



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

MID Public Safety Report

Grit Security Services



October 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 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	15	By-Law Infringements	2
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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	372	402	379	343	349		
Routine	252	276	260	256	248	318	342	353	353	312	322		
By-Law infringements	12	17	18	8	8	3	6	10	1	2	2		
Crime	17	17	11	14	8	13	10	25	18	22	15		
Stakeholder Engagement	4	2	6	5	4	7	5	8	1	4	4		
Ad-hoc	27	12	9	5	2	5	9	6	6	3	6		

1. Crime Incident Response¹

Theft				
	Date	Location	Detail	Outcome
1	01-10-2017 08:26	Wherry Road	Received a call from a MID resident reporting the theft of his white Citi Golf.	The owner of the vehicle went to the police station to open a case of car theft. He was provided with camera footage which was not useable.
2	08-10-2017 13:59	Vlei road	A MCSI WhatsApp alert reported that a man was robbed of his cell phone by a group of four men on bicycles.	MID Public Safety Officer Hans patrolled the area but found no one. The man went to the police station to open a case of robbery.
3	09-10-2017 17:56	Fraser Road	A MCSI WhatsApp alert reported a hit and run accident where a young man was seriously injured.	The Grit control room called the ambulance and the police to the accident scene. Fire and rescue was contacted because the ambulance took too long. The injured man was taken to hospital.
4	10-10-2017 19:05	St James	A MCSI WhatsApp alert reported an assault – two women were walking on the catwalk when one was hit over the head with a rock.	MID Public Safety Patrollers stood down at the Muizenberg Station and all patrollers were placed on high alert to monitor and report suspicious activity. Police were on the scene investigating the incident.
5	15-10-2017 00:18	Milner Road	MID Public Safety Officer Phumzile found a black Polo with the driver's side window smashed.	MID Public Safety Officer Phumzile could not track down the owner of the vehicle.
6	21-10-2017 10:30	Albertyn Road	MID Public Safety Officer Phumzile was approached by a homeless man who gave him six bank cards he had found.	The Grit controllers successfully traced the owner of the cards. He had been robbed in a smash and grab by three armed men in Plumstead.
7	21-10-2017	Atlantic Road	MID Public Safety Officer Hans	Traffic officials were on the scene and no one

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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	18:30		investigated when two cars collided with each other.	was injured in the accident.
8	24-10-2017 16:30	St James	A MID resident came to the Grit office to report that a woman was brutally attacked with a hammer on the catwalk.	Police and ambulance services were on the scene and the victim was taken to hospital. MID Public Safety Patrollers stood down at Muizenberg station.
9	24-10-2017 04:20	Maynard Road	Received a call from a MID resident reporting that her neighbors' car window had been smashed.	MID Public Safety Officer Hans and Response Officer Chris responded. The owner of the vehicle was informed. Nothing was stolen out of the vehicle.
10	27-10-2017 14:51	Arthur Road	Received a WhatsApp alert reporting that a man tried to steal copper piping from a house. The man was wearing gloves and a blue hooded top.	MID Public Safety Officer Zulu responded but found no one fitting the description of the man. Nothing was stolen from the property.
11	28-10-2017 22:30	Main Road	MID Public Patroller Hans saw a man breaking the window of an Isuzu bakkie.	MID Public Safety Officer Hans gave chase and caught him near the Bowling Club. He found a cell phone on the suspect. The vehicle owner was successfully tracked down and a case of theft was opened. The suspect was held at Muizenberg SAPS.
Drug related Activity				
No incidents reported				

Suspicious behavior				
	Date	Location	Detail	Outcome
12	15-10-2017 01:30	Palmer Road	The Grit control room monitored a man on the cctv camera who was feeling the doors of a white bakkie.	MID Public Safety Officer Phumzile found the man who said he wanted a lighter in the vehicle. The man who appeared mentally challenged was asked to move along and was monitored by the MID Patroller as he left the area. The man who is a regular in the area, lives in Capricorn.
13	20-10-2017 12:09	Atlantic Road	Received a WhatsApp alert reporting men walking with five pit-bulls.	MID Public Safety Officer Hans asked the men to move along and they were closely monitored as they left the area towards Capricorn.

