

## **SOUTHBROOM COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM**

### **Chairman's Report**

Annual General Meeting Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Bennie Kruger the chairman of the CPF welcomed everyone and Cst. Gaffoor the CPF Sector Manager.

Apologies: Col Mzotho, Capt. Marais and Brig. Slabbert who would have liked to have joined us but can't do so for health reasons.

I would like to thank the community for always being vigilant and reporting crime.

The CPF committee members would like to thank Eric for assisting with the purchasing of the new CPF vehicle as our pleas for a new vehicle was falling on deaf ears and we could not get past the two auditors.

I would also like to thank my committee members for all their hard work they put in during the past year.

The main purpose of the CPF is to keep Southbroom a safe place and stand up against criminals and uphold the bylaws which are implemented by RNM and Law Enforcement, and Traffic Department.

We are pleased to report that Southbroom still has relatively low crime stats compared to the surrounding areas, but unfortunately there were a few incidents that took place since the previous year.

Break-ins: 4

Theft incident: 5

Attempted theft: 2

J534 issued (fines): 17

Patrol Vehicle call outs: 396

M/V accidents attended in and around Southbroom: 16

Medical Assistance: 4

I would just like to mention although there were four break-ins reported, a duplicate key was used in one of the break-ins reported. The break-ins in Capt. Smith Road and Woodlands were carried out by the same person, who with the help of our cameras was apprehended and is currently in jail. Stolen goods and cash in excess of +-R200,000-00 were recovered and handed back to the owners.

Our patrol vehicle is still finding gates and garage doors open at night, over twelve-month period one hundred and nineteen gates were found open which is an average of thirteen gates per month and the number increases during holiday seasons there are more.

Our Sector office was visited by a total of 1085 people for amongst other Certifying documents, affidavits, report lost and found, and some letting agents are also using it for visitors that arrive late to pick up their keys.

Bylaws are upheld through collaboration between Southbroom CPF, SAP Reservists and Wolf Security. We also have ADT and Maser Security doing patrols.

J534 Notices are issued for persons found loitering, noise, reporting fires, and anyone caught drinking in public. People driving Golf carts around the village and motorcyclist riding around without helmet are also stopped and given a warning and repeat offenders are issued a J534.

The CPF patrol vehicle patrols 24/7. At all times there is a Wolf Security officer and a SAP reservist in the vehicle. There are day and night shifts, Southbroom is divided into four sectors, and the vehicle does an average of 100 kms per shift.

We also have Wolf security foot patrollers at night ongoing throughout the month.

Four bush sweeps are done per month where members from Margate SAPS, our own SAP reservists, Wolf Security and Law Enforcement. Beach sweeps are done to clean up and check the bushes for vagrants, empty houses and vacant properties are also checked. On occasions some Southbroom residents have joined the bush sweeps to pick up litter.

The CPF Patrol vehicle maintains a visible presence at the main entrance near the robots in the mornings while Wolf W7 stands off at the South entrance to ensure all workers arrive safely and, in the evening, the same procedure is followed.

The Patrol vehicle also stands down in the CBD when businesses are closing to deter opportunistic crime.

While on patrol at night all the businesses are visited and checked as well as Main beach, Granny's pool and other beach areas. Loiterers that are picked up at night are taken to the Sector office where they are fingerprinted and issued a J534 fine and removed from the area. If the patrol vehicle finds gates open, they contact the security company whose client is to come and close the gate and if there is no security company, they use the siren or hoot till someone comes out to close their gate or garage door.

We presently have 6 x Zoom cameras, 2x Sniper Cameras at the North and South entrances. These cameras are linked to SAP and pick up any vehicle that has been flagged as stolen or wanted for a crime. To date 4 stolen vehicles have been recovered by the sniper cameras which are sponsored by Wolf Security.

We also have 10 x Hikvision cameras and 57 operational cameras that are live and send footage to the patrol vehicle tablet and simultaneously send footage to Wolf control Centre.

In addition to the above safety measures, we also have our CPF WhatsApp group to report crime. This group is managed in line with committee guidelines. Admins' actions, including message removals are carried out strictly according to instructions. These are procedural and not personal and help maintain the integrity of the group.

The Southbroom Senior citizen program now has eighty six Southbroom residents on the database that are divided into two categories, those residents that are self sufficient and those that need assistance. All their information is kept private by the committee member who deals with the seniors and the SAP lady who does curtesy visits. No one else has access to the information.

**PATROL VEHICLE NO. 076 152 4930      CPF SECTOR OFFICE. 060 652 5308**

Committee members for 2026

All committee members offer themselves up for re-election.

Bennie Kruger, Russell Dugmore, Jurie Snyman, Brian Dick, Cynthia van Rensburg, Johan Cadle, Germariet Anker, James Harris. CJ Dressing

## **Sector Commander Address to the Southbroom Community Cst. Gafoor.**

Good morning Southbroom community, community leaders, members of the Community Policing Forum, representatives of security companies, our police reservists, and all residents present here today. It gives me great pleasure to address you at this Annual General Meeting, where we come together to reflect on our achievements, our challenges, and our ongoing fight against crime in Southbroom.

Crime is not just a police matter. It is a community issue. Criminals thrive when communities are silent, divided, or inactive. But when the police, the CPF, private security companies, our reservists, and ordinary citizens work together — we send a strong message that crime will not be tolerated in Southbroom.

Here in Southbroom, we have seen how this partnership works. Through constant communication, visible policing, swift response from security companies, the dedication of our reservists, and the active involvement of residents, we have been able to keep crime levels low and under control. This shows that crime prevention is most effective when we all stand together with a shared purpose.

A question I often get asked is: “Has crime increased in Southbroom?” The crime statistics show that crime remains low, but I do not measure crime by stats alone. For me, the true measure is this: if our elderly community in Southbroom can walk around safely, go to the beach, take their walks, and go to the shop without fear — then they are safe. And if they are safe, then we are all doing a good job.

The Community Policing Forum (CPF) plays a vital role in this partnership. The CPF is the bridge between the community and the police. You help us understand the needs of residents, share valuable information, and ensure accountability and transparency in policing efforts. Your role cannot be overstated — you are the eyes and ears of the community, and your cooperation is what makes policing effective.

And here, I would like to give a special word of thanks to our CPF Chair, Mr. Bennie Kruger. Bennie, the work you do behind the scenes does not go unnoticed. I often ask myself, “When do you sleep?” because you always seem to be awake, working tirelessly 24/7 for the safety of Southbroom. On behalf of SAPS and the community — thank you!

Our security companies are also key role players. You are often the first responders when an incident occurs, and your visibility and rapid response capability add tremendous value to the safety of our neighbourhoods. We recognize the sacrifices your officers make, sometimes putting themselves in harm’s way, and for that, we are grateful.

To our police reservists — your contribution is invaluable. You stand shoulder to shoulder with SAPS, enhancing our capacity and visibility in the fight against crime. Your role makes a real difference in keeping Southbroom safe.

As for myself, as your Sector Commander, I want to assure you of my commitment to serving with integrity, dedication, and professionalism. While challenges exist, my focus remains on fighting crime, protecting victims, and working closely with you, the community, to create a safe environment for all.

Here at this AGM, I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you. To the CPF for your leadership and tireless commitment. To the security companies for your support and operational partnership. To the residents for your vigilance and willingness to be involved. And to our reservists for your dedication and service.

Let us continue strengthening this partnership. Let us communicate openly, work hand in hand, and build a community where our children can grow up safe, our businesses can flourish, and our residents can feel secure. Together, we are stronger. Together, we can win the fight against crime in Southbroom. Thank you.