

March 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	14	By-Law Infringements	13
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Summary Overview 2016-2017

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

1. Crime Incident Response¹

Theft				
	Date	Location	Detail	Outcome
1	04-03-2017 19h00	Maynard Rd	A resident in Watson road reported that the driver of a white Toyota Avanza drove into a pole in Maynard road. MID patroller Hans investigated and found a drunk driver behind the wheel. SAPS was contacted but there were no vans to assist.	MID patroller Hans took the drivers' keys away and left the bicycle patrollers with the driver. He then drove to the police station, fetched a police officer on duty and took the officer to the scene. The driver was taken to the police station.
2	18-03-17 08:18	Hansen Rd	Received a call reporting that a gunman had robbed another man of his backpack. The gunman had fled in a white Toyota Tazz, registration unknown.	When the MID patrollers arrived on the scene the victim had already left for the police station.
3	18-03-2017	Main Rd	A teenage boy aggressively approached a boy who was pushing his bike down Main road. The teenager threatened the boy and took his bike, riding it away from the scene.	MID patroller Maku apprehended the suspect with the stolen bicycle and handed him over to the police.
4	19-03-2017 00:36	Palmer Rd	The MID patrollers received a message from MCSI reporting a man loitering suspiciously around Cromer road.	The MID patrollers investigated and found a distraught owner who said a man had tried to break into her house. When she screamed, he ran away. The owner don't want to open a case.
5	24-03-2017 22:15	Beachfront	MID bicycle Patroller Akhona arrested a man on the beachfront after he had stolen a bottle of whisky valued at R1500 from Tiger's Milk.	MID patroller Akhona handed the suspect over to the police when they arrived on the scene.

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.

Suspicious behaviour				
	Date	Location	Detail	Outcome
6	01-02-2017	Main Rd	A resident reported a suspicious looking man walking down Main road towards Lakeside.	The MID patrollers found the man, searched him and found nothing illegal on him.
7	01-03-2017 23:00	Cromer Rd	A resident called in reporting she heard someone jump over her neighbour's fence.	MID patroller Hans went out and patrolled down the street but saw no suspicious activities.
8	02-03-2017 14:20	Beachfront	Received a MCSI WhatsApp alert reporting that a group of gangsters known as the JFKs had gathered on the beachfront.	The control room contacted SAPS and directed them to where the group was congregated at Surfers Corner.
9	03-03-2017 02h00	Royal road	A resident reported that a vagrant, mentally disturbed woman was insisting she wanted to sleep on his property.	The MID patrollers investigated and contacted SAPS who removed the woman.
10	03-03-2017 14:20	Beachfront	Received a MCSI WhatsApp alert reporting that a group of gangsters known as the JFKs were back at Surfers' Corner again.	The Control Room called SAPS.
11	03-03-2017 12:09	Atlantic Rd	The MID Patrol vehicle responded to a MCSI WhatsApp alert about a group of suspicious vagrants crouching on the Atlantic Rd railway bridge and others loitering in the street between Checkers and the bridge.	MD patrollers were dispatched and the men were moved to Atlantic road.
12	08-03-17 21:40	Church Street	Received a MCSI WhatsApp reporting a vagrant was bragging about a gun he had on him.	The MID patrollers found the vagrant. He did not have a gun on him and they asked him to move out of the area.
13	18-03-2017 19:47	Alexander Rd	Received a call from a resident reporting that a few youths carrying steel poles were seen walking down Alexander and Vlei road.	MID patroller Akhona moved the youths out of the MID area.
14	30-03-2017 04:31	Milner Rd	The control room received a call from a resident to say 3 suspicious men were walking down Milner road with a cooler box.	MID Patrollers Hans, Maku and Fabian found the men and searched them. They found 4 knives, 2 tik lollies and a pair of scissors in their possession. These were confiscated and destroyed.
Fighting in Public				
	Date	Location	Detail	Outcome
	00-03-2017		No incidents reported	

Total Crime Incident Responses: 14

2. By-Law infringements

	Date	Location	Detail	Outcome
1	01-03-2016 22:52	Killarney Rd	A resident phoned the control room to report that a woman parked in a black Polo was playing music too loudly.	MID patroller Hans approached the woman in the vehicle and asked her to turn the music down. She obeyed the instruction but when patroller Hans walked away from the car, she immediately turned up the music volume. SAPS was contacted.
2	04-03-2017 14:10	Cnr Frankfort and Palmer roads	Received a message on the MID cell phone saying a white bakkie had driven into a wall on the corner of Frankfort and Palmer road.	MID patroller Khaya responded and spoke to the owner who said he would not be opening a case with SAPS.
3	07-3-2017 18:10	Albertyn Rd	The MID bicycle patrollers saw people removing the barriers closing the level crossing at False bay station.	The MID patrollers intervened, put the barriers back and advised the MID Manager and the Traffic Department.
4	07-03-2017 19:00	Muizenberg Park	A resident called in reporting a family sleeping at the Kramat.	MID patrollers responded and spoke to the family. They made them aware of the MID social worker and asked the family to go to the social support clinic for assistance. This was discussed with the MID Social worker.
5	11-03-17 21:16	Royal Rd	A resident phoned to complain about a group of rowdy teenagers.	When the MID patrollers investigated they found no one on at the scene.
6	12-03-2017 11:30	Palmer Rd	Received a message about a vagrant acting aggressively towards passersby.	The MID patrollers responded and moved the man out of the area.
7	12-03-17 12:00	Fraser Rd	A resident complained about bin pickers being a nuisance.	The MID patrollers responded and moved the bin pickers out of the area.
8	12-03-2017 14:30	Alexander Rd	Received a message that street kids were harassing people in Alexander road.	The MID patrollers found the street kids and moved them out of the area.
9	13-03-2017 10:24	Palmer Rd	Received a message that a truck had knocked a gutter box off a building.	The MID patrollers investigated, found that the truck driver had left the area and the owner of the building was made aware of the incident.
10	25-03-2017 03:20	Clevedon Rd	A resident reported loud noises coming from a vehicle parked in the road.	MID patroller Khaya investigated and warned the driver that LE would be called if the occupants didn't quieten down. The driver moved on.
11	27-03-2017 07:55	Muizenberg Park	Resident from Camp road called to report in Muizenberg Park a group of church goers are preaching and singing loud.	MID patroller Hans investigated and asked the group to please keep the noise down in the park. No further complaints were received.

