

**PENNINGTON COMMUNITY WATCH
COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM**

6th SEPTEMBER 2016 – PENNINGTON LIBRARY

17:30

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

- **Welcome:**
Derek welcomed all
- **Apologies:**
 - Received via Facebook, street groups and attending community members.
- **SAPS Monthly Crime Statistics:**
 - 16 crimes in total.
 - 13 house burglaries – 2 at Eden Rock and 2 at Penn Valley.
 - 1 house robbery
 - 1 theft from a motor vehicle
 - 1 vehicle theft
 - Barracuda Bend and Marlin Drive have been targeted of late. Deena Govender explained that there were lots of escape routes and also pointed out that Penn Valley is not fully fenced which could be a reason why they have been targeted. SAPS were starting night patrols and increasing their operations from Wednesday in an attempt to capture the culprits who are believed to be from outside our area.
 - Attempted break in at 22 Botha Place. Finger print technicians did not arrive. Deena Govender explained that they travelled from Port Shepstone and had only 2 shifts. It was suggested that the PCW be advised if this occurred in the future in order for them to assist in following up. Handy hint – secure your driveway gate with a lock and chain as it makes it more difficult for burglars to gain access.
- **MEMBERSHIP**
- Over 100 members have signed up. It's imperative that we increase our membership as we need to grow our funds in order to afford camera surveillance and ultimately 24 hour police reservists. This is detailed in the roll out plan.
- Jayne proposed that everyone at the meeting try and sign up at least one new member.
- Membership forms are available from the following people:

Pennington Pharmacy

Kwela Electrical

Facebook

Whatsapp groups admins

Or on the web @

www.penningtoncw.co.za

PATROLS

Derek thanked all the patrol volunteers who give freely of their time to help our community. Patrols are carried out at two hour intervals between 10pm and 6am. All patrol vehicles can be identified by the “yellow” stickers on their doors. All property owners are urged to place their house number in a visible place. Statistics for patrols carried out are as follows:

1 – 7 July 15 patrols

11 – 15 July 13 patrols

18 – 22 July 9 patrols

23 – 29 July 4 patrols

1 – 5 August 20 patrols

6 – 12 August 12 patrols

13 – 21 August 17 patrols

22 – 28 August 20 patrols

29 – 4 August 23 patrols

Lou appealed to those present to volunteer their time where possible as more patrols are urgently needed. Women are welcome as long as they are partnered with a man for security reasons.

GENERAL

Derek reminded everyone that SAPS offers screening for domestic workers and gardeners. Simply take your prospective employee with his/her identity book to the police station and the police will check to see if he/she has a criminal record. This costs only R 47-00!

The quad bike is now operational and ready for use.

The number of taxis entering Pennington was raised and the bylaws need to be checked before tackling this issue.

Derek made an urgent plea for the donation of a server and monitor as we want to install equipment in the high incident areas.

Barracuda/Marlin security was raised again. The query was is it possible to ensure that the sugar cane farmer fences off his land. Deena explained that a similar issue had occurred in Freeland Park and the fences were destroyed as by workers who used it as a thoroughfare. The solution in that case was a turnstile gate.

The Pcw team will be looking into a solution for this area in the next few weeks.

Meeting closed at 18 :40

Next meeting will be 4th October.