

# News Letter



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**Over the past 12 months, SAIDSA has actively been involved in a number of projects and we take this opportunity to bring you up-to-speed.**

## **WHERE TO WITH THE SIA RELATIONSHIP?**

Over the past few months criticism has been passed over SAIDSA and its relationship with the Security Industry Alliance (SIA). We therefore feel it necessary to inform our members of the correct viewpoint of the executive committee in this regard. From its inception SAIDSA has been a member of SIA, and have always believed in the objections of the alliance as defined within its original constitution:

*"To be the united voice and representative of The Industry as a whole with respect to the interaction between The Industry and Government (whether National, Provincial or Local), and any statutory bodies, as well as with any other public or private Institution with regard to matters which may be of concern or interest to The Industry or to any individual constituent member of SIA.*

*To promote and defend the common interests of the members.*

*To promote a positive image of The Industry as a whole."*

From the outset and as from the inauguration of SIA, SAIDSA made it very clear that we were not willing to abandon our independence, history and identity that the members have worked so hard for over the past 40 years. We were and still are more than willing to be a member of the SIA as a unified voice for our industry. We are however not willing to disband our association as we believe that the objectives of SAIDSA is significantly different to that of the SIA.

Supporting the objectives of SIA, we have served on the council and board of the SIA, and have duly paid our membership fees for these seats, however during the year the SIA opted to significantly increase the membership fees for board members, and as SAIDSA did not receive a mandate from its members for the increased fees, nor budgeted for same, we had no alternative but to resign from the board, retaining only our seat at council level.

In conclusion we are of the opinion that there is no reason why SAIDSA and SIA cannot co-exist as individual independent bodies. To this extent we had a meeting with Steve Conradie, expressing our views and concerns in an attempt to reinstate our board membership, and after a board meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2008 the board decided not to accommodate SAIDSA.

## **CCTV SUPPLIERS AND INSTALLERS WELCOME**

During the past year we approved and adopted our CCTV by-laws for the installation and monitoring of CCTV systems. As such all CCTV manufacturers, suppliers and installers are welcome to join SAIDSA and enjoy the benefits of a dynamic association passionate about promoting standards within the industry. Please contact our national office for any further queries and application forms.

## **ACCREDITED SKILLS PROGRAM**

As you are aware the SAIDSA certified technician training program has been a huge success. We have taken this training program to the next level and submitted same for approval by the SASSATA as an accredited skills program. It is envisaged that the skills program will be in place early next year. Thank you to Bryan for all his hard work in this regard.

## **TENDER FOR SASSETA LEARNING MATERIAL**

On the 17th October 2008 SAIDSA submitted a tender for the writing of the intruder detection learnership material. We keep our fingers crossed in this regard, and thank John Borrett and Bryan Rudolph for their hard work putting the tender together.

## **AARTO ROAD PROJECT (Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences)**

The AARTO Act came into force on the 1 February 2008. One of the most far reaching effects of the AARTO Act is the demerit system that has been called in place. As a lot of our members offer an armed reaction service, this act will definitely have an impact on the "traffic record" of our reaction officers, and owners of response vehicles. Identifying this impact, SAIDSA has requested a meeting with the Road Traffic Management Company that will be responsible for the management of the demerit system and the enforcement thereof. We believe that the security industry is an important role player and that we need to voice our concerns regarding the new system. It is also our belief that the RTMC needs to consider classifying the armed response industry as an emergency service as defined in the Road Traffic Act. We will keep you posted regarding developments herein.

## **40 YEARS!!**

On the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2008 SAIDSA celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Wanderer's Club in Johannesburg. Thank you to all that attended and the wishes that were received from the industry. Looking forward to the NEXT 40 years!!

## SAIDSA VALENTINE EXPRESS

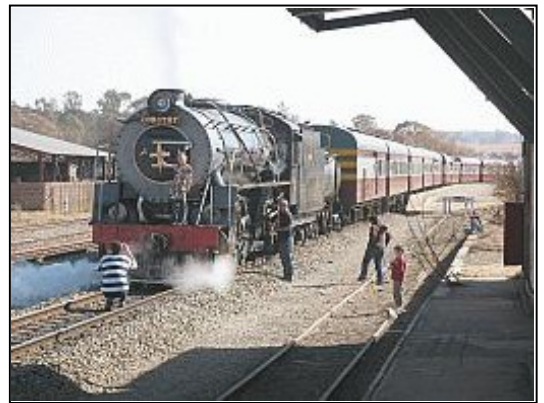
When last have you been on a "steamer"? Join SAIDSA on Saturday the **14th February 2009** for a day filled with fun and excitement as we leave the Boksburg station en route to Magaliesburg. The cost includes the return fair on the majestic steam train, lunch at the Magaliesburg Hotel, and entertainment for the kids. So pack your picnic basket and cooler box and join us for the **FUN!** **Bookings are essential as space is limited.** Bring your family, friends and staff or treat that someone special on Valentine's Day onboard the **SAIDSA Valentine Express!**

Own picnic and cooler boxes welcome, but must remain on the train at all times. Guarded parking will be available at Boksburg station.

