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COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM

6th March 2018 5:30 PM – PENNINGTON LIBRARY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

- **Welcome**
- Steven welcomed all
- **Apologies**
- Janet Kolle, Derek Johnson Received via Facebook, street groups, and attending community members.
- **SAPS Monthly Crime Statistics – March 2018:**
- 3 Reported incidents – 3 burglaries. 35 Cod Crescent, 44 Dolphin Dr, 53 Salmon Dr, 4 Copper thefts.
- **SAPS Feedback**
- A word of concern from Deena, 35 Cod Crescent – empty house continuous break-in, to try and ask Umdoni Municipality to request owner to do something about it.
- Reservists arrested a suspect for Copper theft, taken to court and then released now there has been a spate of Copper thefts
- Reservists have been asked to walk the railway lines to check for criminals.
- Pro-Active Policing, police to stop the crime before it happens instead of re-active as it is now. Scottburgh Police Station to do different shifts from Ilfracombe to Ifafa.
- 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** members to have 24/7 patrols in Pennington.
- **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 where criminal elements can hide. Crime could be reduced if this were to happen.
- **Financials**
- R221 000 Bobbies
- R164 000 cameras
- R26 000 radios.
- Budget going forward
- New fee to be discussed at AGM. (increase of R20)
- **Golf day**
- New golf day to be arranged for 19th August.
- **General**
- Once again Street Groups are to be used for Crime related reporting only.
- **AGM**
- AGM Wednesday 9th May 2018 – Pennington Methodist Church

Meeting closed at – 18:30

Next Meeting - 03rd April 2018

Pennington Library 17h30