



PAROW INDUSTRIA

IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ASSOCIATION NPC (CID/SRA)

Registration number: 2001/027476/08

Including Tygerberg Business Park

Securing Your Business Environment

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NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2023

Dear Business Owners,

We would like to thank the CID Public safety, camera monitoring and cleansing service provider, Byers, who has now conducted this service for one year on 1 May 2023, for their contribution in the fight against crime.

Aspects which received attention in the month of April include, but are not limited to:

Tree trimming- was done by the CID at sites where the CID camera views were compromised.

Grass cutting – was done by COCT after numerous follow ups by the CID, who conducted this function out of own resources for a year when the City contract was not in place. Unfortunately, a sub-contractor came in with tractors and the result is not up to standard. This was taken up with the relevant COCT department and the CID is expecting a team with weed eaters to come and rectify the situation within the next week.

Outstanding Water reinstatements throughout the area are being attended to. Please note that these reinstatements take a while as the water department comes out to fix the problem. The area is then left for approximately 2 weeks to ensure that the problem is indeed fixed, and no secondary problems occur. The water department then refers the matter to Roads and transport who then need to come out and do the necessary reinstatement. The CID has found that the communication between departments is not always what it should be, but we would like to reassure that we are dealing with the outstanding matters to ensure that the jobs get finalized.

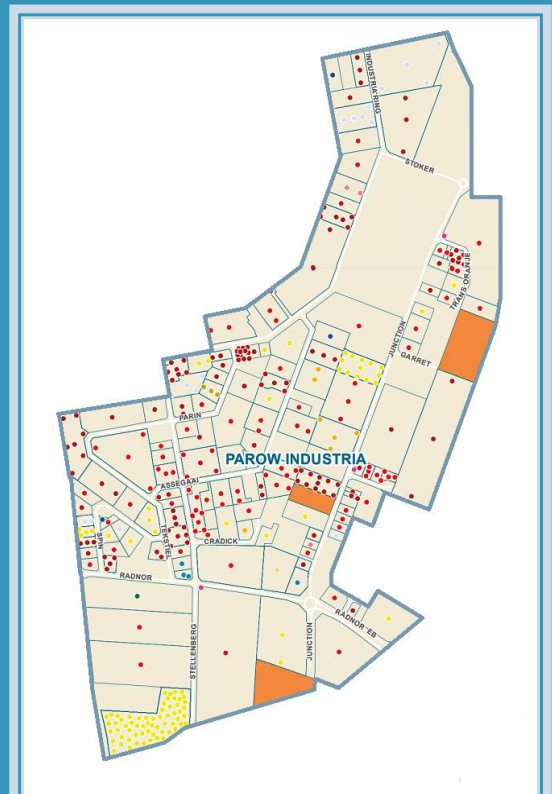
Fibre companies cutting up tar around the area, one after the other, has also been a problem, but the CID is monitoring this and ensuring that the relevant companies are tasked to come back and "make good" where there were deficiencies.

Feel free to contact the CID office should you have any enquiries/concerns.

Kind regards,
Tracy Engelke (CID Manager) and Zaandria Liebenberg (CID Assistant)
021 932 4799

PRO-ACTIVE SERVICES:

UNSECURE PREMISES REPORTED:	1
FIRES REPORTED/EXTINGUISHED:	0
ACCIDENTS ATTENDED:	3
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLES CHECKED:	44
SUSPICIOUS PERSONS CHECKED:	65
TROLLEY/BINS CHECKED:	82
BURST PIPES REPORTED:	8
PREVENTION OF DUMPING:	2
BINS FILLED BY CID CLEANERS:	215
BAGS FILLED BY CID CLEANERS:	165
FAULTY STREETLIGHTS REPORTED:	11
POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY:	1



CRIME INCIDENTS FOR APRIL 2023: 10 INCIDENTS

03 April 2023 @ approximately 14:53: Break-In from the back of the premises in Spin Street (Outside the CID's geographical area – De La Rey Road)

Whilst on patrol, a CID Responder was approached by a client informing them that there was a break-in over the weekend where the suspects gained access to the back of the premises, by jumping over the wall. The suspects allegedly stole 2 x aircons and 1 x pipe. The CID control room contacted SAPS for further assistance to the client.

05 April 2023 @ approximately 01:30: Theft – Stellenberg Road (Goods retrieved by CID responders)

Whilst on patrol, a CID Responder spotted a suspicious male at the bus stop in Stellenberg Road. As the Responder approached the male, they spotted another male with a big bag coming from across the road, and both males started running towards Belhar Station. The CID Control room dispatched the second response vehicle to assist. Both Responders chased the males causing the suspect to drop the bag before escaping by Belhar Station. The responder reported that there were packets of chips inside the bag. The responder was instructed to return the bag to the On-Site Security of the premises it was stolen from, who informed the client did not wish to open a case.

05 April 2023 @ approximately 06:39: Attempted Robbery & Assault – Cnr of Spin & Radnor Road (Arrest by CID Foot Patrollers)

The control room noticed on camera that the CID foot patrollers are running after 1 x male before catching him in Radnor Road. The Response vehicles were immediately dispatched to aid. On arrival they reported that a well-known offender was also arrested by the Foot Patroller after he attempted to steal a lady's handbag and punched her in the face when she refused to hand it over. Both males were arrested and put in the back of the vehicles whilst the control room contacted SAPS. SAPS arrived in a sedan vehicle and requested the CID Responder to transport the suspects to Ravensmead SAPS to open a case.

