



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

MID Public Safety Report

Grit Security Services



January 2017

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Compiled by GRIT Security Services

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 (LE) 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 offences responded to:



Crime Incidents	17	By-Law Offences	17
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Summary Overview

Incidents/Activities	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Total	312	324											
Routine	252	276											
By-Law Infringements	12	17											
Crime	17	17											
Stakeholder Engagement	4	2											
Ad-hoc	27	12											

1. Crime Incident Response ¹

Theft				
	Date	Location	Detail	Outcome
1	01-01-2017 13:00	Church Street	MID patroller Zulu noticed a plastic bag in Church street. On further investigation he found a brown bag inside which contained car keys, house keys, bank cards and 3 ID books.	GRIT Operations Manager, Noel Fradie traced the owners through Facebook. The owners had opened a case of theft at SAPS on 28-12-2016 after the bag was stolen on the beach. They were very happy to get their belongings back.
2	03-01-2017 16:00	Beach Rd	MID Patroller Zulu was informed by a community member that 5 men in a white Tazz tried to rob a young woman in Beach road. When another woman coming from the beach intervened, they jumped back into the car and sped off.	The MID patrollers searched the area but couldn't find the suspects.
3	05-01-2017 07:00	Cromer Rd	A resident in Cromer road reported that two males snatched his wife's bag.	The MID patrollers were dispatched to look for the suspects but were informed that they had fled in a grey Mazda. The car was traced to Pelican Park and a case was opened at Muizenberg SAPS.
4	09-01-2017 08:30	Palmer Rd	A resident in Palmer road reported that her car, a red Tazz, was stolen during the night.	The car was found in Lavender Hill after a shoot-out between the police and the suspects.
5	12-01-2017 22:20	Palmer Rd	Residents in Palmer road reported that a bag containing a cell phone and insulin was stolen from their house.	MID patrollers investigated and found that the bag was accidentally left outside and was taken by somebody. They searched the area but couldn't find the

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.



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				thief.
6	24-01-2017 14:10	Beach Rd	MID patroller Hans was stopped by a woman in Beach road who said 3 men were following her.	Patroller Hans called the bicycle patrollers for back-up and they searched the 3 men. Patroller Hans found a knife on the one. They were warned and left the area. The Knife was handed in at the GRIT office.

Suspicious behaviour				
	Date	Location	Detail	Outcome
7	06-01-2017 09:49	Killarney Rd	MID patrollers noticed a man walking down Killarney road looking into cars	When the MID patrollers asked him why he was looking into the cars he denied doing it and left the area immediately.
8	07-01-2017 10:25	Boveney Rd	A MID resident reported that a man was walking in Boveney road looking over the fences of the houses.	When the MID patrollers approached the man and asked him why he was looking over the fences he said he was a car guard working in the area. The patrollers warned him not to look over the fences.
9	08-01-2017 18:30	Alexander Rd	MID patrollers responded to a distressed woman in Alexander Rd who said a man had threatened to shoot her.	The MID patrollers found the suspect, a 24 yr. old man from Montague Village. He said had not threatened to shoot the woman, he was only asking for bread. The complainant couldn't be found and the man was asked to leave the area.
10	11-01-2017 06:30	Cnr Cromer and Albertyn Rds.	A resident called to report two suspicious men standing on the corner of Cromer and Albertyn road.	The MID patrollers investigated and when the men couldn't give a reason for being in the area, they were asked to leave, and did.
11	14-01-2017 03:30	Wherry Rd	MID patrollers responded to a call to look for a suspicious person who was walking down Albertyn Road into Wherry Rd.	When the MID patrollers arrived the suspect ran towards Lakeside and disappeared in the Vlei area. The area was searched but the suspect was not found.
12	14-01-2017 17:10	Watson Rd	While patrolling, MID patroller Hans saw a suspicious looking vehicle – a white Golf - parked in front of 4 Watson RD.	SAPS were informed and an additional patrol vehicle was sent out to check the suspicious vehicle. No feedback was received from SAPS.
13	18-01-2017 15:00	Albertyn Rd	The MID Patrol vehicle was dispatched to Corner Surf store after a call about 5 suspicious men there.	When the MID Patrol vehicle arrived, the men were gone.
14	21-01-2017	Camp Rd	A resident posted an alert on the MCSI WhatsApp Group reporting suspicious	The MID Patrollers were dispatched and found a robbery had taken place on the



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	18:17		youngsters walking up past the Synagogue.	mountain steps. All concerned were taken to SAPS
15	23.01.2017	Hansen & Arthur Rds.	A resident called to say a man who seemed drunk or on drugs was loitering down the two streets and entering properties.	MID patrollers arrived on the scene and escorted the man out of the area.