12	28-03-2017 16:56	Fraser Rd	While driving the patrol vehicle, Patroller Hans received a call reporting a man who had driven down the road against the traffic in Fraser Rd and was now refusing to move and blocking traffic.	The MID Patrollers went to investigate and when one of the patrollers started taking photographs, the driver moved the car.
13	30-03-2017 10:40	Muizenberg Park	A resident reported people praying in the park who were making a lot of news	LE was called and the MID patrollers went to assist with quietening the group down.
Drug-related Activity				
			See suspicious behaviour: incident 14	
Drinking of Alcohol in Public				
	00-03-2017		No incidents reported	

Total Responses to By-Law infringements: 13

Ad-hoc assistance

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1	05-03-2017 23:47	Main Rd	MID patroller Khaya responded to a call where a man was having an asthma attack.	The ambulance services were contacted. Patroller Khaya stayed with the man and he was taken for further treatment at False bay Hospital.
2	02-03-2017 19:45	Cromer Rd	A resident contacted the control room to ask if a MID patroller could escort an elderly woman onto her property.	MID Patroller Hans was dispatched and assisted the woman who thanked him gratefully.
3	15-03-2017 Time?	Various streets in the village	MID patrollers advised the control room that street lights were off in Cromer, Hansen, Fraser, Church, Holland, Palmer and Frankfort roads.	The control room contacted the municipality to report this and the following reference numbers were given, 1012088162, 1012088164, 1012088166, 1012088121
4	27-03-2017 14:50	Albertyn Rd	While on patrol in Albertyn road MID Patroller Hans saw a Renault Sandero stuck in the road.	MID Patroller Hans helped the driver to push the car out of the road and waited with her until her neighbour arrived.
5	29-03-2017 13:20	Maynard Rd	While on patrol, MID Patroller Khaya noticed notice smoke coming from a house in Maynard road. He went inside to investigate and the resident told him that the geyser had burst.	The City fire and rescue team arrived and took over.

Total Responses Ad hoc Assistance: 5

3. Routine activities

Activity	Location	Detail
Bin Picking Monitoring	All streets in the MID (4)	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 asked them to move along.
Public Safety for train commuters	False Bay Train Station (62)	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 (62)	Due to the ongoing problem with the boom not being operational, the MID Patrollers paid special attention to the railway crossing, checking for suspicious behaviour and checking to see how many PRASA members were on duty manning the level crossing to ensure the safe crossing of drivers. When they found less than the required members from PRASA on duty to assist traffic, this was reported to the MID.
Daily Patrols	Church Street Subway (62)	Day and night patrol shifts monitored suspicious activity, erection of new structures and criminal activity.
	Muizenberg Station Subway (31)	
	Muizenberg Park (62)	
	Surfer's Circle Walkway (31)	
Homeless Count	Atlantic Rd (31)	Daily count of homeless and liaison with MID Social worker.
Social Development Field workers	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. GRIT office manager, Noel Fradie meets with the MID Social worker at least twice a month to discuss any new homeless people, structures being erected and problems with street children.

Total Routine activities March 2017: 349

4. Stakeholder Engagement

Meetings attended | Media Publicity | Public Information Sessions

Date	Description
01-03-2017	MID Patrollers supported the Muizenberg Battlefield Site Joint Ops from 07:30 till 15:00 with the MID Patrol vehicle providing back up.
06-03-2017	MID Patroller Chris attended the MCSI community meeting at Kids Planet
09-03-2017	Teuns Schamrel from GRIT met with MID Board members to discuss public safety issues.
09-03-2017	Noel Fradie, Grit office manager attended the monthly SAPS meeting.
13-09-2017	Noel Fradie, Grit office manager attended the monthly Ops Forum meeting.

Total Stakeholder Engagement activities: 5



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5. Trends and hotspots

Drinking of Alcohol in public

What is good to note is that we did not have any drinking alcohol in public incidents spotted by our patrollers or reported by residents this month. This can be, in part, attributed to the Alcohol Alert group with Law Enforcement / MCSI / and the MID patrollers taking an immediate and swift approach to public drinking. Hopefully word is getting around that it is not tolerated in the MID