

Bryanston East Community Forum

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Dear residents and members

Sandton SAPS has made personnel changes in our area to improve the structures and to better comply with the SAPS sector policing model.

1. **W/O Lee Ramdiyal** has been transferred to the Crime Prevention division at Sandton SAPS.
2. **W/O Walter Kwanaita** has been appointed as our sector manager and can be contacted on **082 388 5996** at any time.
3. The two **dedicated vehicles** will remain in the area 24/7 and can be contacted on **071 675 6095** and **071 675 6096**.

Please support W/O Kwanaita in his new role. We realise that it will be a hard road for him and will be assisting him wherever possible.

With the assistance of Sandton Sector Policing Forum (CPF) the Sector 2 CPF has been elected. This is a committee of people who represent the community in the entire sector i.e. Bryanston, Klevhill Park, Petervale and parts of Riverclub.

SAPS regard 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, please get involved with the Community Policing Forum.

Please attend the monthly sector meeting at St Michaels Church on Mount Street on the first Thursday of every month at 18:30.

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.

The next session of Domestic Watch Meetings start on 21 June 2011 and will run for 9 consecutive weeks (every Tuesday and Wednesday). The meetings start at 12:00 and representatives from Nedbank will be addressing the domestics and gardeners.

If you have any comments or contributions please e-mail me on admin@becf.co.za.

Keep warm.

Efrieda Loubser
Manager

Community Policing Forum

Community Police Forums (CPFs) are comprised of organisations and individuals who are mobilised with one key objective: to reduce the levels of criminality experienced in a community and to deter crimes from taking place in a community and therefore a better quality of life for all.

Residents and institutions such as schools, ratepayers associations, businesses and faith-based organisations are examples of organisations that work in partnership with their local police station in a local Community Police Forum.

When communities are involved in the fight against crime by not tolerating crimes in their community and assisting to be the ears and eyes of the police who cannot be everywhere, criminals are deterred from doing crime because the environment for crime is no longer there.

Community members' participation and innovative ideas can make a huge difference in the efficiency and effectiveness of the SAPS and the manner in which social crime prevention is approached in specific areas.

The Gauteng Provincial Government is doing its bit too. The Department of Community Safety announced that 36 new CPFs would be established during 2010/11, while the existing 134 will be sustained.

The Sector 2 CPF committee consists of:

Anthony Modena (Chairman)
Gail Prior (Vice Chair)
Elfrieda Loubser (Secretary)
Michael Hoy
Stephen Rocke
Andrew Panzera
Karen Soderholm
Janet Sutherland

More committee members representing businesses in the area are needed. Please consider getting involved with this initiative.

Elfrieda Loubser

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
- **Warrant Officer Walter Kwanaita** - 082 388 5996
- **Joburg Connect** - 011 375 5555
- **Electricity Eskom** - 086 003 7566
- **Water** (24 hour helpline) - 011 688 1500
- **Netcare 24hr emergency** - 082 911
- **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
- **Dedicated SAPS Vehicles** - 071 675 6096
071 675 6095

Autodispatch

ADT is very proud to introduce you to its new Autodispatch system – a revolutionary, first-of-its-kind dispatch system that will directly benefit you, our customer.

So what exactly is Autodispatch?

The Autodispatch system consists of individual PDA units carried on the chest or hip of our Reaction Officers, linked via GPRS to the dispatcher and controller in ADT's control rooms. Where previously the dispatcher would communicate with Reaction Officers via two-way radio, using the PDA unit the communication is now entirely automated, not only ensuring the dispatch instruction is received faster but also freeing up the dispatcher to deal with exceptions – emergency situations and not false alarms, for example.

The system was created by the ADT team to find a way to be able to dispatch our entire fleet simultaneously and automate processes in the control rooms – and Autodispatch allows us to do just this. The main advantage is obvious – more vehicles can be sent out to more clients thus cutting down on critical response times. Not only this, but in its efforts to go green, ADT is now cutting down on masses of paperwork as processes are all done electronically on the Autodispatch system.

You may already have seen the units being carried by our Reaction Officers or even have been asked to choose your password on the PDA unit. The roll out into all major centres is now complete and each ADT officer in these centres carries a PDA unit.

An important change for our Officers and Customers is that password verification is completed directly on the PDA. Each time an officer is dispatched to an alarm activation, a password is required to cancel the call out and the officers have the option to ask the resident on site to choose the correct password on the unit. The system will generate five options for selection of which four will be incorrect. This added feature is a safety mechanism put in place for our officers on site and we would appreciate your cooperation in this regard.

So far we've had a very positive response from our clients who have been exposed to the units. It is an exciting time for ADT and we are already working on new ways to maximize on the technology at hand.

Microdot Technology in South Africa.

Microdotting is set to become compulsory on all new motor vehicles sold from July 1 this year and this technology has been endorsed by the South African Police Service (SAPS).

Business Against Crime South Africa (BACSA) says that the body is encouraging owners to microdot all of their vehicles – old and new – in an effort to reduce vehicle crime.

Microdotting can make life rather difficult for car thieves. Traditionally, a vehicle is identified through its vehicle identification number (VIN) and/or chassis number. However, given the market for stolen vehicles and parts, this number is often easily filed off and changed. This allows stolen or hijacked vehicles to be relicensed under a new identity, or for the parts to be sold, or for the vehicle to be exported.

However, microdot technology sees 10 000 to 15 000 tiny 1 mm x 1 mm dots being applied, using an ultraviolet adhesive, to a single vehicle on around 90 different spots. These microdots carry a microscopic 17-digit laser-etched VIN or personal identification number to identify the vehicle and, by implication, its owner. This number is visible only under an ultraviolet light and by using a magnifying lens. The beauty of this technology is that car thieves are never able to remove all of the dots.

In South Africa, roughly 90 000 vehicles to the value of more than R9-billion are stolen each year. Also, more than 12 000 recovered but unidentified vehicles, worth more than R1-billion, are destroyed annually by the police. These vehicles could have been returned to the legal owners if they had been microdotted.

A study done on a number of fully microdotted models found that the recovery rate for the microdotted models was 91%, against a rate of only 52% of non-microdotted models within the same class.

Microdot South Africa is also working with local communities and Community Police Forums to fight the infamous trio crimes through integrating legislation, technology and community participation. The result is a campaign promoting the use of microdots as a strong deterrent against the trio crimes.

In 2010, a three-month rollout of a pilot project in Westonaria was launched. The project involved the sponsored microdotting of some 500 houses in the area. This initiative was designed to reduce property-related crimes. Microdots were applied to the valuables of the 500 households. Two similar, but smaller, projects had previously been launched in Pretoria and Cape Town.

Property-related crimes remain South Africa's most prevalent type of crime. Every year, South Africans fall victim to 500 000 residential burglaries and 18 000 residential robberies – shocking numbers that exclude burglaries and robberies related to the country's business sector and vehicle hijackings.

SAPS representatives said that microdot technology could prove beneficial in combating crime in the area as it will make stolen goods "too hot to handle", as those found in possession of the "wrong dot", including second-hand merchandisers, would face arrest.

A future national roll-out would be backed by a combination of technology, legislation, and community participation, as "strong partnerships" would determine success or failure.

Need to get away?



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