**Cost per child (under 12): R 120,00**

**Cost per adult: R 170,00**  
**(Children under 3 - FREE)**

**BOOK NOW!!**



## RE-ACTION MAN COMPETITION



On the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2008 the central committee hosted its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual successful reaction man competition at Zwartkops in Pretoria. Once again the armed reaction industry was well presented with 18 teams entering the competition. The reaction officers competed in three categories namely shooting, fitness and driving. The overall winner of the competition was Ubuntu Security. Well done! We wish to thank The Ford Motor Company for their continues support and sponsorship.



## NEW PREMISES

With the SAIDSA certified technician training program it became evident that our facilities were not sufficient any more, and with the approval of our skills training program, we realised that SAIDSA is in fact in need of bigger premises. To this end, on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008, we moved into our new offices and newly built fully equipped training facility.

## THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY

With the closing down of SAIA Approved, we decided to follow a different approach in marketing SAIDSA with the insurance industry. As a result of this approach we have had several presentations at brokers, underwriters, loss adjusters and insurance companies, to the extent that a number of insurance companies have now committed to include the requirement of SAIDSA approved service providers in their policy wording.

## BRAND ADVERTISING

This year we took a bold and courageous step as far as promoting and advertising SAIDSA is concerned. We decided to advertise nationally in the two most popular and widely distributed magazines namely the You and Huisgenoot. This campaign was indeed a huge success and we are planning to follow through in the New Year.



Is your security system  
nothing more than  
a door chain?

**SAIDSA** is the watchdog of the South African Intruder alarm industry

*ONLY make use of a SAIDSA Approved electronic security company for your security needs*

For a full list of approved electronic security companies visit our website [www.saidsa.co.za](http://www.saidsa.co.za)

The South African Intruder Detection Services Association 

**WIN SAIDSA SMS COMPETITION**

1st prize	2nd Prize	3rd Prize
 MAZDA 2 - Value R160,000	 Strom Generator Value R20,000	 R10,000 CASH

SMS Competition managed by 

SMS the word "SAIDSA" to 36100. Please visit our website for competition rules and details.  
Sms' charged at R5.00, free minutes do not apply. Closing Date 31 July 2008.

**You need it...your insurance company requires it...We've got it!**

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### **CABLE SPECIFICATIONS**

The SAIDSA specification for comms cables used in alarm systems will be shortly introduced to reduce the use of non-copper strands such as aluminum and steel, as well as incorrect resistances due to reduced strand diameters which have found their way into our market. These sub-standard products not only cause voltage drops, non-activations and subsequent false alarms but are also brittle and break very easily. Although these products are less expensive than copper cables, installers should be aware that the problems caused by these cables will be far more expensive than the difference in price in using quality cables. The new specification will require a declaration of conformity on the packaging.

### **INFORMATION UPDATE**

To ensure that an accurate date base of all members is kept both at the National Office and the website, please ensure to inform the National Office of any changes to your company details i.e. telephone/fax number, physical/postal address, e-mail addresses, etc

### **AMENDMENT TO BY-LAW 3**

By the time you have received this newsletter, a notice for the amendment of by-law 3 will be in the post, or have reached you already. The "new" firearm act, and the tremendous delays experienced by new and current members in the application of new firearm licenses have forced the association to explore alternatives in assisting current and prospective members in obtaining reaction service approval whilst awaiting firearm licenses. We have several members that have applied for approval and have gone through the expense of setting up an expensive response infrastructure, but due to the constraints in our by-laws and the firearm act they cannot deliver this service. The amendment will allow these members interim approval to deliver a non-lethal response service whilst awaiting firearm licenses.

**FROM ALL AT SAIDSA MAY YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR STAFF HAVE A FANTASTIC FESTIVE SEASON AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!!**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**



**The National Office will be closed from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2008 and will re-open on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2009**