



Somerset West Community Police Forum

Minutes of Somerset West CPF Public meeting held at 19H00 on Tuesday 21st August , 2018 at the Somerset West Library Hall.

1. **WELCOME**

Mr Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **OPENING PRAYER**

Ms Esau opened the proceedings with a prayer.

3. **APOLOGIES**

No counsellors were present, and no apologies was sent to Mr Shand

4. **CHAIRMANS ADDRESS**

Mr Smith main focus was around the Neighbourhood Watches. Mr Smith main concern was that people out in the communities still thinks that they need to be part of the big NHW. Mr Smith focus point was that the smaller the NHW is the more effected they are.

Mr Smith pointed out that there is very strong NHW in Somerset West and he pointed them out, Helderrzicht, VPNHW, Lorenzo Park, Sir Lowry's pass, the lovely farm watch in Sir Lowry's Pass and Bridgewater.

Mr Smith pointed out that NHW is not mainly the eyes and the ears of the police, and Mr Smith is very impress with the NHW especially VPNHW. Mr Smith use the example that VPNHW got rid of all the bin scratches in VPNHW. Mr Smith also pointed out that Bridgewater is working extremally hard and they have brought down the crime rate and with the help of VPNHW they are also tackling the bin scratched now.

Mr Smith said that the bin scratches is the eyes and ears of crime, by cutting down the bin scratched you will cut down the crime in your area.

Mr Smith said that it is pointless to have 3000 members and you only have 4 patrollers and a effective NHW is a NHW that patrols and is active 02:00 in the morning.

Mr Smith ask Col Williams if she want to ask or say anything:

Col Williams point out that there is a lot of NHW that is very effective and the main reason is that they have the same goals as the Police.

Col Williams also mention that they can see the areas where the active NHW is working hard that the crime has change.

Col Williams pointed out the NHW who is the eyes and ears for the police made it possible for the police to make a lot of arrest. The NHW see things and them they go and report it.

Mr Smith ended of that the support from the security companies and HCW is also important. Mr Smith thank the security companies and HCW who do react and form partnerships with the NHW.

5. **CRIME OVERVIEW**

Constable Koen gave the crime overview.

The 3 station priorities:

1. Burglary
 - a. The last 3 -4 month have the numbers / volumes come down
2. Theft general
 - a. The last 3 – 4 months have the numbers / volumes come down
 - b. Main focus point is the CBD, down Victoria Road on both sides and Somerset Mall
3. House robbery
 - a. Not a big decrease in number / volumes but there is a decrease
 - b. There is no hotspot at the moment

Burglary & Theft general makes up about 40% of the crime in Somerset West

Burglary Hotspots & trends

- Around Oudes Estate
- Golden Arce

The secondary priorities like street robberies, assault, theft of motor vehicles, theft out of motor vehicles, commercial crimes these increase slightly

The hotspot for street robberies:

- CBD
- Main road down to the railway station and on the way to the hospital

Hotspot for Theft of Motor Vehicles

- Around the mail moving over to Builders – Interchange side

Assaults Hotspot

- Sir Lowry's Pass

Koen pointed out that if you draw a Z from Somerset Mall, up Victoria Road down Main road, Garden Village is in the Middle and that is one big concern. Garden Village has been a problem hotspot for some time now

6. GENERAL

Mr Thomas pointed out the meeting held with Mr Dan Plato

Mr Smith said that he did not attend the meeting because he new it is going to be a political event and there is no place for politics in crime.

Mr Smith said that he wonders what the Minister response is going to be at the follow up meeting because the Minister did not contact the Police station and the Minister did not contact the CPF

Mr Smith said thank you to the Pastor from Dox Deo for cleaning up the station, fixing the fences and painting the fences and repairing the paving. The community truly appreciates the support given to Somerset West police station.

7. JOHNNY BROWN MEMORIAL FUN RUN

Ms Anelia Marais said that she has been going around business in Somerset West asking for sponsorships for the fun run

Ms Anelia Marais pointed out that there are still a lot of business and people that does not know who or what the CPF is. Ms Marais used the example that in Stellenbosch they have boards up directing people to the CPF if they want to lodge a complain. Ms Marais suggested that maybe we need to have something like this in Somerset West as well.

8. The meeting closed at about 19H45



Bill Smith
Chairman