



Night Watch Newsletter

Dear residents of Bushmans, Rivers Bend, Marselle, Kenton on Sea, Ekupumleni, R343 Boknes and Cannon Rocks and surrounding farms

It is with pride that we can give you feedback on the security groups of what the Night Watch team and their partners, Hi Tech, SAPS and Marselle Security group have been doing quietly and efficiently this year. In February a training session, conducted by a professional accredited institution, was held for a number of members of the Night Watch, Hi-TEC and other organizations in the area. This proved to be very successful with a number of informative sessions being conducted in the legal aspects of class one felonies, attending to crime scene and management, arrests and detention and many other aspects of the law. There were comprehensive sessions on the use of fire arms and self defense tactics also given with the emphasis on least amount of force to be used. Unfortunately covid came around and put a halt to any further training. We are pleased however to announce that we have managed to conduct an extensive 3 day training course, again conducted by an external professional company that specializes in this type of training, this past weekend covering all the above AND more, which has enabled the teams to become more proficient in their ability to undertake the task of assisting both the security companies and the SAPS in fighting crime in the area. A number of people have contributed to the security Night Watch fund, camera fund and to those people we would like to thank you for your assistance, financially. This has enabled the group to purchase bullet proof vests, torches, signage and a host of items that enable the group to assist in crime prevention. Can you imagine

how less stressed the family are knowing their loved ones , who volunteer for this group , are protected by the vests and having proper functioning torches and radios and backup during their time of attending a crime scene? This is all due to hard work and dedication.

Many have said that it's a " bunch of people driving around at night looking to beat up people"this is not true despite what you have been told. This is a professional team , undergoing extensive professional training to enable them to conduct their duties within the confines of the law. These are normal citizens that don't want to end up in jail so endeavour to understand the law and its principles and wish to keep you, the community, safe. The training is intense and in depth (we trained from 08h00 to 17h00 and one evening till 22h00 doing night exercises) on the weekend to make sure we were compliant . How can a group be " unruly and disjointed" when even the police are part of the group and have had the group assist in a number of crime scenes ? So in conclusion, again, we thank each and everyone who has contributed to the Night watch team, to the instructors, the range officers, APU's for their valued input. Lastly to the men and women who have given their time, dedication, and personal financial commitment to keeping you the community safe....

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To further add that the Night Watch team has Four members that are now serving on the Executive of the Community Police Forum (CPF) who were voted in by the communities on Wednesday the 4th November 2020. The members are Johan Magwaca, Patric Miller, Chris Barnard (Hi - Tec) and Ferenc Toth. The committee comprises of 10 Executive members and will run for a term of Five years. The new constitution has been drawn up and will be issued to the new members shortly. There is new young blood in the executive and we are positive that it will bring about good and positive change in all our communities.

If anyone would like to join , contribute or assist in any small... or big way please contact the Night watch admin.

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We would like to thank our sponsors for the training over the past weekend that helped us tremendously.

Amelia and Noks Janse Van Rensburg and John Beukus of Bushmans Creek for the accommodation of the instructors.

Debbie and Kayleen from Capricorn Insurance Brokers and The Loft Bar and Grill for the use of their premises for the theory training.

Louis Pedro for the use of his buildings to do house clearing and crime scene management.

BRRAG for their support of our Night Watch team for without them it would have been very difficult.

To all our contributors of which there are too many to mention, we appreciate all your support.

If you would like to donate towards the fixed costs and on-going operating expenses of the Neighbourhood Watch, please deposit it into the BRRAG bank account.

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Many thanks again.

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Unity is strength

Night Watch Team