

APRIL 2017

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NOTE

Public safety services in an improvement district are only for public space. The 24-7 public safety patrol service provided to the Muizenberg Improvement District by GRIT is focused on making it safe for people to walk in the streets and enjoy public spaces. This top-up service does not replace the services already provided by the South African Police Services (SAPS), Law Enforcement and Metro Police. Please take note that the MID Public Safety Patrollers are not permitted to enter private property and residents are responsible for their own home security and safety.

That said, GRIT recognises that what happens in public space affects the entire MID Community. This is why we collaborate closely with MCSI (the Neighbourhood Watch) the MID Social Worker, Law Enforcement and SAPS to identify social problems, crime hot spots and trends in the way criminals operate. This helps all of us involved in crime prevention to focus our efforts effectively.

At a glance – locations of crime incidents and by-law infringements responded to:



Crime Incidents

By-Law Infringements

Summary Overview 2016-2017

Incidents/Activities	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Total	312	324	304	386	269								
Routine	252	276	260	349	248								
By-Law infringements	12	17	18	13	7								
Crime	17	17	11	14	8								
Stakeholder Engagement	4	2	6	5	4								
Ad-hoc	27	12	9	5	2								

1. Crime Incident Response¹

Theft				
	Date	Location	Detail	Outcome
1	13-04-2017 21:56	Albertyn road	Patroller Fabian reported to the control room that a car had caught alight and the incident was immediately reported to the Lakeside fire department.	Patroller Fabian managed to get hold of the owners and tried to extinguish the fire while MID patroller Khayaletu redirected traffic away from the burning vehicle. The fire brigade arrived on site and intimated that they suspected arson.

Suspicious behaviour				
	Date	Location	Detail	Outcome
2	14-04-2017 01:00	Fraser Rd	Resident called to report 2 males behaving suspiciously in front of their neighbour's driveway.	MID patroller Hans body-searched the men and found no weapons on them. They were escorted out of the area.
3	19-04-2017 13:31	Cnr Frankfort and Fraser Rd	Resident called to report 3 men behaving suspiciously on the corner of Frankfort and Fraser road.	MID patroller Chris responded to the call and found 3 men loitering on the corner of Frankfort and Fraser, the men were asked to move on.
4	19-04-2017 15:30	Alexander Rd	Resident called in reporting that she saw 4 unknown men standing in her neighbour's driveway.	MID patroller Chris approached the men who were waiting on their employer to pick them up who resides in Alexander road. The men were eventually picked up by their employer.
5	22-04-2017 07:30	Beachfront	Resident called in to report that she was followed by 5 men driving in a vehicle, behaving suspiciously; one of the men got out and pretended to be a homeless man scratching in a bin while he was watching her.	MID patroller Fabian responded immediately and patrolled around the Beach front. He did not find the men driving around in the suspicious vehicle. The woman who reported the incident couldn't give any details e.g. description of the men or vehicle.
6	29-04-2017	Melrose Rd	Received a message from the MSCI	MID patroller Hans reported that he

¹ While the MID Patrollers record the names of complainants, their addresses and the names and descriptions of those involved in the crime, identifying information is not disclosed in this report.

	03:40		WhatsApp group reporting a tall man behaving suspiciously as he walked down Melrose Rd looking into the parked cars.	found the man in York road, they body searched the man and found no weapons or any stolen goods on him. The man walked back towards the mountain side.
7	30-04-2017 04:31	Milner road	Received a MCSI WhatsApp alert reporting 3 men were walking on the railway tracks with a cooler box.	MID patroller Khayaletu and the bicycle patrollers responded to the call out. They found the men on the railway tracks and confiscated the cooler box containing knives and drug paraphernalia 'meth pipe'. The men were asked to move on out of the area.

Fighting in Public				
	Date	Location	Detail	Outcome
8	29-04-2017 03:00	York Rd	MID patroller Hans was patrolling the beachfront area when he found a group of people beginning to fight near Surfers Corner.	Patroller Maku came to support Patroller Hans. They found the fight had started after one group's vehicle smashed into the other group's car. Patroller Hans asked them to sort the matter out at the police station. The two groups proceeded to the police station to open a case.

Total Crime Incident Reponses: 8

2. By-Law infringements

	Date	Location	Detail	Outcome
1	07-04-2017 20:50	York Road	Received a call from Oroboros staff saying that car guards were harassing their patrons.	MID patroller Akhona responded to the call out and the car guards were asked to vacate the area. They left the area without resisting.
2	11-04-2017 10:14	Muizenberg Park	MID patroller Fabian reported that he found a homeless family had erected a tent in Camp road and he investigated.	The family said they had already been removed from Belvedere and Penrose and they didn't want to ask for assistance from Social services for fear of losing their dog. They were instructed to take down their tent in Camp road.
3	11-04-2017 15:18	Beachfront	A resident called in to report street kids who were harassing beach goers, and that the kids were armed with dangerous weapons.	MID patroller Fabian responded to the call and found the street kids. He asked the children to move on.

