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RURAL SAFETY: PROTOCOL FOR ACCESS TO FARMS/ ASSIST OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT IN VISITS TO FARMS

1. The evenly numbered letter dated 12 December 2006 distributed under the signature of the Deputy National Commissioner LCA Pruis has bearing on the above.
2. This office is recently inundated with enquiries and complaints in respect of police members visiting farms without adhering to the agreed Protocol of Access. Further to this police members are refusing to assist other Government Departments to conduct inspections or visits, if access is denied or their safety is of concern.
3. **Visits to Farms**
 - 3.1 Your attention is once again drawn to agreements that were reached in respect of the above-mentioned protocol during visits to farms by police members, namely that;
 - 3.1.1 a phone call must be made from an official telephone, prior to the intended visit, to secure an appointment (in view of the fact that several criminals have been impersonating police officials this is essential to enable confirmation that the call was in fact from an official police station/ police member); and
 - 3.1.2 the appointment certificate must be produced at arrival, showing both the front and back of the appointment certificate.
 - 3.2 It should be noted that this arrangement will obviously not be applicable if the land owner is the subject of a police investigation or operation, or where the police have reason to believe that keeping to the Protocol would jeopardize the investigation or operation.

4. **Assistance to other Departments (eg, Department of Land Affairs)**
- 4.1 The South African Police Service must assist other Departments to secure an appointment as per paragraph 3.1 , if access is denied. The official of the Department concerned must be able to identify himself/ herself as an official of the Department by means of an appointment certificate/ appointment card.
- 4.2 The South African Police Service should further assist in the visit if the safety of the official is a concern.
5. It is kindly requested that this information is once again brought to the attention of all members at station level for compliance in future.
6. Your support and cooperation in this regard will be appreciated.

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