



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

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SEPTEMBER 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	22	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			
Routine	252	276	260	256	248	318	342	353	353	312			
By-Law infringements	12	17	18	8	8	3	6	10	1	2			
Crime	17	17	11	14	8	13	10	25	18	22			
Stakeholder Engagement	4	2	6	5	4	7	5	8	1	4			
Ad-hoc	27	12	9	5	2	5	9	6	6	3			

1. Crime Incident Response¹

Theft				
	Date	Location	Detail	Outcome
1	01-09-2017 14:42	Muizenberg	A MCSI WhatsApp alert reported that a white Toyota Tazz had been hijacked by three males who were driving towards the MID area. No other details were given.	The MID Public Safety Officers and the patrollers were placed on high alert.
2	01-09-2017 20:00	Main Road	MID Public Safety Officer Phumzile reported a drunk driver had driven into two parked vehicles.	The ambulance and towing services were contacted and the injured drunk driver was taken to hospital. There were no other injuries.. SAPS and LE on the scene.
3	03-09-2017 11:35	Boyes Drive	A MCSI WhatsApp alert reported a cyclist whose bicycle was robbed by men driving in a white mini bus taxi.	The MID Public Safety Officer and the patrollers were placed on high alert to look out for the thieves in the MID area.
4	04-09-2017 13:21	Holland Road	A WhatsApp alert reported a bike was stolen by a man wearing a purple T-shirt and a navy rucksack.	MID Public Safety Officer Zulu patrolled the area looking for the suspect. It was later reported via WhatsApp that the bike was seen in Coniston park. It is unknown if the owner opened a case.
5	07-09-2017 10:00	Alexander Road	Received a call from a MID resident reporting a vehicle with smashed windows.	MID Public Safety Patroller Phumzile made contact with the owner of the vehicle who reported that a brown duffel bag was stolen out of the car.
6	07-09-2017 14:30	Palmer Road	Received a call from a MID resident reporting a blue Opel Astra where the back door window had been smashed.	MID Public Safety Officer Phumzile responded but could not ascertain who the owner of the vehicle was.

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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7	08-09-2017 14:15	False bay Station	A MCSI WhatsApp alert reported that a Metrorail commuter was savagely attacked with an umbrella by two youths. The motive for the attack is unknown.	MID Public Safety Officer Zulu and the patrollers searched for the suspects who were allegedly hiding behind Planet Kids in Wherry Road but did not find them. They suspect that they got away on a train.
8	12-09-2017 02:26	Ronleigh Road	Our control room received a call about four armed men who opened fire in a home invasion. The suspects had fled the scene and one was injured.	The MID Public Safety Officers stayed on high alert, continuing to look out for anyone behaving suspiciously.
9	13-09-2017 19:44	Alexander Road	Received a WhatsApp message from a MID resident reporting two men who were trying to break into a white Bakkie.	MID Public Safety Officer Zulu reported that the men were disturbed and fled the scene in an unknown vehicle. No registration number available.
10	19-09-2017 12:30	St. James / Muizenberg Catwalk	Received a call from a MID resident reporting that a woman was robbed of her belongings on the catwalk.	MID Public Safety officer Hans and Response Officer Lindekile apprehended the men with assistance from Lake Security, who were positively identified by the victim. The men were taken to the police station where the victim opened a case.
11	21-09-2017 01:15	Beach Front	Received a call from Securitas reporting an alleged gang rape. It was said the female victim escaped from her attackers and ran in the direction of York road.	MID Public Safety Officer Phumzile and Response Officer Chris, together with SAPS responded and were threatened and pelted with stones by a group of 20 men fighting over the female victim. The female then left with her alleged assailants. No arrests were made.
12	23-09-2017 23:30	Palmer Road	MID Public Safety Officer Hans found a car white Opel with the left passenger side door open.	MID Public Safety Officer Hans inspected the vehicle and it seemed like the car tape had been stolen. He was unable to track down the owner of the vehicle.
13	29-09-2017 07:40	Holland Road	Received a call from a MID resident reporting that her vehicle had been stolen. She said the suspects jumped her fence and stole her car keys through the window of her house.	MID Public Safety Officer Fabian investigated but the suspects had fled the area. The victim opened a case of motor vehicle theft.

