

Chairman's report AGM 2nd September 2024

Bennie Kruger the Chairman of CPF welcomed everyone to the meeting.

For those of the residents that are not aware of how the CPF is structured, I would just like to give a short explanation on how it operates. The Southbroom Community Policing forum was established to maintain a partnership between SAP and the community. The CPF falls under the Provisional commissioner who in turn ensures that Sector policing is effectively implemented. In other words the CPF reports directly to SAP. As part of the Community Policing forum code of conduct all CPF committee members are required to sign an Indemnity form and have their finger prints taken to ensure they have not been convicted of a serious crime. We would like to stress that no CPF committee members receive any type of remuneration from the UIP levies or from the SAP, and committee member's use their personal cell phones, data and vehicles.

By Laws. The municipal council at a full council meeting makes the bylaws and the SAP Reservists assisted by Wolf security offices are compelled to enforce these bylaws as part of their duties.

CPF WhatsApp group. I would also like to bring to the attention of all Southbroom residents that during any unrest periods we as the CPF are not allowed to cause panic by posting all the information being posted on various WhatsApp groups. We are in direct contact with SAP at all times, and we have a volunteer group who are on standby and can respond immediately if needed and residents will be notified immediately of any imminent danger to Southbroom. From the CPF side we can only advise residents to stay home as we cannot guarantee their safety if they want to travel anywhere.

Crime. We are pleased to report that in the past year since our last AGM no house break-ins or house robberies OR Thefts were reported. We have had a few cases of domestic violence reported, fortunately our SAP and Wolf officers were able to assist and all ended well. There has been an increase in alcohol related incidents where members of the public have been arrested and J534 (fines) were issued.

Gates and garages. We are still finding gates and garage doors left open but the number has decreased over the past year so residents are becoming more vigilant. Garage doors 215 and Gates 21. There has also been a decrease in dogs roaming at night which not only chase the wild life but also trigger the various live cameras that use data.

Patrols. Southbroom has day and night patrols averaging +- 100 km per shift. The CPF patrol vehicle at all times has a SAP member accompanied by a Wolf security officer, and patrols day and night. In the past year SAP and Wolf have dealt with a total of 416 call outs from Southbroom residents of which most relate to the infringement of Bylaws, namely Drinking in public: Trespassing: Fires: Noise complaints, Near Drowning when beaches were closed for bathing as well as attending to Vehicle accidents. We would like to thank the residents for being so alert and to keep reporting any suspicious behaviour.

Bush sweeps. Bush sweeps and clean-up are still ongoing on a regular basis by the SAP reservists, Wolf security, and we have also had ADT and Maser security join us. On various occasions we have also had some Southbroom residents that joined us in bush and beach clearances.

SAP senior citizen. We now have 46 senior citizens on our data base, and their names and addresses have been added to the CPF patrol vehicle phone so that in a case of an emergency and they phone for assistance the officer on duty immediately sees who is phoning and has their address on hand. We are also in the process of adding all the details and addresses of senior citizen on the CPF data base to the new GPS unit that Wolf has sponsored for the CPF.

New Building sites. We would like to appeal to residents who are doing any new building or major repairs to please notify the CPF so that we can visit the site and the workers can be screened and finger printed.

Cameras. We presently have forty six working cameras. Twelve of our old cameras have to be replaced and we will be replacing them with live cameras. Live cameras are playing a big role in the combatting of crime as images are sent directly to the patrol vehicle tablet and to Wolf control room, and the patrol vehicle can respond immediately. We receive between 252-300 Photos every night of which a lot are wild life and domestic animals. We would like to thank Wolf Security for the new GPS they sponsored us with, this is a great enhancement to our live cameras. All the cameras positions are loaded onto this GPS and when a camera is triggered the location of the camera and address comes up on the screen showing the fastest route and this in turn improves the reaction time of officers responding. As previously mentioned all senior citizens will also be added to the GPS so that if anyone phones in for assistance their name, address and directions will come up on the screen. In the period leading up to the Elections we got instructions from Brig Slabbert to make sure all keys points are protected and one of those was our reservoir. The CPF had two meeting with UGU representative where we discussed our concerns regarding the safety of the reservoir because of the gate not being locked, no cover over the top of the reservoir as well as the fence that had been cut at the back. Two cameras have been placed at the reservoir to monitor who enters the area and to monitor any movement on top of the reservoir.

Committee members for 2025.

All committee members offer themselves up for re-election.

Bennie Kruger, Russell Dugmore, Jurie Snyman, Brian Dick, Cynthia van Rensburg.

Richard Bridgeford, Dietmar Klein, Johan Cadle, Germariet Anker.

There was one resignation namely Johan Labuschagne.

Any residents wishing to sign up for the CPF/SAP Senior citizen drive there are forms available at the front desk as well as fridge magnets with our CPF patrol vehicle cell phone number on.

Message from S.A.P. Cst. Gafoor.

I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Community Police Forum, Police reservists, Private Security Companies, and all other role players who work tirelessly to keep our community safe. Your dedication, hard work, and commitment to making our neighbourhood a better place are truly appreciated. From patrols to community outreach programs, your efforts have made a significant impact on reducing crime and improving relationships between law enforcement and the community. Your selflessness, expertise, and partnership have not gone unnoticed. You are the unsung heroes of our community, and we are grateful for your service. Let's continue working together to build a safer more harmonious community for all.

Thank you for your tireless efforts, your late nights, and your unwavering commitment to justice. We are proud to have you serving and protecting our community. Please keep up the fantastic work. Thank you.