

Bryanston East Community Forum

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Dear members and residents

Some of you may have heard that the SAPS are making personnel changes in our area to improve the structures and to better comply with the SAPS sector policing model. We recently held a meeting with Brigadier Billings and Colonel Govender to clarify how this would work and its impact on the residents in our area.

1. W/O Lee Ramdiyal will no longer be involved in a sector policing role and has moved with his assistant Thabo Makoro to crime prevention.
2. Captain Solani has been appointed as our new sector manager. His cell phone number is 082 224 6734 and he can be contacted by the residents at any time.
3. The two dedicated vehicles will remain in the area and can be contacted at any time by cell phone on 071 675 6095 and 071 675 6096.

The SAPS also wish to formalise the Sector Policing Forum structure. This is effectively a committee of people who represent the community in the entire sector i.e. Bryanston, Klevehill Park, Petervale and parts of River Club and we are appealing to people to become involved and support this.

The SAPS regard the BECF as a role player in Sector 2 but do not regard it as fully representative and would also like other people to be involved in this structure, so to all the residents who do or do not support the BECF we would ask you to get involved with the Sector Forum.

Brigadier Billings has also undertaken that the SAPS will continue to serve a role in our domestic watch program to ensure that the domestics in the area have regular, repeated contact with the SAPS. BECF will continue to drive this program as we have in the past.

We would ask all the residents to work with Captain Solani in his new role. We realise that it will be a hard road for him and will be assisting him wherever possible.

We would specifically appeal to all the residents to attend the monthly Sector meeting at St Michaels Church on Mount Street on the first Thursday of the month at 18h30 to meet Captain Solani.

We have nearly 500 domestics who attend our domestic watch and about 10 property owners who attend the regular sector meeting - please can we turn this around.

Finally we appreciate that W/O Lee Ramdiyal has been totally committed to our sector for many years and we would like to thank him for all his effort.

If you have any concerns or difficulties feel free to contact BECF at any time and we will gladly try to assist.

Russell Kleyn

DOMESTIC WATCH PRIZE GIVING

The 2010 Domestic Watch Prize Giving was held on Thursday 2 December at Hamilton Park and was well attended. Captain Solani and Councillor Vincent Earp addressed the attendees. Domestics and gardeners who attended 3 or 4 meetings during the year received certificates.

Afterwards boerewors rolls and cold drinks were served. We would like to thank the following for their contribution towards this event:

- Nedbank for the goodie bags.
- Spar Pavilion at the 90 Degrees Shopping Centre for cold drinks.
- The residents of Bryanston for their ongoing support of community projects.



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- Metro Emergencies, Ambulances, Accidents - 011 375 5911
- Police - 10111
- Fire - 10177
- Sandton Police Station - 011 722 4200/4355
- Victim Support - 082 774 7564
- Captain Solani - 082 224 6734
- Warrant Officer Lee Ramdiyal - 083 775 4674
- Joburg Connect - 011 375 5555
- Electricity Eskom - 086 003 7566
- Water (24 hour helpline) - 011 688 1500
- ER24 - 084 124
- Control Room - 086 12 12 400
- R-01 - 082 461 5054
- R-03 - 083 411 2674
- R-04 - 083 701 2199
- R-15 - 082 053 3547
- R-16 - 082 825 3763



The Bryanston East Community Forum
would like to thank Standard Bank
for their ongoing support
in cleaning the Braamfontein Spruit.



HIJACK PREVENTION TIPS

With 68% of all hijackings taking place in driveways, knowing what to look out for and how to prevent falling prey to hijackers is a very pertinent topic. ADT and the National Hijack Prevention Academy offer you these important safety tips:

- * If you suspect you are being followed, put your indicator on and slow down at least two to three houses prior to your home. If you are being followed, you will force the vehicle behind you to pass and this could cause the criminals to lose interest.
- * If you have children in the car, the eldest child should be seated behind the driver and the youngest to the left.
- * Statistics show that in only six out of 24 000 hijack cases, a child was taken with the vehicle. The reason is that when children are involved it becomes difficult for the hijackers as the crime escalates from a statistic crime with little attention to a priority crime attracting a lot of attention.
- * If you need to stop in your driveway to manually open the gate, always leave the key in the ignition and the motor running unless you have a child in the car. Only then should you take the key with you as you open the gate. The key is a valuable negotiating tool, they want your car and you want your child.
- * Always make sure you can see the back wheels of the car in front of you when you stop in the traffic. This gives you enough room to maneuver and escape.
- * Don't fall for the "tap tap" trap where a driver taps the back of your car in traffic. They often use lady drivers as decoys here. Never get out of your car on the scene to assess the damage but rather drive to a busy location. Signal to the other driver to follow you. If it is not legitimate they will seldom follow you.
- * When driving at night, always approach a bridge with caution and drop your speed in case of being targeted from the bridge.
- * Even if you stay in a secure complex with security guards, you can be followed into your complex so always remain vigilant. Research shows that most people relax the closer they get to home and this often when they are most vulnerable.

Pieter Venter
ADT

FIREARM REGISTRATION

The Firearm Registration Centre at Gallo Manor has closed down. Each police station now has a local Firearm Office.

Please note, at Sandton SAPS, the Firearm Office is based on the ground floor, Room 105.
Direct office telephone numbers are (011) 722 4320/1

SECTOR 2 INFORMATION

Suburbs

Bryanston East, Petervale, Riverclub and Klevehill Park.
Borders: Peter Place, along William Nicol Drive, Main Road, N1, Braamfontein Spruit, East Pont Road, Coleraine Road, Panners Lane.

Sandton Police Station

011 722 4200/4355

Station Commander

Brigadier Billings
Gp.sandton.sc@saps.org.za

Dedicated Sector Vehicles

071 675 6095
071 675 6096

Sector Manager

Captain Solani
082 224 6734

Sector policing is the name given to the methodology applied by the SAPS across the country whereby policing districts are broken down into smaller areas called sectors to enable a more focused control to be implemented in terms of effective policing. It is via this vehicle that the Sandton SAPS interact with the Sandton CPF and the broader community.

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