

BEDFORDVIEW COMMUNITY POLICE FORUM

Operational Meeting
Held at the Atrium, Bedfordview
On Monday 4th of November, 2019 at 6.00 p.m.

Present: As per attendance register

Apologies:

Judith Percy, Alkis Fletmetakis

Action:

Resp.

WELCOME

- Thank you Colonel Mhlongo for his role as acting Station Commander.
- Welcome to Colonel Geustyn, as the new Station Commander
- No objections to accepting minutes of the meeting held.
- Gavin Henry reminded everyone of the new meeting structure. Deadline of 7 days before a meeting for now items, in order to provide sufficient time for responses.
- Furthermore he informed the meeting that this would be the last meeting for Lt.Col Mhlongo as station commander, thanked him for his dedication over the last few months The new SC has been appointed and will begin in November.

OPEN ISSUES

- Alleged Suspects for burglary released by sector van – DR opened by Capt Nkuna and members reprimanded
Item closed.
- 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
Ongoing. Follow up in next meeting
- Cameras at station –To be discussed in CPF Management meeting.
Follow-up next meeting.
- 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. No OB entry.
Feedback overdue!

- Uber and Maxi Taxi protest expect on 7th of November. Gillooly's to be closed, taxis will park there. SAPS indicate they will allow 30 taxis. EMPD to notify Parks department. Eastgate have tried to compromise with Maxi Taxi, to no avail. Eastgate applied for court order to remove Maxi Taxi.
Feedback next meeting
- Glendower taxi rank – EMPD fined taxis and are monitoring. Not an issue.
Item closed.
- Advertising trailers – EMPD informed meeting that permits are needed and currently still impounding the trailers if found –
Ongoing item to follow up at next meeting.
- Keep monitoring Parks
 - Oriel
 - Chaucer
 - Possel
 - Garden opposite Doppio Zero
 Ongoing item to follow up at next meeting.
- Klopperpark Drugs and Drinking – EMPD informed the meeting that a second arrest was made. Waiting for further feedback. EMPD at Klopper Park last two Saturdays. Situation out of control. Numerous issues, getting worse. Not enough being done. SAPS and EMPD to do a joint operation. Vasco to monitor.
Follow up at next meeting.
- Harper Bridge robots and traffic flow
Initial feedback is that the new configuration is a safety matter
Jill to provide further feedback next meeting
- VD Linde pothole
Item closed
- Townsend robot timing.
Pending, Jill to provide further feedback next meeting
- Stop sign painting
No budget for painting. Delayed. Possibility of stop sign painting.
Pending, Jill to provide further feedback next meeting
- Public drinking – EMPD has removed offenders on various occasions
Ongoing item to follow up at next meeting.
- Manhole cover issues. No resolution for manhole thefts.
Jill to provide further feedback next meeting
- Townsend rd Taxi issue – Ongoing – fines of R2000 being issued
Ongoing item to follow up at next meeting.
- Riley rd traffic circle – Delayed –
Pending, Jill to provide feedback in next meeting.

CPF CRIME REPORT – GAVIN HENRY

- Crime stats presented:
 - Downward trend in burglaries and robberies
 - Upward in residential robberies (home invasions)
 - Theft in and out of MV biggest problem.

CPF EVENTS AND MARKETING – Alison Grobbelaar

EXISTING AND NEW BUSINESS – Gavin Henry

- Eastgate Taxi vs Uber conflicts 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
- An Apology was received from the church in Klopperpark regarding some children who had set off fireworks at a recent function

SAPS – COLONEL Geustyn:

- Crime stats: October on October
 - Robbery aggravated has a slight increase.
 - Business robbery single case increase
 - Car jacking single case increase
 - Contact crimes: general downward trend
 - Property crimes: general downward trend
 - Theft, commercial crime and shoplifting: downward trend
 - Police action: Drunk driving etc. Increase. Arrested 33 drunk drivers
- Incidents of Bribery etc,
 - Acknowledged as a concern.
 - SAPS need something in writing.
 - Commitment to addressing criminal behaviour by the police.

EMPD:

- Followed up on speeding complaint on van Buuren
- Boeing Road East – taxi's fined
- Regent and Kirkby stop monitored
- Theft of diesel in Elandsfontein investigated.

CPF PATROL COMMANDER – MARK MORRIS

Brief overview provided:

The CPF has patrollers with strong skillsets

There are 34 volunteers, 20 of which are active

New volunteers undergo skills training by other volunteers who are trained.

Equipment procurement, benefits from good fundraising. Basic equipment for patrollers currently include vests, torches and so forth. The next level is to provide batons and handcuffs.

Defined structure for each sector, with clearly designated reps and patrol leader, has resulted in a growing network.

Patrollers that don't contribute over a period of time are phased out.

Specific training Trained not to impede SAPS, rather to assist.

CPF TECHNOLOGY REPORT – LEON DE BRUIN

- Thanking Alison Grobbelaar for Fundraisers
- Security company Top Security has taken over by National.
Top security individuals still not apprehended.
National has committed to taking it further.

SMART CAMERA INSTALLATION CONSISTS OF:

- Decided not to present strategic plan, for security purposes
- Need one more camera to cover all entries to B/view.
- Navic looking at putting cameras into outlying areas.
- Camera system almost ready.
- Weakest area is reaction to events.
- Strategy is to involve security companies, who will be recognised
- Police have expressed an interest in the camera system.
- WhatsApp group created to combat Estate Agents scam, strong progress.
- Community Safety Plan in development, an example was the protests in Primrose and Jules street. .

PR and MARKETING - ALISON GROBBELAAR

- Funded by fundraisers and sponsors.
- Ladies high tea – very successful. Fund two cameras and a media branding kit.
Enjoyable and positive. Become Annual event. September 2020
- Greek evening (date)
- CPF Golf day – May 2020. Raised a lot this year.
- Balwin property walk. Add an amount to entrance fee.
- Kloof Road street drive raised > 70k.
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GENERAL – New

- LPR Camera in road closure. Suggestion to target other road closures. Chania to liaise with Alison on getting it out to other road closures.
- Talisman Builders – SAPS to check on residency status, etc. Case number supplied to SAPS.
- Talisman and Bothma. No stopping at intersections. EMPD to follow up
- Uber using the loading zone at Bedford Square. EMPD to follow up
- Illegal parking around Skeen Boulevard and Hawley intersection. EMPD to follow up
- Vagrants increase opposite Hospital. Jill informed that Parks need to clean. BSG offered to patrol.

Jill Humphries

- Vagrants in Gilloolys. Joint operation needed. Faith based groups creating major disturbances.
- Bill Stewart Nature Reserve. Joint Operation needed.

- Government Garage auction. Traffic will be affected. There is a new staggered arrangement.

Final

Tragic Death of Oliver Manickum from the Edenvale CPF was mentioned and his contribution recognised.

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