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COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM

6th February 2018 5:30 PM – PENNINGTON LIBRARY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

- **Welcome**
- Steven welcomed all
- **Apologies**
- Marcel Veleur, Janet Kolle, Derek Johnson Received via Facebook, street groups, and attending community members.
- **SAPS Monthly Crime Statistics – January 2018:**
- Deena Govender introduced the new station commander – Colonel Ruiters.
- Colonel Ruiters commented that he would be scared to think of what the crime situation would be like if it was not for the PCW patrols and the SAPS reservists. Surrounding areas are being hard hit.
- 7 Reported incidents – 6 burglaries, 1 house robbery – Car recovered from House robbery.
- **SAPS Feedback**
- Pro-Active Policing, police to stop the crime before it happens instead of re-active as it is now.
- Trio Crimes – House Robbery, Business robbery and Hi-Jacking make up Trio Crimes.
- Gang from Mayville coming in, but SAPS making inroads – 6 arrests so far.
- For the same period in 2017 49 serious crimes in Umdoni to 20 in 2018.
- Cameras need to be 100% functional to assist in the policing.
- Burglaries are non-confrontational coming into a house through a door or window, House Robberies are confrontational. Theft is if they steal something through an open window or off a washing line etc.
- SAPS reservists are being rotated at the moment on different shifts.
- 85% of house burglaries and robberies are non-members.
- Criminals are under the impression that PCW are linked on a network and if they break into a house with a PCW Reflective sign there is a good chance that they will be caught.
- The criminals come into the area during the day to scout the properties and for information gathering, if you see any strange characters report on your whatsapp group.
- 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 this is what the Bobbies and

Patrols and Whatsapp groups are for. Anything suspicious should be reported or posted on your Whatsapp group.

- 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.
- Watch your own property and your neighbour's property.
- 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. Only need another **50** 50 members to have 24/7 patrols in Pennington.
- PCW Patrols did 25 day patrols, 28 night patrols (2 hours shifts)during month of January and 93 Reservist shift,(8 hour shifts) total of 146
- **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.
- There are 10 radios that have been given to Patrol members and SAPS reservists for instant communication with each other for a quicker response to incidents in Pennington.
- **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. If there is not a reflective PCW sign on the gate then that resident is not a member. They need to join.
- All PCW Members will get stickers for vehicles.R10 for extra sticker. MEMBERS ONLY
- Extra Bobbies to stay until end of April 2018 Thanks to active paying PCW Members
- Barracouta Bend camera – Cameras are now operational.
- Home owners should keep their verges clean of trees and places were criminal elements can hide. Crime could be reduced if this were to happen.
- **Financials**
- DA presented financials to members. R72 000 in the bank at present.
- R410 000 income in financial year to date from member contributions, golf day etc.
- R399 000 expenses in financial year to date – Bobbies, cameras, radios etc.
- Financials to be sent to Mark Davey by Dave for redistribution.
- **Golf day**
- New golf day to be arranged for early August.
- **General**
- Once again Street Groups are to be used for Crime related reporting only.
- 248 members at present and 400 people on whatsapp street groups.

Meeting closed at – 18:30

Next Meeting - 6th March 2018

Pennington Library 17h30