



PENNINGTON COMMUNITY WATCH

COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM

05th July 2017 5:30 PM – PENNINGTON LIBRARY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

- **Welcome**

Derek welcomed all

- **Apologies**

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

Lesley Swartz

- **SAPS Monthly Crime Statistics:**

- 9 crimes reported

- 5 house burglaries and attempts. The house burglaries were of a serious nature.

- 4 Motor vehicles stolen.

- Policeman broke leg and fingers trying to apprehend suspect when he fell over a wall.

- In all instances the Bobbies were off duty when crimes occurred.

- Residents are not listening to warnings about keeping keys safe. All cases involved dogs which did not bark and all had alarm systems.

- 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.

- An interesting stat is in the past 5 years hardly any houses without alarms have had burglaries.

- 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. That is what the Bobbies and Patrols and Whatsapp groups are for.

- We need all hands on deck to eradicate the crime in Pennington.

- Derek advised that while the Patrol members are patrolling they see that a lot of residents do not take safety seriously and that residents don't seem to feel it is necessary. Doors, Gates and Windows are left open.

- o 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.
- o PCW Patrols did 88 patrols (day and night) during month of July which includes the Police Reservists.
- o Night patrols were 37 done by Patrol Members
- o Day patrols were 21 done by Patrol Members.
- o 30 Patrols done by Police Reservists.
- o The patrols are still very effective as the crime stats are still under double figures
- o If we had more people joining the PCW we could have more Police Reservists (Bobbies on the Beat) doing patrols keeping Pennington safer.
- o We now have over 200 members on PCW which is only 10% of the residents of Pennington, but we can now start with phase 2 and put in the camera for Barracouta Bend and Dolphin Drive.
- o **Please remember all suspicious activity to be reported to SAPS Charge office on 0399789916 and then also reported on Street groups.**
- o 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**
 - o 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.
 - o Police Reservists will be on patrol for the month of July on staggered shifts from funds raised from active paying PCW Members
- **General**
 - o Once again Street Groups are to be used for Crime related reporting only.
 - o Marcel to reorganize groups to create 4 larger groups to make information flow better.
 - o Marcel to bit on each Whatsapp group.
 - o Golf Day at Umdoni 8th October and Selborne on the 12th November R500 Tee box and R500 Hole, all sponsorships and donations gratefully accepted.

Meeting closed at – 18:15

Next Meeting - 1st Aug 2017 – Pennington Library