# **Questionnaire for community members**

#### Instructions

- 1. Please mark your selected response by putting an X in the relevant box.
- 2. Do not write your name in the questionnaire.
- 3. Please respond to all the questions.

# **Section A: Demographic information**

1. Gender

| Male | Female |
|------|--------|
|      |        |

2. Age

| 18-20 | 21-25 | 26-33 | 34-40 | 41 and above |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|
|       |       |       |       |              |

#### 3. Home language

| Afrikaans | English | IsiZulu | SePedi | SeSotho | SeTswana | TshiVenda | XiTsonga | Other:<br>Please<br>specify |
|-----------|---------|---------|--------|---------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------------------------|
|           |         |         |        |         |          |           |          |                             |

### 4. Employment status

| Employed | Unemployed |
|----------|------------|
|          |            |

### 5. Place of residence (Select the **ONE** option that best applies to you)

| Informal<br>settlement | Township | City | School<br>accommodation/<br>Residence | Other: Please specify |
|------------------------|----------|------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
|                        |          |      |                                       |                       |

6. District which you reside in (Select the **ONE** option that best applies to you)

| Ekurhuleni | Johannesburg | Sedibeng | Tshwane | Westrand |
|------------|--------------|----------|---------|----------|
|            |              |          |         |          |

#### SECTION B: EXPERIENCE WITH PREHOSPITAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE

1. Which **ONE** of the following statements applies to you? (**Tick ONE option only**)

| I am not aware of the ambulance worker profession                                  |  |
|--|--|
| I am aware of the ambulance worker profession, but I do not know anything about it |  |
| I am aware of the ambulance worker profession and know little about it             |  |
| I am aware of the ambulance worker profession and know quite a bit about it        |  |
| I am aware of the ambulance worker profession and know a lot about it              |  |

2. Indicate which of the following situations apply to you. (Tick ALL that apply)

| Situation   | Yes | No |
|---|-----|----|
| 2.2 I have used a government ambulance (identified by green and yellow markings and the provincial government logo) |     |    |
| 2.3 My friends and/or family have used a government ambulance   |     |    |
| 2.4 I have called a government ambulance for someone who was sick or injured  |     |    |
| 2.5 I have seen government ambulance workers helping someone who was sick or injured                                |     |    |

3. Indicate your agreement with the following statements about ambulances **responding** to an emergency in your community:

| Statement                                 | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly<br>Agree |
|---|-------------------|----------|---------|-------|-------------------|
| 3.1 Government ambulances are always late |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| 3.2 Ambulance drivers are reckless        |                   |          |         |       |                   |

## **Section C: Crime in the community**

1. Indicate your agreement that you take the following actions when you see a **crime** being committed in your community

| Action                            | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly<br>Agree |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|----------|---------|-------|-------------------|
| 1.1 Pretend I didn't see anything |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| 1.2 Call the police               |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| 1.3 Go and help the victim        |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| 1.4 Go and help the criminal      |                   |          |         |       |                   |

2. Indicate your agreement with the following statements regarding bandits who reside within your community:

| Statements                           | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly<br>Agree |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|---------|-------|-------------------|
| 2.1 My community knows the           |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| bandits that live within my          |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| community                            |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| 2.2 I am afraid of reporting the     |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| bandits to the police                |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| 2.3 The community is afraid of doing |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| something about the crime in my      |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| area                                 |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| 2.4 The bandits in my area are       |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| treated like heroes                  |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| 2.5 Crime in my area is high         |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| 2.6 The bandits who do crime in my   |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| area are from my community           |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| 2.7 I feel safe when I am walking or |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| driving at night in my community     |                   |          |         |       |                   |

3. Indicate your agreement that you have experienced the following incidents

| Incidents  | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| 3.1 I have experienced a strike in my area                                   |     |    |
| 3.2 I have seen or heard about a hijacking in my area                        |     |    |
| 3.3 I have seen or heard about an ambulance being vandalized in my community |     |    |
| 3.4 I have seen or heard about ambulance workers being robbed in my area     |     |    |
| 3.5 I have seen or heard about someone being robbed or killed in my area     |     |    |

## Section D: Safety of ambulance workers

1. Indicate your agreement with the following statements about the **safety** of ambulance workers:

| Views   | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly<br>Agree |
|---|-------------------|----------|---------|-------|-------------------|
| 1.1 Ambulance workers are safe                  |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| when working in my community at night           |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| 1.2 Ambulance workers are safe                  |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| when working in my community                    |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| during a strike                                 |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| 1.3 Community members respect ambulance workers |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| 1.4 Members of the community                    |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| protect ambulance workers when                  |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| necessary                                       |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| 1.5 Bandits see ambulance workers               |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| as easy targets                                 |                   |          |         |       |                   |

### Section E: Impact of violence on the community

1. Indicate your agreement with the following statements about the **impact** of violence to ambulance workers on the community:

| Violence on ambulance workers results in | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly<br>Agree |
|--|-------------------|----------|---------|-------|-------------------|
| 1.1 Delayed ambulance response           |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| time because the ambulance needs         |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| to wait for a police escort before       |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| responding to scene                      |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| 1.2 Fewer available ambulances to        |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| respond to calls within the              |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| community due to: hijackings of          |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| ambulances; Vandalising of               |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| ambulances; undergoing of repairs        |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| to ambulances etc.                       |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| 1.3 Slower police reaction times in      |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| responding to crime in the               |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| community as they have to escort         |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| ambulance workers                        |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| 1.4 Lack of concentration by             |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| ambulance workers when treating          |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| patients on scene as they fear for       |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| their lives and must be constantly       |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| aware of their surroundings              |                   |          |         |       |                   |

| Violence on ambulance workers results in   | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly<br>Agree |
|--|-------------------|----------|---------|-------|-------------------|
| 1.5 Community members having to use private transportation to transport the sick and injured to hospital as ambulances cannot enter the community when strikes occur |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| 1.5 Not enough advanced life support ambulance workers servicing the community as they resign or transfer due to crime and fear of being attacked whilst on the job  |                   |          |         |       |                   |

# **Section F: Preventing violence**

1: Indicate your agreement that the following steps would help to prevent violence towards emergency care workers

| Steps to prevent violence   | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly<br>Agree |
|---|-------------------|----------|---------|-------|-------------------|
| 1.1 Police escorts  |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| 1.2 Educating the community   |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| 1.3 Community patrols   |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| 1.4 Reporting crime   |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| 1.5 Respect for each other  |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| 1.6 Notifying the authorities and community leaders when community members are in possession of and selling ambulance equipment |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| 1.7 Ensuring roads are well lit and addresses are visible   |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| 1.8 Establishing community forums specifically dedicated to ambulance protection  |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| 1.9 Pre warning ambulance crews of a potential strike action within the community   |                   |          |         |       |                   |
| 1.9 Community patrol forums must accompany ambulance workers to the scene within the community                                  |                   |          |         |       |                   |