

MAY 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 Public Safety Officers 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	13	By-Law Infringements	3
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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	270	346							
Routine	252	276	260	256	248	318							
By-Law infringements	12	17	18	8	8	3							
Crime	17	17	11	14	8	13							
Stakeholder Engagement	4	2	6	5	4	7							
Ad-hoc	27	12	9	5	2	5							

1. Crime Incident Response¹

Theft				
	Date	Location	Detail	Outcome
1	02-05-2017 06:35	Beach Front	MID Bicycle Public Safety Officer Maku, while on patrol found a white Citi Golf with its left hand side passenger window smashed in. It is unclear what was stolen out of the vehicle.	MID Public Safety Officer Maku could not locate the owner of the vehicle.
2	02-05-2017 11:45	Holland Road	The Grit Technician Raymond reported that a teenage boy dressed in school uniform had walked up to his technical vehicle and sliced the left hand side back tyre.	MID Public Safety Officer Hans apprehended the teenager and he was taken to the police station where he was given a warning by SAPS.
3	05-05-2017 03:17	York Road	MID Public Safety Officer Khayaletu, while patrolling found a white Isuzu bakkie with its passenger window smashed.	The perpetrator was disturbed during the break in and took off on his bicycle.
4	13-05-2017 22:52	Corner Boveney & Royal Road	Received a call from a concerned resident reporting strange noises coming from the corner of Boveney and Royal road.	MID Bicycle Public Safety Officers found a white Toyota Tazz with left passenger side window smashed and the car battery had been stolen out of the vehicle. The owner of the vehicle could not be ascertained.
5	17-05-2017 22:36	Milner Road	Received a call from a resident in Milner road reporting she was robbed and assaulted by a woman wearing blue jeans with a maroon baseball cap on her head. The woman robbed the resident of her earrings and broke her finger.	MID Public Safety Officers searched the area and did not find the woman with the clothing description given by the victim. Because the victim was injured during the assault, she rushed to get to the hospital. It is not known if she opened a case with the police.

¹ While the MID Public Safety 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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Suspicious behaviour				
	Date	Location	Detail	Outcome
6	04-05-2017 21:15	Church Road	Received a WhatsApp alert from a MID resident reporting a man behaving suspiciously and hiding behind a green bin near Village Inn.	MID Public Safety Officer Khayaletu was dispatched and found a man sitting behind the green bin. The man was asked to leave the area.
7	11-05-2017 22:27	Fraser/Palmer Road	Received an MCSI WhatsApp alert reporting 4 men attempting to open the side gate of a house in Palmer road. The men then went down Fraser road and disappeared.	MID Public Safety Officer Fabian investigated but found no one behaving suspiciously in the area.
8	14-05-2017 20:49	Various Streets in the MID	Received MCSI WhatsApp alerts about a white Mazda Midge with 3 male occupants cruising the village in a suspicious way.	The MID Patrol vehicle found the Mazda and tailed the car until it left the MID area.
9	15-05-2017	Alexander Road	MID Public Safety Officer Hans reported that he was following a group of street children behaving suspiciously in Alexander road.	MID Public Safety Officer Hans asked the children to move along or the necessary authorities would be contacted to move them out of the area. The boys left the area quickly.
10	17-05-2017 6:43	Alexander, Fraser and Clevedon Roads.	Various WhatsApp alerts complained about Bin pickers who were throwing trash into the streets.	The MID Bicycle Public Safety Officers quickly patrolled the streets that were of concern and asked the bin pickers to vacate the area with their trolleys. No one was forcibly removed and they all complied with the request
11	29-05-2017 10:00	Atlantic Rd	Received a call from a concerned resident reporting a homeless man who was harassing people going into the library.	MID Public Safety Officer Hans responded to the call and found the man who appeared mentally challenged. He asked the man to stop harassing the people and to move along.
12	31-05-2017 08:15	Cnr Albertyn Clevedon Rds	The MID patrol vehicle responded to a WhatsApp alert reporting bin pickers being a nuisance.	The MID Public Safety Officers responded and moved the bin pickers along.
Fighting in Public				
13	15-05-2017 21:00	Main Road	A homeless man came to the Grit office reporting that a homeless man new to the area was being aggressive and wanting to fight with the homeless after demanding that he sleep with them on the AIMS verandah.	MID Public Safety Officer Hans responded to the call and stopped the fight between the men. The new homeless man left and made his way to Atlantic road.

