

BEDFORDVIEW COMMUNITY POLICE FORUM

Operational Meeting
Held at the Atrium, Bedfordview
On Monday 12th November 2018 at 6.00 p.m.

Present: As per attendance register

Apologies:

Tyrone Clark
Kathy Moloji

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1. WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

- Gavin welcomed everyone to the meeting and welcomed all the new faces.

2. VICTIM SUPPORT

- All running well.
- A very successful lunch hosted by Michelle Crichton at her house.

3. JILL HUMPHRIES – WARD COUNCILLOR

- New report for a brothel request!
- Complaints for application for cell 'phone towers as inspectors want to enter properties which has security risks. They need by-laws for application and people can object to the Building Inspector in Edenvale.
- Proposed road at Tambotie at roundabout between Marcus and Florence. CPF has to keep a watch on the open area.
- Traffic congestion – increased problems on Bowling Road East. Need EMPD to address it
- EMPD must re-address the vagrants under bridges.
- At Gillooly's: Tenant was kicked out and property has been vandalized. Function venue burnt down, roof and outside painted, but nothing has been replaced internally. Going to Council to tender for new tenants.
- Prepaid meters. Require proper notification from Council before replacing.
- By law, people have to give access to the Electricity Dept. However, people can read their own meters.

4. EMPD:

- 38 fines issued at Kloof & Talisman.
- Last Friday they removed vehicles, taxis and hawkers during their spot check.
- Security strike still on and with only 3 vehicles for all the sectors and they are not managing.
- 31 drunken drivers arrested. They will up their game over the Christmas.
- Still huge issues, especially at Eastgate, of cell phones being stolen.
- Hijacking and commercial robberies were down. Armed robberies still a problem around Eastgate. Eastgate management is working on it.
- Large amount of motor thefts at Eastgate, Virgin Active and Park at Gilloolys'.

5. GENERAL :

- Motor thefts at Eastgate, Virgin Active, the Italian Club and Park Run at Gilloolys'. They need fencing at Gilloolys. It was suggested that security need to get vehicles to register on entering premises. At Meadowdale security is making a difference.
- It was suggested that the SAPS need flexibility with their Friday ops. as criminals are aware of the timing of these ops.
- In last 3 months the robberies were high in Sector 2 (and the sad loss of Simba.) When an incident occurs, it has been seen that SAPS sometimes drive past without stopping, as the CPF are attending to it. It was asked whether SAPS and our patrollers can patrol together?
- As RAG are the first responders to an incident, the residents on the property (and in complexes) **must 'phone SAPS immediately** and report the incident **and** make sure they get a reference number. All incidents **must** be reported. The number to phone is 10111. However, if the system is down, the complainant can then request and get an OB number.
- Gavin introduced Judi Persi, a Forensic Criminologist, who has join us as a new volunteer.
- Vagrant near Doppio Zero is getting more abusive.
- The LPR project is data intensive and becoming more expensive. However, Vinni's and Wimpy are now funding it and hopefully we get more eateries to join in.
- We had more than 20 people responding as new volunteers.
- Gerald Yapp is presently setting up a computer programme that allows us to see what and where something is happening throughout the country.
- There are about 80 What's App groups in the sectors. Each street has its own group.
- The CPF is finalizing a web page for us, which is being corporatized by Alison Grobbelaar. Gavin thanked her for her sterling effort.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 19.10. This was the last meeting of 2018.