

**Grit Security Services** 



MID Public Safety Tel no: 060 850 6260

#### **JUNE 2017**

Start date 1-06-2017 End date 30-06-2017

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 and Metro Police. Please take note that the MID Public Safety Officers are not permitted to enter private homes or businesses 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, SAPS and PRASA security 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.



Crime Incidents 10	By-Law Infringements	6
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#### Summary Overview 2016-2017

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Incidents/Activities	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Total	312	324	304	386	270	346	373						
Routine	252	276	260	256	248	318	342						
By-Law infringements	12	17	18	8	8	3	6						
Crime	17	17	11	14	8	13	10						
Stakeholder Engagement	4	2	6	5	4	7	5						
Ad-hoc	27	12	9	5	2	5	10						

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

Th	eft			
	Date	Location	Detail	Outcome
1	02-06-2017 15:07	Atlantic Road	An MCSI WhatsApp alert reported that a blue Moto Mia scooter was stolen in front of the library.	The MID Public Safety Officers responded and advised the scooter owner to open a case of theft at the police station.
2	08-06-2017 13:35	Beach front	An MCSI WhatsApp alert reported an attempted robbery of a couple walking on the beach by two teenagers who were armed with knives.	Nothing had been stolen from the couple and MID Public Safety Patroller Zulu who investigated advised them to report the incident at the police station.
3	16-06-2017 11:00	Alexander Road	MID Public Safety Officer Khayalethu was on a routine patrol when he was approached by a resident for help after someone had stolen his skateboard.	MID Public Safety Officer Khayalethu took the suspect to the police station and a case of theft was opened by the owner.
Dr	ug related Activ	vity		
	Date	Location	Detail	Outcome
4	08-06-2017 13:40	Beach Road	MID Public Safety Officer Zulu found three male street children inhaling glue.	The boys handed the glue over and when MID Public Safety Officer Zulu asked if they would like help from the MID social worker, they ran away from him.
5.	29-06-2017 11:00	Beachfront	Responded to a complaint about five boys hanging out on the corner of the Balmoral building who were sniffing glue and harassing passersby.	When the patrol vehicle responds to these situations, the boys often run away so Noel Fradie, GRIT office manager, went down on foot to speak with the boys. Also at the scene were the MID Social development field workers but these particular street children who are well known to them are resistant to any social service intervention. Mr Fradie established

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> While the MID Officers 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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	that the boys were waiting for their boom box to be charged at a local shop. He warned them not to harass people, confiscated glue from one of them and moved them along.
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Sus	spicious behavi	our		
	Date	Location	Detail	Outcome
6	01-06-2017 15:30	Rhodesia Road	While patrolling, MID Public Safety Officer Zulu found a man behaving suspiciously, moving along the road looking inside parked cars.	MID Public Safety Officer Zulu asked the man what he was looking for and when he couldn't answer them he and a second Public Safety Officer body searched him. When they found no weapons which could be used for house breaking or breaking into vehicles they asked the man to move along and he left the area.
7	03-06-2017 15:07	Cromer Rd	Received a call from a concerned MID resident reporting suspicious activity where a white Toyota conquest was driving around with 3 male occupants in the vehicle.	MID Public Safety Officer Zulu responded to the call but did not find the described vehicle in the MID area.

Figh	iting in Public			
	Date	Location	Detail	Outcome
8	02-06-2017 20:00	Beach Road	MID Public Safety Officer Hans found two homeless men fighting opposite Bombay Chili Restaurant.	The police were called to the scene and they took one of the men to the police station.
9	11-06-2017 21:30	Hansen Road	Received a call from a MID resident reporting people fighting in the street.	MID Public Safety Officer Hans responded and found a man and woman in a heated dispute. He told them they were disturbing the peace and must stop. The man then went towards his house and the woman walked off towards Atlantic road.
10	14-06-2017 11:10	Beach Front	Received a call from a MID resident reporting a fight in Beach road.	MID Public Safety Officer Khayalethu responded and found a couple fighting. When he approached them, the couple ran away.

Total Crime Incident Reponses: 10



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#### 2. By-Law infringements

	Date	Location	Detail	Outcome
1	05-06-2017 08:00 08:20 09:02	Rhodesia Rd Holland Rd Main Rd	MID Public Safety Officer Khayalethu responded to various complaints about bin picking	The MID Public Safety Officers asked the bin pickers to clean up areas where they had littered the street with trash, assisting them to do so, and then moved them along.
2	11-06-2017 20:03	Beach Road	MID Public Safety Officer Hans reported a collision between two vehicles.	The police were contacted by the GRIT Control room. Fortunately no one was injured.
3	15-06-2017 16:32	Muizenberg Station	Received a WhatsApp alert message reporting that a homeless man had fallen and hit his head.	MID Safety Public Officer Khayalethu responded and found the homeless man who then received assistance.
4	15-06-2017 23:53	Surfers Corner	Received a WhatsApp alert message reporting youths sleeping on private property near Surfers corner.	MID Public Safety Officer Zulu responded, found the youths and explained they cannot sleep on private property. They were informed that they can seek help from the MID social worker.
5	16-06-2017 14:44	Muizenberg Park	Received a call from a MID resident reporting that homeless people were washing their laundry in the Park.	Law enforcement was contacted and they said they would respond.
6	27-06-2017 09:30	Beachfront	Received complaints about three groups of people sleeping in the beach boxes. MID Public Safety Officer Hans & GRIT office manager Noel Fradie went to investigate.	One of the groups had already left but the MID Public Safety officers found a couple with a child; and a car guard with his girlfriend who had been sleeping in the beach boxes. Their names and details were taken and given to the MID. They were informed that they cannot sleep in the beach boxes and advised how to seek help from the MID Social Worker. This incident was referred to the relevant City and Provincial Authorities through MID. The huts were however deserted when the relevant Social Development Authorities visited the area as part of a Joint Operation.
	Drinking of A	cohol in Public	<u> </u>	- Cpcration

