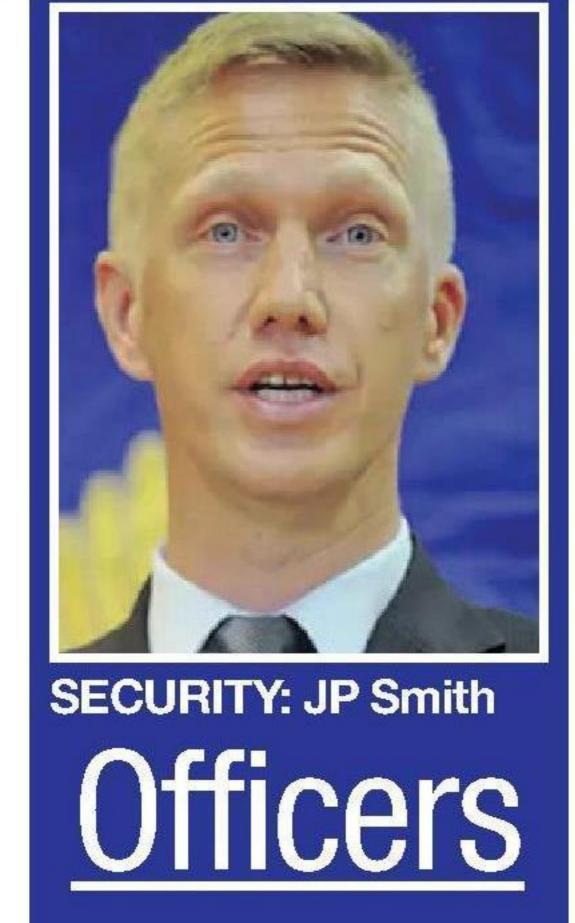
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commuters can breathe a sigh of relief as Law

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GOLDEN Arrow bus

Enforcement officers will now officially accompany them on their trips to keep them safe.

This follows the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), until January 2020, between the City of Cape Town

Mayco member for

Safety and Security, JP

Smith, says they were

and Golden Arrow following several bus robberies

earlier this year.

Arrow after a series of incidents where armed men held up commuters and robbed them of cellphones and other valuables.

Risk

He says after running a pilot project for the past three months, Golden

pilot project for the past three months, Golden Arrow has opted to continue the deployment of 20 officers on the routes

by the City's Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP)," explains Smith. "Apart from ensuring the safety of passengers

on GABS buses, officers

"The appointment of 20

Law Enforcement offi-

cers was made possible

at risk.

will also be responsible for the enforcement of relevant by-laws such as Traffic and Parking By-laws.

"The MOA signed by the City will see parties working closely in the interest of

the safety of passengers."

He says officers will be

in both uniform and cas-

ual clothes to keep an eye

out for skelms.
They will also conduct stop and search operations at bus stops and shelters.

Golden Arrow general manager, Derick Meyer, says they are optimistic the new unit, funded by them, will be a success and lead to arrests and

"We appeal to our passengers to give these officers their full support," he says.

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