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CBCID Newsletter July 2024

The CID Board of Directors is hard at work evaluating service providers and is expecting to make some announcements about this soon.

The CID is yet to receive any money from the City of Cape Town so in the meantime, CID management is doing what it can with the resources available.

Here's an update of what the team has been up to in the first month since the CID officially went live.

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Law Enforcement Impacts on Crime

It was a busy month for the CID's dedicated Law Enforcement Officers (LEOs).

Notable efforts and achievements included:

- Regular patrolling of greenbelts and illegal shelter / rough sleeping hotspots
- Proactive approach to suspicious behaviour (more than 100 stop-and-searches)
- Arrest of a drug dealer and confiscation of a large stash of drugs
- Confiscation of a wide range of weapons and housebreaking implements
- Imposing order on the taxi rank (67 warnings and numerous fines issued) and impounding an unroadworthy vehicle
- General enforcement of traffic rules (fined cars parked on red lines, etc)
- Ensuring that informal traders have permits and don't obstruct sidewalks (58 warnings issued).

There's a long way to go, but already improvements are evident. We expect even more once the LEOs have completed training and can then start doing nighttime patrols as well.



Welcome Captain!

CID Manager Mo Hendricks recently met the new Station Commander at Camps Bay SAPS, Captain Janse van Rensburg. We look forward to working with the Captain to address our safety needs.

Mo and the team have also met with a wide range of City of Cape Town officials to ensure good working relationships with all relevant departments.



Social Development and Upliftment underway

Again a very busy month for the team:

- 172 interactions with rough sleepers, over 100 warnings issued
- Over 30 new illegal structures located and logged
- 8 illegal campfires attended to
- More than 50 social or mental health interactions, with several referrals to social services
- 24 homeless persons assisted to move into shelters

In one particularly successful operation 9 individuals living in the Ingleside Road greenbelt were assisted to move into City shelters, after which the CID and CBCSI removed illegal building materials and litter from the area.



A homeless woman named Charlotte accepted assistance into a shelter, along with her partner, after 25 years living on the streets of Camps Bay. Her health then deteriorated and she sadly passed away.

We take comfort that, despite her difficult life, her final hours were spent warm, dry, and with her partner of many years by her side.



Urban Maintenance combating Grime

Kyle Visage, CID Operations Manager, has been doing daily rounds on foot across the whole of Camps Bay to make note of issues, reporting them and following up with city departments where needed.

While the selection of a cleaning service provider is underway, the Field Operations Team has provided basic cleaning and vegetation clearing.



The team is comprised of individuals previously homeless in Camps Bay who are now taking great pride in helping to clean Camps Bay up.

Some highlights for July:

- Several potholes fixed and filled
- Numerous sidewalks weeded, overgrown shrubs pruned
- Ongoing greenbelt clean-ups
- Almost 500 refuse bags filled
- Unblocking of numerous drains including one that local restaurants advise has been blocked for many years (see pictures below)



CBCSI Transition

CBCSI continues to support Law Enforcement Operations and was the first responder to a fire on Ingleside Road, assisting the occupants to safety.

Until the CID's public safety service providers are appointed and live, CBCSI remains the only means of public safety response and co-ordination available to the community.

In the meantime, security incidents, suspicious behaviour and other alerts should be logged with the CBCSI control room via the usual channels (phoning 021 438 2000, Telegram groups or the Buzzer app).

We look forward to communicating soon on the appointment of the CID's service providers as we begin the ramp up towards full operating capacity in advance of the summer season.

Thanks for your support!



Important Crime Statistics for July

Residential Burglary – 3

Attempted Residential Burglary – 1

Theft – 3

Theft out of Motor Vehicle - 2

Going forward, we will be posting details of contact and property crimes on the dedicated CID WhatsApp Community group as soon as possible after the crimes are reported, to ensure residents are kept informed of incidents in their area.

What follows is a summary of the important crime incidents for July.

Residential Burglary: 3

Medburn Road

30 July 23h30 - 31 July 07h30

An unknown number of suspects gained entry to the property by damaging fencing and without triggering the alarm which was armed. The suspects gained entry by removing a window, took a variety of electronic devices and left the property without detection. The modus operandi is that of the night crawlers.

Hely Hutchinson

25 July at approximately 00h10

CBCSI Control was alerted to a residential burglary which had occurred the previous night. After reviewing camera footage of the surrounding area it was noted that two suspects were seen carrying electronic devices and that a security service provider had attempted to intercept the suspects. The suspects had gained access to the property as the perimeter defences were minimal and they then removed a window to gain entry into the home. The modus operandi is that of the night crawlers.

Upper Tree Road

22 July at between 01h00 and 05h00

Suspects gained entry to the property from a neighbouring house by climbing over a boundary wall. The suspects then removed a window to gain entering into the home. Several electronic devices and bank cards were stolen. The modus operandi is that of the night crawlers.

Attempted Residential Burglary: 1

Rontree Close

7 July at 02h41

CBCSI was alerted by a resident to an attempted residential burglary by two suspects. During their attempt the alarm was triggered and both suspects fled the scene. It appears to be an attempt by night crawlers.

Theft: 3

- 23 July at 14h29 - Finchley Rd - 3 suspects were providing assistance to a resident when one stole a jewellery box containing several valuable items
- 6 July at 21h52 - Victoria Rd - 1 female suspect stole a bag from an establishment on Camps Bay strip
- 4 July at 10h48 - Victoria Rd - 3 suspects stole glasses from an establishment on Camps Bay strip. TAC1 located the suspects with SAPS and Law Enforcement transporting the suspects to the station.

Theft out of motor vehicle - 2

The two incidents reported were in Hove Rd and Victoria Rd, close to SAPS.

Crime summary and recommendations from Ty Watts, CBCID's Public Safety Officer

As an area, Camps Bay is still being targeted by the night crawlers even though the incidents are fewer over the winter months.

It is worth reassessing your alarm system and considering cameras on your property ahead of spring & summer season, particularly if you live in close proximity to a bushy area or firebreak (this includes the bush above and below Camps Bay drive).

Please ensure your alarms are tested regularly and make sure to use them.

We ask that residents and business owners encourage victims of crime to open a CAS at SAPS whether they are local or foreign. Processes are in place for people to testify remotely if need be. If we don't, then we reinforce to criminals that crime pays.