

BEDFORDVIEW COMMUNITY POLICE FORUM

Operational Meeting
Held at the Atrium, Bedfordview
On Monday 5th August, 2019 at 6.00 p.m.

Present: As per attendance register

Apologies:

Colonel Mhlongo
Judith Persi
Tyrone Clark
Colin McKenzie
Peter Wright
Milu Ferreira

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1. WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

- Gavin Henry, Chairman of BCPF, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. VICTIM SUPPORT

- Michele Crichton is concerned that the ladies have not been getting a list from the Police Station for the last two years. It would be a disaster if the section had to close down.
- Warrant Officer Nhlabathi is going to check up and the ladies can get the list twice a week. i.e. Tuesdays and Friday from him or the Secretary.

3. EMPD:

- Supt. Glenn stated that they had received video clips from Townsend Road regarding taxis.
- Advertising trailer by-laws state that they have to be licenced and will be allocated a space and will pay a fee. There are trailers at Gillooly's and one on the World Soccer Cup.
- The drunks opposite the Police Station have been removed and they will keep removing them. The same applies to the Klopper Park camp and the squatter camp in Primrose.

- Water - All illegal squatters were arrested and charged R1500.
- A meeting was held with the Director of the Liquor Board and he will come on board to issue fines.
- Traffic lights retiming was meant to have happened but has not yet been done. Supt. Glenn will follow up.
- The stop sign opposite Doppio Zero needs to be repainted as do a lot of others in Bedfordview.
- Ann Street has been closed so it hopefully it won't be a traffic danger any longer.

4. SAPS

- Captain Hlongwane said that high jacking was down last month.
- There were 2 vehicles stopped and arrests were made.
- Still high theft out of vehicles at businesses and Gillooly's parking areas, specifically during park runs on Saturdays.
- A lot of people still don't lock and check their cars at malls. This has to be communicated more to the public. Mazda cars are the easiest to get into.
- A number of laptops were supposedly stolen out of vehicles at malls. The shopping centres have to put up notices, especially at Eastgate and Bedford Centre.
- Spar in Bedford needs more cameras. There is a lot of crime taking place there.
- Gavin and Cpt. de Jager need to set up a breakfast meeting together with the relevant attendees.

5. JILL HUMPHRIES

- Has made a request regarding the van der Linde Road pothole. It is really dangerous.
- In regard to the enormous potholes there are problems with un-reinstated water repairs and the Roads Department are blaming them.
- Grant will be inspecting Oriel Park where there are people drinking and leaving bottles as well as in Chaucer Park.
- Senderwood community have adopted the park and have put in more dustbins. Sgt. Billings will be talking to the bottle store in Senderwood regarding billing, as they need to take some responsibility.
- Roads Department is waiting for IPW.
- Damaged and some missing road signs will be redone.
- Some of the man holes are damaged and some stolen. The damaged ones need replacing and the new ones need to be made from an alloy for the replacement ones that will be useless against theft. The worst ones are at Harcus and van Buuren and outside the testing station.
- Regarding the water outage in various areas for a few days, apparently the Rand Water Board said their line was vandalized and the EMPD had to protect the people who broke the valves. Water is slowly returning, but everyone must consider restraint of water usage.
- Dust bins – Pick-It-Up will NOT be serviced by the Municipality. The Divisional Head of Solid Waste is critically ill. Bedfordview does back-up for all of Germiston.
- Traffic islands on Riley Road will now not be happening until October.

- On Collins Road side it needs signage and cat's-eyes.
- The Bedfordview clean up job was brilliant and everybody involved were highly applauded.

6. CAMERA PROJECT

- Leon advised strategy to seal off 14 entrances in Bedfordview.
- 5 additional cameras and all internal cameras will be linked to entrances and to our database and National database.
- Cameras now cost R11 000 p.m. for upkeep for which we need on-going funding.

7. FUND RAISING - Alison

- There will be a Ladies high tea in mid-October.
- Want to set up an event for the Rugby.
- There will be a Balwin walk in December.
- Need to push restaurants who give donations to raise them and to push other restaurants to come on board.

8. DASH CAMS

- Currently being evaluated and selected models will be marketed to the residents.

GENERAL

With regard to issues of bribery, etc - people need to submit a written complaint that contains accurate and detailed information. Incident Report Template is available for download from CPF website. Residents have been advised of this via Facebook and CPF Street network.

2 arrests were made in regard to housebreaking equipment and the perpetrators were let-go. This needs to be followed up.

The bomb scares at Bedford Centre and Eastgate were hoaxes.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 19.45 p.m.