Fighting in Public				
	Date	Location	Detail	Outcome
16	21-01-2017 18:30	Rhodesia Rd	MID patrollers Khaya and Fabian responded to a fight in Main and Rhodesia roads.	The MID Patrollers found a group of youngsters who claimed that the man they were fighting with had tried to rob them in the park. The patrollers stopped the fight and took both parties to Muizenberg SAPS.
17	21-01-2017 23:20	Camp Rd	A resident in Camp road reported youngsters making a noise in the park.	When the MID patrollers went to the scene the youngsters had gone. They were later found near the BP garage by MID patrollers Fabian and Luvo. A fight had started between them. The patrollers stopped the fight and the youngsters left the area.

Total Crime Incident Responses: 17

2. Response to By-Law Offences

	Date	Location	Detail	Outcome
1	02-01-2017 13:00	Church Street	MID patroller Zulu saw a man urinating in Church street.	When approached, the man ran away.
2	02-01-2017 07:50	Cnr Royal and Alexander roads	MID patrollers attended to a complaint about people erecting a tent on the corner of Royal and Alexander roads.	MID Patrollers asked the couple not to erect the tent in public space and they left the area.
3	03-01-2017 07:00	Church Street	A community member informed the MID patrollers about people erecting a tent in Church street. On arrival they found a family busy erecting a tent.	They were asked to take down the tent because it is in a public space. The family complied and moved on towards the beach front.
4	04-01-2017 22:22	Cromer Rd	MID patroller Zulu found a man urinating against a wall in Cromer road.	MID patroller Zulu stopped and warned him and he moved on.
5	04-01-2017 23:30	Fraser Rd	MID patrollers found a man sleeping on the pavement in Fraser road.	He was asked to go home and left.
6	10-01-2017	Church and Killarney Rds.	MID residents complained about a man who was making a noise in Church	The MID Patrollers investigated but couldn't find the man. At 10:20 a man of



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	09:53		and Killarney roads.	the same description was making a noise in front of the GRIT offices. When asked to leave by Operations Manager, Noel he left, walking in the direction of Lakeside.
7	12-01-2017 06:00	Church, Palmer and Kilarney Rds.	A complaint was received from an MCSI member about rowdy youngsters roaming up and down in Church, Palmer and Killarney roads.	The MID Patrollers went to the area but did not find any youngsters there.
8	15-01-2017 07:40	Atlantic Rd	MID Patroller Zulu noticed 3 young boys sleeping in Atlantic RD with the homeless people	Patroller Zulu investigated and found out that these boys move to Kalk Bay during the day and return to Atlantic Rd at night. This was reported to MID social worker Marion Thomas.
9	16-01-2017 17:51	Muizenberg Park	While patrolling Muizenberg Park, MID Patroller Hans noticed people erecting a tent.	MID Patroller Hans explained that they could not erect the tent in public space and they stopped.
10	18-01-2017 14:20	Palmer Rd	MID patrollers asked a group of street children to stop harassing the people outside Village Inn.	The street children moved on.
11	24-01-2017 13:50	Beach Rd	MID patrollers found about 7 youngsters in front of Rustenburg pharmacy making a noise and harassing the people.	The MID patrollers asked them to leave the area because people were complaining. They left and walked towards Sunrise circle.
Drug-related Activity				
12	15-01-2017 16:40	Surfers Corner	A resident stopped MID Patroller Hans and told him about people smoking dagga at Surfers Corner.	MID patrollers found four men sitting near Muizenberg station, The GRIT controller phoned Law Enforcement who arrived and searched the men. One had dagga on him and was issued with a fine by LE. They left the area immediately after that.
13	18-01-2017 14:45	False Bay station	MID patroller Khaya found a group of street children busy sniffing glue next to False Bay station.	When patroller Khaya approached the children ran away.
14	27-01-2017 19:32	Holland & Albertyn Rds.	MCSI WhatsApp alert that 12 street children were sniffing glue, looking into cars- aggressively roaming around Blue Bird Market and Holland Rd	The MID patrollers went to the scene and escorted the children out of the area.
Drinking of Alcohol in Public				
15	19-01-2017 18:10	Rhodesia Rd	The MID Patrollers went to Rhodesia road after a call about vagrants drinking in front of Doreena court.	The patrollers explained that it is illegal to consume alcohol in public spaces like a road. The vagrants left.
16	28-01-2017 13:25	Church Street	While on patrol, MID Patroller Zulu found 4 men drinking on the	Patroller Zulu asked the controller to call LE. When the 4 men saw Patroller Zulu



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			pavement.	they grabbed their bags and ran away.
17	29-01-2017 03:28	Beachfront	MCCSI reported rowdy people drinking on the beach near the station. The MID controllers asked SAPS for support.	The MID patrollers and SAPS went to the scene, warned them and asked them to leave. They left in 8 vehicles and returned to Lavender Hill.