Drug related Activity

None reported

Suspicious behavior				
	Date	Location	Detail	Outcome
14	03-09-2017 21:40	Rhodesia Road	A MCSI WhatsApp alert reported unruly behavior by two males who were being verbally aggressive.	MID Public Safety Officer Hans warned the men that they were disturbing the peace and said he would call the police



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				if they continued. The men stopped and moved along.
15	03-09-2017 22:36	Main Road	A MCSI WhatsApp alert reported gunshots being fired out of a moving vehicle.	MID Public Safety Officer Hans reported it was a motorbike backfiring as it drove along.
16	03-09-2017 16:20	Alexander Road	MID Public Safety Officer Zulu monitored a white Honda Civic with two male occupants who were behaving suspiciously.	MID Public Safety Officer Zulu monitored the vehicle closely as it left the area.
17	03-09-2017 02:00	Holland Road	MID Public Safety Officer Phumzile monitored a man closely as he was walking down the road looking into vehicles.	MID Public Safety Officer Phumzile approached the man, saw he was intoxicated and assisted the man to his house in Albertyn road.
18	22-09-2017 13:25	Hansen Road	A MID resident told MID Public Safety Officer Zulu about two men acting suspiciously walking up and down the road..	MID Public Safety Officer Zulu found the two men and established that they were from YWAM and were making their way back to their hostel.
19	30-09-2017 03:14	Main Road	MID Public Safety Officer Phumzile and Response Officer Chris found a man with two mountain bikes. The man could not explain to them where he had got the bikes from. These are well known criminals in the Muizenberg area.	MID Public Safety Officer Phumzile and Chris loaded the mountain bikes onto their vehicles and handed them over to the Muizenberg Police. The man was questioned by SAPS.

Fighting in Public				
	Date	Location	Detail	Outcome
20	01-09-2017 21:50	Palmer Road	Received a call from a MID resident reporting a man fighting in the road.	MID Public Safety Officer Phumzile investigated and found a drunk man fighting with a friend. A relative of the man took him home.
21	01-09-2017 23:05	York Road	A resident reported that a man had attacked a woman with a glass beer bottle in the road after an argument between them.	MID Public Safety Officer Phumzile reported that the attacker had fled the scene and the woman refused any help.
22	03-09-2017 23:00	York Road	MID Public Safety Officer Phumzile was approached by a member of the public reporting a man and woman fighting in front of Samira's mini supermarket.	MID Public Safety Officer Phumzile found the woman but the man had left the scene. The woman was advised to open a case with the police but she refused and went home.

Total Crime Incident Responses: 22

2. By-Law infringements

	Date	Location	Detail	Outcome
1	20-09-2017	Beach Front	Received a WhatsApp alert	A nearby animal shelter was contacted



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	14:30		reporting a man and woman trying to sell a puppy to people passing by.	by a member of the public. MID Public Safety Officer Hans monitored the situation as the puppy was handed over to the animal shelter staff and made sure that no fighting erupted between the parties.
Drinking of Alcohol in Public				
2	10-09-2017 09:16	Vlei Road	Received a WhatsApp alert from a MID resident reporting a man drinking alcohol in public space.	MID Public Safety Officer Zulu asked the man to move along and monitored him as he left the area heading towards Capricorn.

Total Responses to By-Law infringements: 2

3. Ad-hoc Assistance

1	02-09-2017 01:56	Clevedon Road	MID Public Safety Officer Phumzile reported he found a house gate open.	MID Public Safety Officer Phumzile closed the gate.
2	21-09-2017 17:00	Alexander Road	MID Public Safety Officer Zulu and Response Officer Fabian found a disabled and mentally ill man bleeding from gashes above his eye.	GRIT control room contacted ambulance services who failed to arrive and then phoned eight hours later to ask if they still needed to come out! By that time the homeless man had left the area and walked towards Capricorn.
3	29-09-2017 14:51	Hansen Road	A MCSI WhatsApp alert reported that a drunken man lying in the middle of the road was vomiting and having seizures.	MID Public Safety Officer Fabian responded and found a homeless man suffering from a severe head injury. When the ambulance failed to arrive a MID resident contacted Cape Medical Response who took the homeless man to Groote Schuur hospital.

Total Responses Ad hoc Assistance: 3

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.



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		Our intervention is non-aggressive but consistent and we are pleased to report that no complaints were received from MID residents during September.
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	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 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: 312

5. Stakeholder Engagement

Meetings attended | Media Publicity | Public Information Sessions

Date	Description
14-09-2017	SAPS Joint meeting. Noel Fradie attended.
21-09-2017	Ward 64 NHW Joint meeting and training session was attended by Noel Fradie, 2 cleaners from the GRIT MID team and 2 MID Public Safety Patrollers.
27-09-2017	Public Safety meeting with MID Manager attended by Noel Fradie.
27-09-2017	Ward 64 NHW training: 2 MID Public Safety Patrollers attended.

Total Stakeholder Engagement activities: 4

6. Trends and hotspots

There were a number of hijackings and robberies during September and our Public Safety Team stayed on high alert during these incidents. We also note that ambulance services were slow to respond to calls for help this month. Given the growing concerns about violence and muggings at Sunrise Circle and on the St James/Muizenberg catwalk, we



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at GRIT are pleased to have been able to assist in the case where two catwalk muggers were positively identified by the victim who opened a case at SAPS.