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Good day,

I am a journalist with Daily Maverick.

I've visited Khayelitsha today, with a focus on the open field between Baden Powell Drive, Macassar Road and Lewsine / Cebula streets.

I have spoken to members of the community, who showed me videos of how City of Cape Town's new law enforcement officers worked in the area.

Informal structures were demolished. Teargas, stun grenades and rubber bullets were fired. Teargas canisters were fired into and close to structures housing small children and babies. Some of the mothers in this community had to take babies "foaming at the mouth" to their nearest clinic for emergency help.

It is an obvious fact that we are in the middle of a pandemic.

Please help me to understand the actions of the newly minted Law Enforcement unit.  
Kindly return your answers by **15 April, 18:00**.

1. This article suggests the Law Enforcement officers are part of a "new safety plan" for the Western Cape that cost the province R1-billion and was announced by premier Alan Winde in February: <https://www.news24.com/SouthAfrica/News/500-new-law-enforcement-officers-deployed-to-crime-hot-spots-in-cape-town-20200210>  
Is this correct? Is this a new unit? I also see gazetted notices that suggest this is not a new unit. Like here:  
[https://www.saps.gov.za/services/flash/shg/government\\_gazettepowers.pdf](https://www.saps.gov.za/services/flash/shg/government_gazettepowers.pdf)  
Do you wish to add some context here?
2. I note that Robbie Robberts is the Director of Law Enforcement. In an interview with Cape Talk he claimed that gangsterism and crime will be the unit's main concern.  
<http://www.capetalk.co.za/articles/5030/city-of-cape-town-law-enforcement-gen-robbie-roberts>  
Explain the command structure of the law enforcement unit to me?
3. Who are the commanders of the unit who operated in Khayelitsha on between 10 and 13 April?

4. On whose orders did this part of the unit break down informal structures in Khayelitsha between 10 and 13 April, used rubber bullets, stun grenades and tear gas?
5. Were the Law Enforcement unit met with any violence from the community?
6. Under which structure does the Anti Land Invasion Unit fall?
7. I note that none of the officials wore any badges or tags reflecting their names. Is this allowed in terms of the standard operating procedures of the Law Enforcement and Anti Land Invasion units?
8. Where can I find the latest standard operating procedures of the Law Enforcement and Anti Land Invasion units?
9. I note activists refers to ongoing disputes with the City of Cape Town about land occupation and, apparently, this specific piece of land next to Baden Powell Drive. The City of Cape Town apparently received a court interdict in 2018, but did not act on it until now. The contradicting information is confusing. Can you please provide a chronological account of the issue.

Regards

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