

PENNINGTON COMMUNITY WATCH



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COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM

01st August 2017 5:30 PM – PENNINGTON LIBRARY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

- **Welcome**

Derek welcomed all

- **Apologies**

Received via Facebook, street groups, and attending community members. J Kolle

- **SAPS Monthly Crime Statistics:**

- 3 crimes reported - 3 house burglaries. Crimes occurred and early hours of morning.
- In Pennington Bobby Patrols have increased, with stop and searches being done. Plus extra Policing.
- Crime is down in Pennington but not in other areas of Umdoni Municipality.
- There is high crime in the rural areas, with aggravated robberies, house burglaries and vehicle thefts. Scottburgh Policing is concentrated in those areas, Pennington is therefore very lucky to have the PCW paying for the Bobbies and having the Volunteers patrolling the streets of Pennington keeping all residents safe.
- Toyotas of all makes are the vehicles of choice with regards to vehicle thefts.
- Incident at Library where Signal Jammer was used to jam vehicle locks. Within seconds, SAPS, RTI, PCW Members had all responded to the incident, whereby the Jamming stopped. Physically check your car doors before walking away.
- Deena Govender reiterated not to leave car and house keys in accessible places, and safe keys to be hidden away. Chain and padlock electric gates when closed. This is to make it more difficult for the criminals.
- If you hear noise or movements, put it on the Whatsapp group and give Patrol members and Bobbies a call, rather be safe than sorry. If your dogs bark excessively put it on the Whatapp group, so that the Bobbies can patrol that area. That is what the Bobbies and Patrols and Whatsapp groups are for.
- We need all hands on deck to eradicate the crime in Pennington.
- While Patrol members are patrolling they notice a lot of residents do not take safety seriously and don't seem to feel it is necessary. Doors, Gates & Windows are left open.
- Alarms should be set when you go to sleep. Isolate your bedroom so if someone gets into your house the alarm will be activated. It is an extra warning.
- Anything suspicious should be reported or posted on your Whatsapp group.
- Although crime is down in Pennington at the moment it can come back at any time.

- Watch your own property and your neighbour's property.
- 28 days crime free in Pennington speaks volumes for what PCW and the Bobbies are doing but we need to be able to do this for a sustained period of time.
- All residents off Pennington need to join the PCW. If we could have Bobbies patrolling 24 / 7 we could virtually eradicate the crime totally in Pennington
- We need another 100 members to have 24/7 patrols in Pennington.
- Unmarked vehicle with blue light trying to stop vehicles in the Umdoni area. Do not stop if you are uncertain, signal them you will go to police station and carry on. Send message or phone someone.
- Visible policing definitely working, but still need 24 hour Bobbies.
- PCW Patrols did 91 patrols (day and night) during month of August which includes the Police Reservists.
- Night patrols were 29 done by Patrol Members
- Day patrols were 19 done by Patrol Members.
- 39 Patrols done by Police Reservists.
- The patrols are still very effective as the crime stats are way under double figures
- **Please remember all suspicious activity to be reported to SAPS Charge office on 0399789916 and then also reported on Street groups.**
- All Patrol Members have Police Reservists numbers and at least one patrol member will be linked to a street group for more pro-active response.
- **Projects**
 - All Pennington residents need to drive membership and to get their neighbours, friends, families to sign up, the more members PCW have the more it can achieve.
 - Police Reservists will be on patrol for the month of August every day on shifts from funds raised from active paying PCW Members
 - Barracouta Bend camera – 50% deposit has been paid and bush cleared.
 - Ian Ian and John Mckenzie donated power as well as Hathaway from their electrical box.
 - Bobbies on-going – 1 shift every day for month of August.
 - 6 monthly budget to be presented to members by DA to detail where PCW money is being spent.
- **Golf day**
 - Golf Day at Umdoni 8th October and Selborne on the 12th November R500 Tee box and R500 Hole, all sponsorships and donations gratefully accepted
 - First Resorts sponsoring main prize.
- **General**
 - Once again Street Groups are to be used for Crime related reporting only.
 - Marcel to reorganize groups to create 4 larger groups to make information flow better.
 - Complex's to give donations for all houses in complex's

Meeting closed at – 18:05

Next Meeting - 5th September 2017 –

Pennington Library