALLION SECURITY clients, the Sacks family, the presence of a dedicated vehicle in the Fairmount, Johannesburg area has meant the difference between a life-threatening situation and peace of mind.

Two months ago as Stallion officers were patrolling the suburb's streets in their vehicle, they noticed a suspicious blue car circling the parking lot at a local shopping centre.

The officers radioed the car's registration number to the control room, from where it was immediately relayed to the SAPS to check on the vehicle's ownership.

Their concerns mounted when they saw the vehicle draw to a halt with the engine still running, just a short distance from where Fairmount resident and mother of two, Fiona Sacks, was strapping her two toddlers into their car seats in her SUV.

As she drove out of the parking lot, so the occupants in the other car began tailing her. Fortunately none of this had gone unnoticed by the eagle-eyed Stallion officers who followed in hot pursuit.

When a radio call from the control room confirmed that the blue Citi Golf had indeed been hijacked just three days earlier, the officers sprang into action to prevent Sacks and her young children from suffering the same traumatic fate.

The occupants of the stolen vehicle were duly apprehended and handed over to the SAPS, where they are currently still awaiting trial.

It's actual case histories like these which explain why home and business owners across the country are confident to entrust their safety to Stallion Security.

"An investment in security," says Trevor Zulberg, executive director of Stallion, "goes way beyond a monetary outlay. It is also an investment of trust."

To earn that trust, Stallion guards, reaction officers and specialised SWAT teams, are subject to ongoing rigorous training.

In addition, the company maintains close working relationships with the SAPS in every area in which it has a footprint.

Security operations are backed by an electronics division that specialises in the supply, expert installation and maintenance of state-of-the-art alarms, CCTV, panic buttons and intruder detection devices.

In a criminal situation there are seldom chances.

For more information on how to partner with a company that has an established track record of being there at the critical time, call Stallion on (011) 533-8888.

• Names have been changed.

## Cyber aggression and violence among South African youth

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The fear of access to computer or cellphones being sanctioned, might prevent the young person from talking to parents or teachers about the incident, effectively lessening the possibility of any support becoming available.

There are increasing reports of depression and suicides among children and youth that are directly attributable to their experiences of violence online and through electronic media.

Such acts also undermine the formation of positive, healthy and pro-social relationships with peers and others. The anonymity of perpetrators makes it easier to engage in acts of aggression, and the negative effects are rarely seen in their immediacy.

Further, both victims and perpetrators of cyber-aggression are significantly more likely than others to engage in substance abuse.

Most importantly for South Africa, and for those striving to enhance safety in the country, occurrences of online harassment or cyber-bullying is frequently correlated with both other risky behaviour and a range of psychosocial behaviours, which suggest that the levels may be cause for concern over and above themselves.

Those considered to be "at-risk" for other violent behaviours, such as sexual abuse, parental conflict or physical violence, appear also to be at greater risk of cyber-aggression.

Just as those who experience violence as a child are more at risk of turning to criminal and violent behaviour themselves, so those who engage in online aggression are more at risk than those who don't, of experiencing a transition from online aggression to physical violence.

Cyber-bullying and aggression - in all its forms and regardless of differences in definition, clearly present a challenge to policy-makers, parents and educators, and most importantly, to children and young people.

As technology continues to advance at exponentially fast rates, so the need to develop comprehensive, adaptive, dynamics and responsive solutions to the challenges of cyber-aggression will become even more important.

Concomitantly, the need for a public health approach that focuses on prevention rather than cure, and addressing the environment and context in which young people live their daily lives, becomes imperative. Parents and caregivers should be familiar with, and engage in the use of electronic media with their children, educating and guiding them in acceptable usage and behaviour, as well as providing adequate monitoring and supervision.

Cyber-bullying prevention curriculum can be developed for schools. Awareness campaigns and advertorials for young people and caregivers, can be developed.

## 'Go bang' with your gun isn't good enough



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VIOLENT CRIME is a part of everyday life in South Africa. And everyone is affected by it. The following statistics were taken from the SA Police Services for last year's reporting period: April 2008 - March 2009.

<b>Murder</b>	<b>18 148</b>
<b>Attempted murder</b>	<b>18 298</b>
<b>House robberies</b>	<b>18 438</b>
<b>Business robberies</b>	<b>13 940</b>
<b>Hijacking</b>	<b>14 915</b>
<b>Sex crimes</b>	<b>70 514</b>

To put this in perspective, someone is murdered every 30 minutes in South Africa.

Many South Africans own handguns for self-defence purposes, because of these very statistics. As a firearm trainer for 13 years and a shooting background that goes back 43 years, it is my experience that too many of these gun owners are not truly comfortable with their firearms. They can make their guns "go bang" but can't really shoot them - certainly under the pressure of a shootout.

It is our contention at Randburg Firearms that too many handguns are purchased, shot once or twice and then locked away in a safe, never seeing a shooting range

again. This same gun owner will take lessons from a golf or tennis coach to improve his game and spend hours on the course or court developing his skills.

Lose a round of golf or a game of tennis and you may pay for drinks in the clubhouse. Lose a gunfight and you could pay with your - or your family's - life.

Motor-vehicles are all insured "in case" and premiums are paid promptly to ensure they are covered. Yet the insurance policy that is your defensive handgun, which could be called upon to protect your most valuable assets, is ignored.

Premiums for this insurance policy are paid each month on the shooting range. Don't pay this policy's premiums and it lapses. The sad fact is that, as trainers who have put thousands of gun owners through the theory and practice required to relitence their weapons, we see very few returning to practise the skills needed for defensive handgun shooting.

You will fight as you've been trained, but if you are not trained, how well will you fight? As a gun owner you should be committed to becoming proficient with your firearm and maintaining this proficiency through practice, practice and more practice.

Your handgun could be all that stands between survival and becoming another statistic.

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