Total Responses to By-law Offences: 17

3. Ad-hoc assistance

1	07-01-2017 00:45	Vlei Rd	MID patrollers found a white Toyota parked in Vlei road with two women inside. They said the car had run out of petrol and the driver had gone to buy some.	The MID patrollers waited with the women until the driver returned with the petrol.
2	07-01-2017 18:46	Palmer Rd	MID patrollers found a burst water pipe in front of 26 Palmer road.	The GRIT controller contacted the City water department and reported the fault.
3	05-01-2017 22:28	Holland Rd	MID patrollers were approached by a woman in Holland road who was looking for Hansen road.	The MID patrollers escorted her to Hansen Rd.
4	07-01-2017 08:40	Holland RD	The driver of the MID Patrol vehicle was approached by an elderly couple who were looking for a place to rest because they had travelled far and were tired.	The MID Patroller escorted them to a local guest house.
5	12-01-2017 11:52	Hansen Rd	MID Patroller Zulu helped a resident with her groceries from the car into her house.	The resident was most grateful.
6	16-01-2017 15:30	Cromer Rd	MID patroller Hans helped a resident coming home from holiday to offload bicycles from his vehicle.	The resident was most grateful.
7	17-01-2017 05:00	Frankfort Rd	MID patroller Hans arrived in Frankfort road to assist the owner of number 13 out of her burning house.	At first the owner didn't want to vacate the house but with the help of a neighbour she came out. Fire and rescue arrived on the scene and took over.
8	17-01-2017 08:10	Beach Rd	MID Patroller Khaya was asked for directions to Umvoto CC by a foreigner known as Peter.	Patroller Khaya asked a MID bicycle patroller to accompany Peter to Umvoto in Beach Rd.
9	19-01-2017 23:06	Maynard Rd	MID patrollers reported that a Mitsubishi vehicle in Maynard road was parked with its passenger side window open.	Patrollers couldn't find the owner.
10	23-01-2017	Atlantic	MID patroller Hans found 6 small boys	MID Patroller Hans escorted the



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	13:20	and Beach Rds.	running up and down in Atlantic and Beach road. When asked why they were running like that they said they were waiting for a bus to Capricorn.	children to the bus stop near Sunrise circle.
11	27-01-2017 21:30	False Bay Station	MID patroller Khaya reported to the control room that there was a fire at False Bay station.	The fire department was informed and came and extinguished the fire.
12	28-01-2017 13:30	Cromer Rd	While on patrol in Cromer road, MID patroller Zulu saw an elderly couple struggling to take their goods out of their vehicle.	MID patroller Zulu offered to help them and they gratefully accepted.

Total Ad-hoc Assistance incidents: 12

4. Routine activities

Activity	Location	Detail	Outcome
Bin Picking Monitoring Every Wednesday morning	All streets in the MID (4)	MID Patrollers closely monitor bin pickers. We approach those loitering and looking over property walls or leaving litter in the streets and ask them to move along.	
Public Safety for train commuters	False Bay Train Station (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.	
Daily Patrols	Church Street Subway (60)	Day and night patrol shifts monitor suspicious activity, erection of new structures and criminal activity.	During January, the MID patrollers successfully prevented the erection of new structures in the Park and other parts of the MID. See above under By-Law Offences.
	Muizenberg Station Subway (30)		
	Muizenberg Park (60)		
	Surfer's Circle Walkway (30)		
Homeless Count	Atlantic Rd, Beachfront (30)	Daily count of homeless and liaison with MID Social worker via WhatsApp	GRIT operations manager, Noel Fradie meets with the MID Social worker once a week to discuss any new homeless people, structures being erected and problems with street children. (4)
Social		Logged MID Social Development	



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Development Field workers		Fieldworkers on and off when they report into the MID area – done via WhatsApp (2)	
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Total Routine activities: 280

5. Stakeholder Engagement

Date	Description
Jan 2017	MID Patrollers have been making a big effort to engage more with community members and we are pleased to reflect this above under ad-hoc assistance.
17-01-2017	Teuns Schamrel attended a Meeting with the MID Board
25-01-2017	MID Public Safety officers participated in a Joint Operation with City and Provincial Social Development to identify street people and street children in the MID area

6. Trends and hotspots

Trend: Roaming Unsupervised Children

Because they are minors, the groups of unsupervised children who roam around the vleij, the streets and the beach are a real challenge to deal with. They are often intoxicated with drugs or alcohol and unlike adults, are usually aggressive towards the MID patrollers as they know they can't be arrested. Other roaming children who are not necessarily aggressive but left unsupervised are also problematic.

To better manage this situation, we have strengthened collaboration with the MID social worker whom we meet with once a week and we will continue to support MID join operations to assist in finding solutions.