



PENNINGTON COMMUNITY WATCH

COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM

3rd September 2019 – PENNINGTON LIBRARY 5:30 PM

MINUTES

1. **Welcome** - Steve welcomed everyone and thanked for coming
2. **New members** -
3. **Apologies** – Lou Jacobs, whatsapps, and Facebook
4. **S.A.P.S Feedback** – Not a very good month. 7 house-break-in; all during day only one early hours of the morning this includes 1 at URV. We are fortunate that we don't get the violent crime that is affecting Freeland Park, Park Rynie, Numerous House Robberies. Violent crime on the increase as well as Taxi violence. SAPS vehicles were involved in a chase but lost the car in Kwamuktha. Most of the house-break-in, looking for items they can sell of quite easily, cell phones, laptops, etc. We need to think of how we can more effectively police the area. The South East side of Pennington was where 5 of the incidents occurred. Do not let our guard down, we need to be innovative. Deena to find out if the houses that were broken into were armed, whether they were occupied. If they are members, if they have dogs, and a security company to send to Marcel for distribution. Garden Services check their staff maybe. Some sort of control with new staff and all their staff.
5. **Patrol Stats** – Lou – all going fine. We need as many patrollers as we can get.
6. **Total Membership** - Lou – Increased by about 15 in August
7. **Street watch communications** – A bit of a slip up between SW and SE, reported on the wrong group. Patrols and SAPS responded to the

correct address. People who move need to tell PCW that they have moved address to another area to be put on. If issue is serious will report on all groups.

8. **Radios & Response** - Get more radios, for a response team of about 20 members on a whatsapp group for active response. 13 Radios and re-distribute to where they are most needed.
9. **Recruitment Drive Ideas** - Want to do another recruitment drive in the next couple of months. If you sign up somebody you will get a refund of your next month's payment. Website could be improved to get some ideas and talk to Duncan. More information needs to be on the website. Stats should also be promoted as well. Percentage of break ins are non-members, should also be promoted at recruitment as it's a good start. Need some stats, Marcel will get together and will update notice boards at the shops.
10. **Finances** - Dave, bank R10500, bobbies fully paid for the month of August. 380 members, looking ok to retain the bobbies. Bobbies are major expense R52 000 paid, R9 000 already received for the Golf Day. Thank you to the contributors. When you see your neighbour and he's not a member, tell him what we do and try recruit them. Estate agents pushing and getting new members to join.
11. **Umdoni Point** - How they can help us.
12. **Feedback from the Floor, General** - Spur shadow the waiter. 10% of proceeds between certain hours. Can we get Umdoni Municipality to clean yards, criminals can be hiding in there. Keep on sending emails to Umdoni moaning about the sites etc, street lights, pot holes.
13. **Golf Day** - Golf day on 22nd September.

Thanks for attending, be safe and vigilant.

Meeting closed 18:42

Next meeting is **1st October** - Pennington Library