



COMMUNITY POLICE FORUM | LYTTELTON SECTOR 1 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020 HELD ONLINE | CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dear LS1 Community,
Herewith a report on the activities of the CPF LS1 over the past year.

1. Leadership:

A new station commander Brigadier Motlala has been appointed at Lyttelton Police Station, that brought new discipline, integrity and leadership to the station. This new appointment ensures an even stronger working relationship between SAPS and the CPF LS1 with subsequent decrease in crime, because of new crime prevention strategies. The Executive Committee that was part of the administration for the past three years did an excellent job as volunteers and were faced with difficult decision during the pandemic to keep a balance between enforcing regulations on a amicable way. CPF LS1 are currently busy with elections to elect new executive committee members that will also bring about new initiatives.

2. Community Participation:

The Community Participation on street groups has increased by 30% over the past year. We are currently monitoring 30 street groups of more than 1000 households and we are very grateful for unwavering support by the community in this extreme difficult times. This shows extreme resilience by the community, which is very important to survive the crime onslaught and pandemic. Further support was provided by a Caregivers group that provided support to Community members in need and the homeless people. SME's were promoted on Facebook and a Whatsapp Marketplace group was created to stimulate the micro economy. The current financial burden is only carried by a view and more support in this regard will be appreciated.

3. Joint Operation Centre (JOC):

The Joint Operation Centre currently has 20 volunteer attendees that is the lifeline between the community and the CPF LS1, SAPS, Security Companies, Emergency Services, Trauma Councillors and Fire Brigade. More than a thousand enquiries were handled over the past year, of which 99% were successfully resolved, and had a positive impact on the lives of everybody involved. The aforementioned work load has a high physical and mental impact on the JOC's and more volunteers are urgently needed.

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4. Support from LS1 Patrollers, SAPS, SANDF, National Traffic and Security Companies:

The LS1 Patrollers, SAPS, SANDF, National Traffic and Security Companies were fighting on the front-line during the pandemic with patrols, crime detection and prevention and humanitarian initiatives. Several joint operations and roadblocks were done at hotspots with several arrests for stolen goods, drugs, weapons, fire arms, electronic equipment and cell-phones, bribery and corruption. Several humanitarian outreaches were also done and people were subsequently infected by the virus. We can confidently report that although infections were high, the majority regained full health. More intensive security networks has been created between that different sectors with greater cooperation, resources, manpower, technology, intelligence as well as three private helicopters to our disposal for emergencies.

5. Covert interventions:

Covert interventions were made through the installation of cameras on routes used by criminals with great success to disrupt attacks and armed robberies on elderly people in old age homes in Glover Avenue in Lyttelton as well as smash and grabs at hotspots that include Migmatite Avenue and the trespassing into properties from the Kerk Sonder Mure Servitude in Zwartkop. The constant response, when covert alarms are activated is a great deterrent for criminal activity. Technology to our disposal that includes the Licence Plate recognition cameras and cell phone traces were used to catch criminals involved in residential theft, armed robberies, motor vehicle theft and theft out of motor vehicles.

6. Crime Tendencies:

Sector commander of Sector 1, Capt. Weilbach, did an excellent job by reducing crime in the area by using existing human resources. He has been promoted and replaced by Constable Van Der Westhuizen that is born and bred in this area, with an excellent hands on approach.

The priority crimes that are focussed on includes the following:

6.1 Theft of motor vehicles:

A strategic action plan has been developed by the CPF LS1 in collaboration by SAPS and CI to gather intelligence on motor vehicle theft to determine the extent of activities of syndicates. Although the project is in the early stages of implementation, tendencies already indicate possible involvement of several individuals and groups. The results of tendencies and trends determined by the

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investigation are followed by surveillance of suspects and life style audits to follow the money trail of bribery and corruption. The exposure of syndicates is months away.

6.2 Theft from motor vehicles:

A strategic action plan similar to above was implemented that includes stop and searches, roadblocks, surveillance, marked and unmarked vehicle patrols, undercover patrols, sourcing of informants, befriending security guards and using existing human resources for information. A breakthrough in August took place with an arrest of suspects in Valhalla where 100 stolen laptops were recovered. This arrests will disrupt syndicates as well as opportunistic criminals. An information campaign to inform residents, not to leave valuables in vehicles, is also an ongoing initiative.

6.3 Theft from residential premises:

An Integrated Safety and Security Plan was developed 6 years ago by CPF LS1 to focus on reducing crime in suburbs at residential premises. This inter alia include the increase of CPF LS1 Patrols, installation of license plate recognition cameras and dedicated 24/7 vehicle patrols by armed security guards that includes FADT and MN in Zwartkop, Highveld and the CBD. Crime scenes were visited and vehicle lookouts and searches for criminals, were activated based on crime scene information.

Communication by CPF LS1 Radio as well as cell phone applications have been increased between all stakeholders, and the community has been mobilized to increase home security and be more vigilant and report all suspicious behaviour by people and vehicles. A further initiative is to reduce information to the disposal of criminals in the suburb by the immediate removal of spotters. Another initiative is the continued efforts via the Domestic Workers Forum that focus on empowering domestic workers and gardeners, not to share information and be aware of crime tendencies. These initiatives are bearing fruit, but could change very quickly as criminals adopt new strategies on a daily basis.

7. Conclusion:

It can therefore be concluded that although the CPF LS1 and the Community were exposed to extraordinary circumstances the past six months, we all showed resilience that led to solidarity, with a common goal to assist each other. The CPF LS1 therefore want to reiterate our commitment towards the community and ensure the community of our full support.

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We trust that you find this information in order.

Regards

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