

BEDFORDVIEW COMMUNITY POLICE FORUM

Operational Meeting
Held at the Atrium, Bedfordview
On Monday 7th October, 2019 at 6.00 p.m.

Present: As per attendance register

Apologies:

Tyrone Clark, Kathy Moloj, Alkis Fletmetakis, Peter Wright, Ian Clark, Jill Humphreys, Barbara Meintjies, Mark Morris

Action:

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WELCOME

- Gavin welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologised for missing the September meeting which was cancelled due to the protest action in Malvern.
- Gavin informed the forum that the cpf meetings are receiving a revamp to the structure and new agenda and that any issues that need to be addressed need to be submitted via email (info@bcpf.co.za) 7 days before the meeting for it to be included on the agenda.
- Furthermore he informed the meeting that this would be the last meeting for Lt.Col Mhlongo as station commander as a new SC has been appointed and will begin in November and thanked the current SC for his dedication over the last few months

OPEN ISSUES

- Fuse Theft – seems to have been addressed – Closed
- St Georges squatters – Removed by EMPD – Closed
- Car Locking awareness drive – Closed
- Alleged Suspects for burglary released by sector van – DR opened by Capt Nkuna and members reprimanded – To be followed up in November
- Release of Nigerian Drug dealer – DR opened by Capt Nkosi – handed to senior prosecutor in Germiston for decision to be taken if offending member be charged with defeating the ends of justice or not – Follow up in November
- Cameras at station – To be discussed with new Station commander – Follow-up in November
- Lack of cameras at the Spar – Resolved – Closed

- Victim Support lists – running better – closed
- Glendower taxi rank – EMPD fined taxis and are monitoring
- Advertising trailers – EMPD informed meeting that permits are needed and currently still impounding the trailers if found – Follow up in November
- Harper Bridge robots and traffic flow – Jill to provide feedback in November
- Klopperpark Drugs – EMPD informed the meeting that another arrest was made
- VD Linde pothole – Closed
- Townsend robot timing and stop sign painting – Jill to provide feedback in November
- Public drinking – EMPD has removed offenders on various occasions and is an ongoing operation
- Regent str signage, Harper Bridge signs and manhole cover issues – Jill to give feedback in November
- Townsend rd Taxi issue – Ongoing – fines of R2000 being issued
- Riley rd traffic circle – Delayed – Jill to provide feedback in November
- Dumping into Oriel park water – Closed

CPF CRIME REPORT – GAVIN HENRY

- Theft out of MV was high but will improve with the recent arrest by EMPD of 2 suspects
- Common Robbery was low in April but seems to be increasing slightly
- Armed Robbery also low in April over holidays and has begun to increase
- House robbery also picking up
- Theft of MV is a consistent challenge
- Carjacking's are very sporadic

CPF PATROL COMMANDER – GAVIN FISHER

Previous training update:

- Ryan & Chelang - Firearm training, clearing properties, executing arrests and handcuffing individuals. Shooting range training.
- Blade & Ryan - Extracting individuals from vehicles and providing cover for our team.
- Chris Morris - CPR & Haemorrhage Control training.

Additional training requirements:

- Mark Morris - Scene control and management thereof. Coordinating and understanding how we interact and work with neighbouring CPF patrollers and security companies.

Formalizing Patroller structure:

- Tactical / First responders
- Backup / Support crew
- Equipment available:
- Radio's
- Comprehensive WhatsApp network

- Game camera
- Night vision
- Dog poisoning kits
- We have 33 active patrollers on the group including Jill.
- We need more volunteers - as can be seen above there is a role for everybody!

CPF TECHNOLOGY REPORT – LEON DE BRUIN

SMART CAMERA INSTALLATION CONSISTS OF:

- LPR Camera (+- R13,000)
- Power feed
- Electrical and camera connections
- Mounting pole and arm concreted into ground
- Fibre feed (transmitter and receiver for 'point-to-point)
- Service provider software (+- R600 pm licence)
- Set-up
- Labour Total cost approx. R25,000

Camera Update:

- Bedfordview CPF has facilitated the installation of 32 LPR cameras in Sectors 1, 2 & 3
- Bedfordview has limited responders
- CPF volunteers – all have full time jobs
- RAG – using their contracted security company
- Neighbouring suburbs CPF
- SAPS (long wait)
- EMPD (if in area)
- SAPPS
- Occasionally other security companies
- WE NEED ALL SECURITY COMPANIES AND CITIZENS TO ASSIST

WHAT WE NEED FROM STAKEHOLDERS

- Work together to build strong Street WhatsApp Groups
- Work with the CPF to review camera requirements in your area / street
- Drive funding initiatives for camera strategy in your street
- Street Pledges, support CPF fund raisers, etc.
- Assist in facilitating the camera installations
- Access to power and fibre connections
- Continually promote the camera initiative to friends and neighbours

CPF EVENTS AND MARKETING – Alison Grobbelaar

FUND RAISING INITIATIVES:

FIRST AID TRAINING –

- Training Provider:
Helix First Aid and Safety Training

- All CPF Patrollers / Volunteers trained
- September courses: 40 participants
- 1 life saved as a direct result of this training!

LADIES HIGH TEA

- 19th October 2019
- Tickets still available
- Funds raised will go towards camera project

EXISTING AND NEW BUSINESS – Gavin Henry

- Eastgate Taxi vs Uber not resolved and cases need to be opened so offenders can be charged for trespassing and or Assault where applicable – Eastgate to obtain a court order which takes time for effective arrests to be made for trespassing
- Zishaan Singh from RAG reported that there was an issue on Saturday the 5th of October 2019 around 3am at the Engen on Van Buuren involving a drunk person with a firearm – BV51 attended the complaint and feedback on the outcome has been requested for November meeting
- An Apology was received from the church in Klopperpark regarding some children who had set off fireworks at a recent function

EMPD:

- Nothing to Report

SAPS – COLONEL MHLONGO:

- Lt. Col Mhlongo informed the meeting that crime was down compared to 2018 stats.
- Areas of concern are currently Assault cases as well as business burglaries and Theft of MV
- The forum was informed that there is currently a problem with man power at the station as vehicles are available but shortage members is a challenge. Currently 2 members have been deployed to stand guard over suspects arrested in September who are in hospital and currently there are only 1 to 2 vehicles available to attend complaints in the 3 sectors but there is a possibility that the station would be receiving more manpower in the new year.

There being no further issues, the meeting closed at 7.25 p.m.