

**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**Unisa collaborate with The Vehicle Crime Academy to offer Basic Vehicle Identification Training to some member of SAPS**

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According to Tracker, a vehicle tracking company, “**A staggering R8. 5 billion worth of vehicles are stolen and hijacked in SA annually**”. The majority of these, almost 30%, are taken across the border to neighbouring countries where syndicates are making huge profits”. To bring a solution to this ever-growing social challenge, The University of South Africa (Unisa) in collaboration with the Vehicle Crime Academy will be facilitating a one-day training for South African Police Services (SAPS) and Metro Police Officers on the 31st of August 2022 at the South African Insurance Crime Bureau (SAICB) at Waterfall Office Park (Midrand).

The Vehicle Crime Academy has committed to offering training opportunities to twenty (20) South African Police Service officers, and Metro Police officers respectively to fight against vehicle-associated crimes. The training offered is accredited by the Safety and Security Sector Education and Training Authority (SASSETA).

This part of “**An evaluation of the pluralisation of street policing in South Africa**” is an Engaged Scholarship/Community Engagement Project based at Unisa, School of Criminal Justice, College of Law. The purpose of this project is to prevent and combat crime through engaging with members of the community and relevant stakeholders.

Members of the media are invited to attend and cover the event as follows:

Date: 31 August 2022

Time: 08h30- 15h00

Venue: Waterfall Office Park, 1343 Mahai Close, Howick Gardens, Midrand, Johannesburg

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