4	22-04-17 11:00	Atlantic Rd	MID patroller Fabian reported a New Laid Egg truck had smashed into the railway bridge after the driver ignored the flashing lights of the sign boards showing the bridge height. Part of the truck's roof was torn off in the incident.	MID patroller Fabian assessed the incident and found that no one had sustained injuries. He redirected the driver of the truck to park in Church street to avoid traffic obstruction.
5	22-04-2017 22:04	Vlei Rd	Received a call from a MCSI member reporting a drunk man lying in the grass near the footbridge.	MID patroller Akhona investigated and found an intoxicated elderly gentleman from Capricorn. He explained to the man that he cannot sleep in the field and the man moved on home.
6	27-04-2017 21:05	Milner Rd	Received a call from a resident reporting street children who were shouting and singing in front of Blue Bird and harassing patrons.	MID Bicycle patrollers Maku and Mveli were dispatched. When they approached the children they ran away down Holland road towards the foot bridge in Vlei road. They did not return to MID area.
Drug-related Activity				
Drinking of Alcohol in Public				
7	19-04-17 20:15	Church Street.	MID patrollers Maku and Dyani were on a patrol in Church street when they spotted four men drinking in front of a shop.	MID patrollers Maku and Dyani approached the men and informed them that they cannot drink in public. The men listened and moved out of the area.

Total Responses to By-Law infringements: 7

Ad-hoc assistance

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1	09-04-17 22:04	False bay Station	MID patroller Akhona reported that at False Bay crossing a vehicle was hit by an oncoming train.	A woman and her two small children were found unharmed and the police and ambulance arrived on the scene.
2	22-04-17 10:55	Atlantic Rd	Response officer Lindekile contacted the control room to report that a homeless man collapsed on the side of the pavement.	MID patroller Fabian responded and found the man lying on the sidewalk in Atlantic Road. The man refused to be medically treated and walked away.

Total Responses Ad hoc Assistance: 2

3. Routine activities

Activity	Location	Detail
Bin Picking Monitoring	All streets in the MID (4)	<p>MID Patrollers closely monitor bin pickers every Wednesday morning. We approach those loitering and looking over property walls or leaving litter in the streets and ask them to move along.</p> <p>MID patroller Chris reported that he found two bin pickers in Palmer road, when he approached them they became aggressive. Chris called for backup from the Bicycle patrollers who then escorted the bin pickers out of the area without using force.</p>
Public Safety for train commuters	False Bay station railway crossing: (60)	MID Patrollers stood down daily outside the station during departure of the early morning train and arrival of the late evening train to safeguard commuters walking along Albertyn Rd.
	Albertyn Level Crossing (frequently through the day)	On 29-04-2017 at 20:00 MID patroller Hans reported that there were no PRASA Marshals regulating traffic.
Daily Patrols	Church Street Subway (60) Muizenberg Station Subway (30) Muizenberg Park (30) Surfer's Circle Walkway (30)	Day and night patrol shifts monitored suspicious activity, erection of new structures and criminal activity.
Homeless Count	Atlantic Road, Main Road, Beach Front, Church Street and Masque Theatre.	Upon request of the MID manager, a daily headcount of people living on the streets is sent to the MID office. This count is done at various times– and the average daily headcount for April is 29 people.
Informal Car Guard Count	Atlantic, York and Beach Roads (including Surfers' Corner & Pavilion)	Upon a request of the MID manager, a daily headcount is done of informal car guards. This count is done at various times– and the average daily headcount for the last week of April is 11 people (with Sunday being the busiest (17 guards with the majority at Surfers' Corner).
Social Development Field workers	MID Office, Atlantic Rd (4)	<p>Logged MID Social Development Fieldworkers on site and off site, when they report into the MID area. Done via WhatsApp.</p> <p>GRIT office manager, Noel Fradie refers any new challenges to the social worker, fieldworkers or manager for attention.</p>

Total Routine activities April 2017: 248

4. Stakeholder Engagement

Meetings attended | Media Publicity | Public Information Sessions

Date	Description
05-04-2017	Joint Max ID Operation
13-04-2017	Muizenberg Joint Meeting (postponed)

13-04-2017	MID Monthly Public Safety Meeting
19-04-2017	Teuns Schamrel met with the MID Board to discuss public safety issues
25-04-2017	Teuns Schamrel participated in the MID Open Mic feedback session with the community

Total Stakeholder Engagement activities: 4

5. Trends and hotspots

April was happily a quiet month in terms of crime. Our MID patrollers were well briefed in advance of Easter, but the long weekend was very quiet with no excessive public drinking or crime incidents and activity on the beach front was normal.

Trend: Cars being set alight in the Muizenberg, Marine Estate and Kalk Bay areas

What is a disturbing trend is the spate of cars being set alight by arsonists in the MID area, the greater Muizenberg area and in Kalk Bay. This is being taken very seriously by all public safety / security role players in the area and we at GRIT have made our MID Patrollers very aware of looking out for possible perpetrators, particularly in the early hours of the morning.

Trend: Management of the Albertyn Rd Railway Crossing by PRASA

It has helped that the MID proactively erected caution signs at the crossing, but drivers are still being reckless or simply not paying enough attention. The GRIT MID Public Safety Officers constantly keep a watchful eye over the area and they have been at the crossing and found no PRASA traffic controllers on duty. This is a worrying issue which we are paying close attention to.