Total Reponses to By-Law infringements: 6



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#### 3. Ad-hoc Assistance

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1	07-06-2017 19:00	MID area	MID Patrollers regularly checked on homeless people sleeping in the MID area during the recent storms, especially during the night of the 7 <sup>th</sup> June, 2017 in the event that anyone needed emergency medical Assistance.	There were no medical assistance needed, and the homeless were grateful for the assistance when they needed to move to areas that provided greater shelter during the night of the storm.		
2	08-06-2017 22:00	York Road	MID Public Safety Officer Khayalethu assisted a man who was wondering around in Beach Road looking for his friend.	They found the man's friend in York road and the two men left together.		
3	13-06-2017 04:00	Milner Road	MID Public Safety Officer Hans found a garage door standing wide open.	MID Public Safety Officer Hans closed the door and left a note for the owner.		
4	13-06-2017 12:20	Cromer Road	A MID resident approached MID Public Safety Office Zulu and asked for assistance because her dog had gone missing.	MID Public Safety Officer Zulu found the dog further down the street and the owner was reunited with her missing dog. She was most thankful for the assistance from the Officer.		
5	14-06-2017 12:15	Albertyn Road	MID Public Safety Officer Khayalethu found a truck broken down and obstructing traffic.	MID Public Safety Officer Khayalethu guided cars around the truck and a friend of the truck driver came to assist.		
6	14-06-2017 15:10	Atlantic Road	MID Public Safety Officer Khayalethu reported that a truck transporting water tanks had crashed into the railway bridge.	MID Public Safety Officer Khayalethu assisted with the traffic until the necessary law and traffic enforcement arrived. No one was injured.		
7	15-06-2017 21:40	Fraser Road	MID Public Safety Officers Zulu found a vehicle with its lights on.	The MID Public Safety Officers were unable to find the owner.		
8	16-06-2017 19:00	Palmer Rd	MID Public Safety Officer Zulu was doing visible patrols in Palmer road when he spotted a vehicle with the driver side window partially open.	MID Public Safety Officer Zulu confirmed the window was not tampered with but left open by the driver.		
9	24-06-2017 00:18	Muizenberg Station	Received a WhatsApp Alert reporting a group of men gambling on the station platform.	MID Public Safety Officers may not act on PRASA owned property so they informed the PRASA security officials on duty and monitored the situation.		
10	28-06-2017 23:30	Main Rd	MID Public Safety Officer Khayalethu was at the scene when a homeless man had a seizure and died.	The Grit Control room contacted the emergency services, ambulance and SAPS arrived at 00:08.		

Total Reponses Ad hoc Assistance:10



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#### 4. Routine activities

Activity	Location	Detail
Bin Picking Monitoring	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.
Public Safety for train commuters	False Bay station (60)	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
Public Safety at Albertyn Level Crossing	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.
Daily Patrols	Vlei foot bridge (30) Church Street Subway (60) Muizenberg Station Subway (60) Muizenberg Park (60) Surfer's Circle Walkway (30)	Day and night patrol shifts monitored suspicious activity, erection of new structures and criminal activity.
Homeless people and Car Guard Count	Atlantic Road, Main Road, Muizenberg Park, Cinnabar, Beach Front, Church Street and Masque Theatre (30)	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.

Logged MID Social Development Fieldworkers on site and off site,

when they report into the MID area. Done via WhatsApp.

Total Routine activities: 342

MID Office Atlantic Rd (4)

Social

**Development** Field workers



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### 5. Stakeholder Engagement

Meetings attended | Media Publicity | Public Information Sessions

Date	Description
02-06-2017	The MID Public Safety offices provided support to a Joint Operation with the Social Development team,
16:00 - 24:00	Metro Police and Traffic Services
13-06-2017	The MID Safety Liaison Officer joined the MID Patrol vehicle
15-06-2017	The MID Safety Liaison Officer joined the MID Patrol vehicle
28-06-2017	Teuns Schamrel and Noel Fradie attended a meeting at the MID office
29-06-2017	Teuns Schamrel attended a meeting with the MID board

Total Stakeholder Engagement activities: 5

### 6. Trends and hotspots

#### **General comment**

In June ad hoc assistance rose and crime incidents were low which suggests that the high visibility and effectiveness of MID Public Safety patrolling is having an impact.