**CHAPTER 7  
COMMUNITY POLICE FORUMS AND BOARDS (ss 18-23)**

[a68y1995s18]**18  Objects of community police forums and boards**

(1) The Service shall, in order to achieve the objects contemplated in section 215 of the Constitution, liaise with the community through community police forums and area and provincial community police boards, in accordance with sections 19, 20 and 21, with a view to-

*(a)*   establishing and maintaining a partnership between the community and the Service;

*(b)*   promoting communication between the Service and the community;

*(c)*   promoting co-operation between the Service and the community in fulfilling the needs of the community regarding policing;

*(d)*   improving the rendering of police services to the community at national, provincial, area and local levels;

*(e)*   improving transparency in the Service and accountability of the Service to the community; and

*(f)*   promoting joint problem identification and problem-solving by the Service and the community.

(2) This Chapter shall not preclude liaison by the Service with the community by means other than through community police forums and boards.

**19  Establishment of community police forums**

(1) A Provincial Commissioner shall, subject to the directions of the member of the Executive Council, be responsible for establishing community police forums at police stations in the province which shall, subject to subsection (3), be broadly representative of the local community.

(2) A community police forum may establish community police sub-forums.

(3) Subject to section 23 (1) *(b)*, the station commissioner and the members designated by him or her from time to time for that purpose, shall be members of the community police forum and sub-forums established at the police station concerned.

**20  Establishment of area community police boards**

(1) A Provincial Commissioner shall, subject to the directions of the member of the Executive Council, be responsible for establishing area community police boards in all areas within the province.

(2) An area community police board shall, subject to subsection (3), consist of representatives of community police forums in the area concerned designated for that purpose by such community police forums.

(3) Subject to section 23 (1) *(b)*, the area commissioner and the members designated by him or her from time to time for that purpose, shall be members of the area community police board concerned.

**21  Establishment of provincial community police boards**

(1) A Provincial Commissioner shall, subject to the directions of the member of the Executive Council, be responsible for establishing a provincial community police board.

(2) A provincial community police board shall, subject to subsection (3), consist of representatives of area community police boards designated for that purpose by the area community police boards in the province concerned.

(3) Subject to section 23 (1) *(b)*, the Provincial Commissioner and the members designated by him or her from time to time for that purpose, shall be members of the provincial community police board concerned.

**22  Functions of community police forums and boards**

(1) A provincial or area community police board or a community police forum or subforum shall perform the functions it deems necessary and appropriate to achieve the objects contemplated in section 18, which may include the functions contemplated in section 221 (2) of the Constitution.

(2) The Minister shall, in consultation with the executive co-ordinating committee, make regulations to ensure the proper functioning of community police forums and sub-forums and community police boards.

**23  Procedural matters**

(1) Every provincial or area community police board and community police forum or sub-forum shall-

*(a)*   elect one of its members as chairperson and another one as vice-chairperson;

*(b)*   determine the number of members to be designated by the provincial, area or station commissioner concerned to serve as members of the board, forum or subforum concerned: Provided that that number shall not be less than one in addition to the provincial, area or station commissioner concerned;

*(c)*   determine its own procedure and cause minutes to be kept of its proceedings; and

*(d)*   whenever it deems it necessary, co-opt other members or experts or community leaders to the board or forum in an advisory capacity.

(2) Members of community police forums or boards shall render their services on a voluntary basis and shall have no claim to compensation solely for services rendered to such forums and boards.

(3) The majority of the members of the board, forum or sub-forum concerned shall constitute a quorum at a meeting thereof.

(4) If the chairperson of a board or forum referred to in this section is absent from a meeting, the vice-chairperson shall act as chairperson, and if both the chairperson and vice-chairperson are so absent, the members present shall elect one of their number to preside at that meeting.