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Colonel Thabo Ramootsi busy briefing men and women in blue who were ready to deal with crime in Bothaville.

Story:	<p>The visibility of Welkom Cluster SAPS members in Bothaville was so effective that only one case of assault was reported during this previous weekend. The Welkom Cluster Commander, Brigadier Daniel Mokone, decided to organize this operation after several cases of contact crimes were reported in Bothaville. People were mainly attacked on their way home after drinking sprees in different taverns. When the attacks occurred women were raped and the men were seriously assaulted and robbed of their property.</p> <p>The operation took place on 18 and 19 May 2012 with SAPS members of Welkom, Odendaalsrus, Wesselsbron, Allanridge, Bothaville, Detective Services, Welkom Public Order Policing and Welkom K9 Unit participating. Bothaville Community Patrollers also took part in the operation. Brigadier Daniel Mokone was in charge of the operation and briefed members on the crimes. He mentioned that gangs were fighting in Kgotsong, that visibility in the Naledi section must be intensified, that street robberies had increased and that everybody must be thoroughly searched while members were patrolling. A number of taverns were visited.</p> <p>46 people were arrested for dealing / possession of dagga, rape, possession of firearm, malicious damage to property, robberies, theft out of motor vehicle, assault with the intent to do grievous bodily harm, domestic violence, drinking in public and possession of dangerous weapon. One 9mm firearm, one kg of</p>
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dagga and one knife were confiscated.

Welkom Cluster Commander, Brigadier Daniel Mokone said: "I am very proud of the calibre of members in Welkom Cluster who are committed, dedicated and worked extra long hours. Thank you to all of them, including the Station Commanders who were also present at this operation. We will continue to squeeze crime to zero in Bothaville".

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