Fighting in Public				
	Date	Location	Detail	Outcome
14	21-10-2017 16:50	Main Road	MID Public Safety Officer Phumzile was on a patrol when he saw a man and woman fighting in the road.	MID Public Safety Officer Phumzile stopped his vehicle and approached the fighting couple who immediately stopped



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				and drove away in their vehicle.
15	25-10-2017 15:00	Beach Road	Received a call from a MID resident reporting a fight between two car guards.	MID Public Safety Officer Phumzile and Response Officer Fabian stopped the fight between the two men. The man who started the fight left the area. The fight was about whose shift it was.

Total Crime Incident Responses: 15

2. By-Law infringements

	Date	Location	Detail	Outcome
1	23-10-2017 01:20	Atlantic Road	MID Public Safety Officer Zulu found a man revving his car and playing loud music.	MID Public Safety Officer Zulu approached the man and told him that he was disturbing the peace. The man listened and drove away.
Drinking of Alcohol in Public				
2	25-10-2017 15:20	Main Rd	Received a call from a MID resident reporting a homeless man lying in the road next to a busy intersection.	MID Public Safety Officer Phumzile investigated and found the man who was drunk. He assisted the man to a safer place in the park to sleep.

Total Responses to By-Law infringements: 2

3. Ad-hoc Assistance

1	14-10-2017 08:18	False Bay Station	MID Public Safety Officer Fabian reported a train was burning on the station.	MID Public Safety Officer Fabian confirmed no one was injured and the transmitter on the train was burning.
2	16-10-2017 07:05	Alexander Road	MID Public Safety Officer Hans was on a patrol and found a garage door standing wide open.	The owners were not home and MID Public Safety Officer Hans closed the door.
3	16-10-2017 07:24	Albertyn Road	MID Public Safety Officer Hans reported that a car and train collided at the level crossing next to False Bay station.	MID Public Safety Officer Hans helped to direct the traffic around the accident scene waiting on authorities to arrive. The driver was not injured and he drove his car to the police station.
4	16-10-2017 19:50	Fraser Road	MID Public Safety Officer Phumzile was patrolling when he found a garage door wide open.	MID Officer Phumzile found the owner of the garage the owner confirmed that nothing was stolen out of the garage. The owner was informed that it is a security risk to leave doors and windows open.
5	21-10-2017	Boyes drive	Received a WhatsApp alert from a MID	MID Public Safety Officer Fabian



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	04:07		resident reporting she saw lights flickering on the mountain.	responded and found two hikers coming down the mountain who had lost their way.
6	22-10-2017 09:30	Beach Road	A MID resident called to report a young man having seizures.	When MID Public Safety Officer Phumzile arrived on the scene Cape medical response were already there and the man was taken to hospital.

Total Responses Ad hoc Assistance: 6

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. Our intervention is non-aggressive but consistent and we are pleased to report that no complaints were received from MID residents during October,
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 in the mornings by the MID Public Safety Officers. 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 (62) 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	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.
Social	MID Office Atlantic Rd (4)	Logged MID Social Development Fieldworkers on site and off site,



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Development Field workers	when they report into the MID area. Done via WhatsApp.
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Total Routine activities: 322

5. Stakeholder Engagement

Meetings attended | Media Publicity | Public Information Sessions

Date	Description
05-10-2017	Planning meeting for the Muizenberg festival held at The Hive. Noel Fradie attended.
06-10-2017	Meeting concerning car guard registration held at Oven Bake. Noel Fradie attended.
12-10-2017	SAPS Joint meeting. Noel Fradie attended.
30-10-2017	Area South Central Improvement Districts meeting in Mitchells Plain. Noel Fradie attended.

Total Stakeholder Engagement activities: 4

6. Trends and hotspots

Muggings between Muizenberg and St James

Robbers continue to terrorize locals and tourists using the catwalk between Muizenberg Beach and St James. In Sept GRIT assisted in an assault where two muggers were positively identified by the victim who opened a case at SAPS. In October there were another two assaults on the catwalk on the 10th and the 24th. The MID Public Safety Officers work with Neighbourhood Watch groups and the Police, doing surveillance to check if likely criminals come through the MID area. These muggings are very worrying and the Grit management team welcomes the collaborative effort championed by Councilor Kuhl, the MID and other players to deploy two new dedicated Auxiliary Law Enforcement Officers whose focus is patrolling the walkway between Muizenberg and Kalk Bay.