



Muizenberg Improvement District NPC Muizenberg  
MID Public Safety Tel no: 060 850 6260

# MID Public Safety Report

Grit Security Services



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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 recognizes that what happens in public space affects the entire MID Community. This is why we collaborate closely with MCSI (the Neighborhood 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:





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Crime Incidents	18	By-Law Infringements	1
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## Summary Overview 2016-2017

Incidents/Activities	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Total</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>379</b>				
Routine	252	276	260	256	248	318	342	353	353				
By-Law infringements	12	17	18	8	8	3	6	10	1				
Crime	17	17	11	14	8	13	10	25	18				
Stakeholder Engagement	4	2	6	5	4	7	5	8	1				
Ad-hoc	27	12	9	5	2	5	9	6	6				

## 1. Crime Incident Response<sup>1</sup>

Theft				
	Date	Location	Detail	Outcome
1	05-08-2017 17:48	Sunrise Circle	An MCSI WhatsApp alert reported four young boys who allegedly robbed people walking towards Sunrise Circle.	Muizenberg police were contacted by the MCSI group. The MID patrollers stood by for any assistance required in the MID area. The juveniles were found and taken into custody by the police.
2	11-08-2017 18:49	Sunrise Circle	A MCSI alert reported that two men mugged a man who was walking his dog and stole his cell phone.	The victim went to the Police Station to open a case of theft. The MID Public Safety Team stayed on the lookout in case the two men entered the MID area. The stand down point for the MID Public patrollers is in Vlei Road to prevent perpetrators coming into the MID area.
3	13-08-2017 13:20	Alexander Road	Received a call from a MID resident reporting that a knife wielding man had stabbed a woman and robbed her of her cell phone.	The man fled the crime scene in a white Citi Golf. MID Public Safety Officer Hans contacted the police and assisted at the scene. An ambulance was called and the victim was taken to hospital.
4	15-08-2017 03:56	Cromer Road	A MID resident called the GRIT control room to report that a naked man had broken into and entered a woman's bedroom. He ran away when she screamed.	MID Public Safety Patroller Hans with assistance from Response Officer Chris searched the area for the assailant who had left his clothes at the scene. The woman was unharmed and went to the Police Station to open a case.
5	15-08-2017 13:24	Alexander Road	A WhatsApp alert from a MID resident asked the MID Public Safety Patrollers to be on the lookout for	The men fled the scene after taking the cell phone from the victim. The victim opened a case of theft at the Police

<sup>1</sup> 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.



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			two men driving around in a red Toyota. They had robbed a man of his cell phone.	Station. The MID Public Safety Officers remained on high alert.
6	22-08-2017 11:14	Scarborough Road	A WhatsApp alert reported three men had entered a house and stolen TVs and other small items before fleeing in a white Toyota Tazz.	While this happened outside the MID on private property, MID Public Safety Officer Zulu and the foot patrollers remained on high alert for the Toyota Tazz in the MID area.
7	24-08-2017 16:06	Main Road	A WhatsApp alert by a MID resident reported that two men and a woman driving in a white Toyota Corolla had robbed a man.	MID Public Safety Officer Zulu patrolled the area but did not find the vehicle. It is not known if the victim opened a case.

### Drug related Activity

	Date	Location	Detail	Outcome
8	06-08-2017 17:00	Beach Front	MID Public Safety Officer Hans found a group of five street children hassling people for money.	MID Public Safety Officer Hans advised them to seek help from the MID social worker. The boys voluntarily handed over their dagga and they moved along out of the area. It was dagga dust and it was destroyed.
9	07-08-2017 21:30	Church Road	A WhatsApp alert received from a MID resident reported three men smoking dagga opposite the Root Bar.	MID Public Safety Officer Fabian investigated but found no one.
10	19-08-2017 14:30	Church Road	MID Public Safety Officer Hans found the same group of five street children smoking dagga and hassling people for money.	The children were warned by Public Safety Officer Hans that he would contact the police if he caught them smoking dagga in public again. The children left the area and headed towards Capricorn.

### Suspicious behavior

	Date	Location	Detail	Outcome
11	04-08-2017 11:50	Killarney Road	A WhatsApp alert from a MID resident reported two men apparently casing homes and vehicles. The two men behaved suspiciously when the MID Public Safety vehicle approached them.	The men were body searched by MID Public Safety Officer Khaya. No weapons or house breaking implements were found on them and the men were asked to move on.
12	05-08-2017 15:30	Royal Road	Received a call from a MID resident complaining about two men breaking a washing machine apart.	When MID Public Safety Officer Zulu investigated, the men had left and only small parts of the washing machine were found. No one came forward to report a stolen washing machine.



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13	06-08-2017 21:00	Beach Road	MID Public Safety Officers Hans and Fabian monitored two males and one female behaving suspiciously.	When the MID Public Safety Officers confronted the trio, they found housebreaking implements, which included a knife, pliers and a steel rod. These items were confiscated. The three were closely monitored as they moved along out of the area towards Capricorn.
14	07-08-2017 03:30	Main Road	MID Public Safety Officer Hans with backup from Response Officer Fabian monitored five men in a white Amarok double cab bakkie with no registration plates who were driving around in a suspicious way down Beach and Main road.	When the vehicle occupants saw that they were being followed, they immediately left the area, heading towards St. James.
15	07-08-2017 16:30	Sunrise Circle	An MCSI WhatsApp alert reported two men with a fire arm making their way towards the Dunes.	An MCSI member contacted Muizenberg police and confirmed that the two men were working undercover.
16	09-08-2017 02:00	Royal Road	MID Public Safety Officer Zulu found a green Opel Cadet parked in the road with its lights on.	He approached the driver and first said he was waiting for his friend to arrive from Cape Town and then gave a different story. MID Public Safety Officer Zulu asked the man to move along which he did.
17	09-08-2017 21:25	Palmer Road	An MCSI WhatsApp alert reported a man driving recklessly endangering the life's of pedestrians and other road users.	MID Public Safety Officer Zulu investigated but the man had left the area.
18	17-08-2017 19:58	Henley Road	A WhatsApp alert from a MID resident reported a man wearing a black hooded top and black pants who was acting suspiciously while hiding a bag in bushes near Vlei road.	MID Public Safety Officer Khayaletu found the man who was bin picking. He was asked to move along out of the area.