Total Crime Incident Responses: 13

2. By-Law infringements

	Date	Location	Detail	Outcome
1	04-05-2017 19:11	Royal Road	Received a WhatsApp alert from a resident reporting that a group of boys were harassing people passing by.	MID Public Safety Officer Khayaletu was dispatched to Royal road but the boys had disappeared.
2	11-04-2017 10:20	Albertyn Road	Received a call from a resident complaining about a homeless man sleeping outside their front gate.	MID Public Safety Officer Hans responded to the call and asked the man to move along which he did.
Drug-related Activity				
3	16-05-2017 14:19	Beach road	Received a WhatsApp voice message from a resident reporting that two men were smoking mandrax in the bushes near the Civic center.	MID Bicycle Public Safety Officers searched the area but found no one smoking drugs near the Civic center.
Drinking of Alcohol in Public				
			No incidents	

Total Responses to By-Law infringements: 3

3. Ad-hoc Assistance

	Date	Location	Detail	Outcome
1	01-05-2017 18:47	Cromer Rd	Received an MCSI WhatsApp alert reporting a house breaking. The suspects gained access through the front door.	Although this did not happen in MID public space, the MID Public Safety Officers checked the area and found that the home owner had gone to the police station to report the burglary.
2	10-05-2017 14:20	Milner Road	While patrolling, MID Public Safety Officer Hans drove by the Bluebird garages and noticed one of the garages was open. He first thought perhaps the owner was nearby but then decided to go back and check.	MID Public Safety Officer Hans found a man snooping around inside. He asked him to leave and closed and locked the garage door, leaving a note for the owner to collect the key at the Grit office. The owner received the note and was grateful for Hans's actions when he came to collect the key at the office.
3	09-05-2017 20:40	Baker Road	MID Bicycle Public Safety Officers found a 65 yr old elderly woman complaining that she couldn't walk because she was in pain and needed medical assistance.	The MID Public Safety Officers alerted the Grit control room and ambulance services were contacted. When the ambulance failed to arrive, the MID driver took the woman to the police station where her son came to pick her up the next day.
4	11-04-2017 12:10	Beach Front	Received a call from a resident who was too afraid to walk to her car parked at	MID Public Safety Officer Hans responded to the call out and escorted

			the Civic Centre because of the presence of street children in the area.	the woman to her vehicle. He asked the children to move along.
5	15-05-2017 20:30	Beach Road	MID Public Safety Officer Fabian came to the assistance of a young man who had car problems. The man's car broke down near a secluded area which left him vulnerable to crime.	MID Public Safety Officer Fabian waited with the man until a family member arrived and took him to the nearest garage.

Total Responses Ad hoc Assistance: 5

4. Routine activities

Activity	Location	Detail
Bin Picking Monitoring	All streets in the MID area (4)	MID Public Safety Officers closely monitor bin pickers every Wednesday morning. Those loitering, looking over property walls or leaving litter in the streets are asked to move along.
Public Safety for train commuters	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
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 (31) Church Street Subway (62) Muizenberg Station Subway (31) Muizenberg Park (62) Surfer's Circle Walkway (31)	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 (31)	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.
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.

Total Routine activities May 2017: 318



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5. Stakeholder Engagement

Meetings attended | Media Publicity| Public Information Sessions

Date	Description
03-05-2017	The MID Safety Liaison Officer joined the MID Patrol vehicle at 10:00
12-05-2017	Grit General Manager, Noel Fradie attended a meeting at the MID offices
15-05 2017	Grit General Manager, Noel Fradie attended a Joint ops meeting.
15-05-2017	MID Public Safety Officers supported a Joint Operation with the MID, the City, Law Enforcement, DPU and Street People Unit.
17-05-2017	The MID Safety Liaison Officer joined the MID Patrol vehicle at 15:52
18-05 2017	Grit General Manager, Noel Fradie attended a Joint meeting (Sector 3) at SAPS.
25-05-2017	The MID Safety Liaison Officer joined the MID Patrol vehicle at 16:03

Total Stakeholder Engagement activities: 7

6. Trends and hotspots

Trend: Cars being set alight in the Muizenberg area

It is pleasing to note that our MID Public Safety Officers were not alerted to any new incidents of car arson during May.

Trend:

The safe crossing of drivers over the Albertyn Rd level crossing remains cause for concern, especially in the light of the BMW that collided with a train at the Lakeside crossing on 23 May. The MID Public Safety Officers constantly keep a watchful eye over the area and check that there are authorized controllers manning the level crossing.