

## **Emergency WhatsApp Group Policy**

- 1. The Strandveld Plaaswag Emergency WhatsApp Group is to be used only for emergencies, suspicious vehicles, or for anything else that poses a safety risk.
- 2. If it is not information that is useful to the police, law enforcement and CTS, it is not appropriate for the Emergency WhatsApp Group.
- 3. No discussion and personal opinions are to be put on the Emergency WhatsApp Group, only relevant facts and information.
- 4. Keep all messages short and to the point as possible.
- 5. Livestock on roads, or other dangerous hazards may be shared on the Emergency WhatsApp Group, as well as photos of these. No discussions regarding the hazards posted on the group please.
- 6. No posting of emojis, pictures, GIF's, videos, advertisements or promotions of any sort to be posted onto the Plaaswag Emergency WhatsApp Group at anytime.
- 7. No missing pets notices to be posted onto the Plaaswag Emergency WhatsApp Group at anytime.
- 8. Discrimination regarding race, religion or class will not be tolerated. If a person/s or vehicle looks suspicious, it must be due to their actions, not for any other reason.
- 9. The only reason or legal grounds you have to publish an image of a person/s is because of:
  - Truth
  - Common Interest
  - Individual Interest
- 10. If you ever publish a caption and/or image of a person/s onto the Emergency WhatsApp Group, be sure to publish something you can defend in a court of law.
- 11. Be careful to call a person/s a suspect, rather describe their actions.
- 12. Do not distribute an image of a suspect in a police investigation unless SAPS has given permission to do so. This can hamper the chances of a fair identification and can compromise the SAPS case.
- 13. It is important to use the property address or farm number (B-) when reporting an emergency onto the Emergency WhatsApp Group.
- 14. The Plaaswag management members may use the Emergency WhatsApp Group to send notification to the Plaaswag members.
- 15. Any other conversations regarding the Plaaswag must be shared on the 'Plaaswag WhatsApp Conversation Group'.
- 16. Be sure to post emergencies to the Emergency WhatsApp Group and not the 'conversation group' as emergency services are on the Emergency Group.
- 17. Members who do not comply with the Plaaswag Emergency WhatsApp Group Policy will be removed from the group by management and must reapply to be added again.