Fighting in Public				
	Date	Location	Detail	Outcome
			No incidents reported	

Total Crime Incident Responses: 18



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### 2. By-Law infringements

	Date	Location	Detail	Outcome
1	19-08-2017 23:35	Killarney Road	Received a call from a MID resident about a woman shouting in the road and causing a disturbance.	MID Public Safety Officer Hans responded. The woman was out of control and appeared to have taken drugs. She was taken away by the police.
<b>Drinking of Alcohol in Public</b>				
			No incidents reported	

Total Responses to By-Law infringements: 1

### 3. Ad-hoc Assistance

1	06-08-2017 10:30	Main Road	MID Public Safety Officer Zulu reported a man was having an epileptic fit in his car.	The ambulance service was contacted by the Grit control room but later cancelled because the man refused to be treated and drove away.
2	07-08-2017 22:38	Killarney Road	MID Public Safety Officer Fabian assisted an elderly man from Ocean View who had car problems.	After MID Public Safety Officer Fabian set the man's idle valve the car worked and the man was grateful for the help.
3	09-08-2017 00:07	Hansen Rd	MID Public Safety Patroller Zulu was patrolling and found a resident's garage door standing wide open.	MID Public Safety Patroller Zulu informed the GRIT control room and the resident was found and told about their open door.
4	09-08-2017 22:36	Muizenberg Park	MID Public Safety Officer Fabian reported a resident approached him reporting a new homeless woman sleeping in the Park who is apparently bipolar and needed medication.	MID Public Safety Officer Fabian took the woman to the police station to establish if she was a missing person. The police were uncooperative so he then contacted Lakeside Neighborhood Watch who confirmed that the woman was reported as a missing person with Pink Ladies. With their assistance, she was reunited with her family.
5	11-08-2017 21:24	Axminster Rd	MID Public Safety Officer Fabian assisted with casualties in a motor vehicle accident where a 10 year old child sustained light head injuries.	Although this is outside of the MID area, MID Public Safety Officer Fabian was patrolling nearby and was first at the accident scene. He assisted and stood by until the ambulance arrived.
6	18-08-2017 23:25	Lakeside	Received a call from the MCSI patrol group asking the MID Public Safety patrollers to help a woman who was intoxicated and behaving violently while	MID Public Safety Officer Zulu explained that Lakeside is outside the MID area but asked the Grit control room to call the police. A van was dispatched to



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		walking along the train tracks.	attend to the complaint.
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Total Responses Ad hoc Assistance: 6

### 4. Routine activities

Activity	Location	Detail
<b>Bin Picking Monitoring</b>	All streets in the MID area Mondays and Wednesdays (8)	MID Public Safety Officers closely monitor bin pickers every Monday and Wednesday morning. Those loitering, looking over property walls, hassling residents or strewing litter in the streets are asked to move along. Our intervention is non-aggressive but consistent.
<b>Public Safety for train commuters</b>	False Bay station (62)	MID Public Safety Officers 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.

Activity	Location	Detail
<b>Public Safety at Albertyn Level Crossing</b>	Albertyn Rd	The Level Crossing access control is monitored throughout the day by the MID Public Safety Officers when they are in the area. They alert the relevant authorities if they find there are no authorized controllers at the level crossing.
<b>Daily Patrols</b>	Vlei foot bridge (31) Church Street Subway (62) Muizenberg Station Subway (62) Muizenberg Park (62) Surfer's Circle Walkway (31)	Day and night patrol shifts monitored suspicious activity, erection of new structures and criminal activity.

<b>Homeless people and Car Guard Count</b>	MID AREA	The MID Public Safety Officers do a daily count of homeless people and car guards and liaise with the MID Social worker and the MID Manager in this regard, discussing new homeless people, structures being erected and problems with street children.
<b>Social Development Field workers</b>	MID Office Atlantic Rd (4)	Logged MID Social Development Fieldworkers on site and off site, when they report into the MID area. Done via WhatsApp.

Total Routine activities: 353

### 5. Stakeholder Engagement

Meetings attended | Media Publicity | Public Information Sessions

Date	Description
10-08-2017	Joint meeting with PRASA at St James about the CATWALK robberies – Noel attended



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17-08-2017	SAPS Joint meeting. Noel Fradie attended.
August 2017	The high level of Engagement by MID Public Safety Patrollers is reflected by the level of Ad-hoc Public assistance reported.
29-08-2017	MID Public Safety Meeting – Noel attended

Total Stakeholder Engagement activities: 1

## 6. Trends and hotspots

### **Robberies and muggings and other incidents outside of the MID Area**

The MID Public Safety Officers collaborate closely with Neighbourhood Watches and are frequently alerted to incidents that happen outside of the MID area. While they cannot respond there, they do work with these NW groups, doing surveillance to check if likely criminals come through the MID area and in one incident when units at Peppermint Palace were set alight, they contacted the SPCA to take care of an injured dog.