07 April 2023 @ approximately 00:22: Attempted Break-In from the back of the premises in Spin Street (Outside the CID's geographical area – De La Rey Road)

The control room spotted movement at the back of a premises in De La Rey Road and dispatched a CID Responder. The control room noticed 1 x male carrying something from the premises and identified him as a well-known offender. SAPS was contacted but was busy with another call out, so the client was contacted and informed. The client and his Armed Response arrived on site and reported that nothing was stolen, but there was a plank the suspects used to gain access to his premises from the other side of the wall.

07 April 2023 @ approximately 14:53: Illegal Trespassing from the back of the premises (Outside the CID's geographical area – De La Rey Road)

Whilst on patrol, a CID Responder spotted a male trespassing on a premises in Spin Street. The suspect saw the CID vehicle and ran towards the back wall of the premises to jump over into De La Rey Road. The control room spotted the male crossing De La Rey Road back to Uitsig and contacted SAPS, giving them the clothing description and the direction in which the suspect had fled. The control room contacted CID Management who instructed that the Responders must continue with enhanced patrols down Spin Street and requested SAPS to do regular patrols down De La Rey Road.

08 April 2023 @ approximately 00:45: Illegal Trespassing from the back of the premises in Spin Street (Outside the CID's geographical area – De La Rey Road)

The CID control room spotted 5 x males at the back of a premises in Spin Street and dispatched a response vehicle. Whilst still monitoring, the control room spotted 2 of the males jumping over the wall into the premises but jumped back after spotting the Responder arriving in front of the premises. SAPS was contacted and arrived at the CID Office to view the footage. SAPS identified the one male as a known offender and informed the control room they know where he lives and will attend to the matter. Later that day when the client arrived at work, she noticed people trying to gain access again from the back but left as soon as they saw her. She contacted the CID control room and asked if SAPS could come, as there was a bag one of the suspects dropped and she was afraid to look in the bag. The control room contacted SAPS and the Responder was instructed to stand off until SAPS arrived. When SAPS arrived, both them and the Responders inspected the bag but found nothing. The Control room assisted the client in arranging private on-site security for the rest of the long weekend.

08 April 2023 @ approximately 01:07: Attempted Break-In from the back of the premises in Spin Street (Outside the CID's geographical area – De La Rey Road)

The control room spotted a well-known offender carrying a large stone and trying to break the vibracrete wall at the back of a premises in Spin Street. The Response vehicle was dispatched, and the client and SAPS were contacted. On arrival by the CID, the On-Site Security Guard indicated that there was a big hole in the back wall of the premises. SAPS arrived at the CID Office to view the footage.

16 April 2023 @ approximately 09:39: Possession of suspected stolen goods – Stoker Road.

Whilst monitoring, the control room spotted a trolley with suspicious goods in Stoker Road. The Responder was dispatched and on arrival, reported that the suspects alleged they received the goods from the On-Site Security Guard at one of the premises nearby. The Responder stood by with the suspects as the control room contacted the client to enquire if he was aware of this arrangement. The client confirmed

that he is unaware of this and will quickly investigate. After standing off with the suspects to wait for feedback, the control room confirmed that the client spoke to the onsite security and that the persons may take the goods. The CID responders let the persons go.

16 April 2023 @ approximately 15:05: Theft of Truck Battery – Spin Street (Arrested by CID Responders)

The control room received a call from a client on 17 April 2023, informing that a truck battery was stolen on 16 April 2023 and according to their footage, a CID vehicle stopped and spoke to the suspect, and they would like to verify whether he knows the suspect or not. The Responder and Operational Manager went to view the footage whilst the control room did their own camera playback. Upon viewing the CID footage, the control room identified a well-known offender with a friend, walking down Spin Street towards the premises. The CID response vehicle on patrol stopped by the persons who they searched, found nothing, and escorted them out of the area. Moments later, a bakkie entered the area and stopped at the premises where the battery was loaded on the bakkie by the same suspects. The bakkie was seen leaving the area with the 2 x suspects sitting at the back. With the investigation complete, the CID footage as well as the clients, when the Responder and Operational Manager spotted the same suspects in the area again the next day, they were arrested. A SAPS Anti-Gang Unit vehicle doing patrols in the area happened to come past as the arrest was being affected and stopped to offer assistance and take the suspects to Ravensmead Police Station.

20 April 2023 @ approximately 23:50: Break-In – Industria Ring Road

Whilst patrolling, a CID Responder was approached by an On-Site Security Guard in Industria Ring Road informing the Responder of a break-in at a premises across the road. The Responder confirmed that there was a ladder leading up to a broken window. The client was contacted as well as SAPS who confirmed that a vehicle will be sent as soon as one is available. The client and SAPS arrived to investigate inside the premises with the Responder standing outside until their arrival. The client confirmed that 7 x laptops were allegedly stolen. The client requested enhanced patrols until he can repair the broken window.

THE IMPORTANCE OF OPENING A CRIMINAL CASE



Many victims of crime **DO NOT open a case with SAPS for various reasons, but as the CID we would like to urge you to reconsider next time you are a victim of crime for the following reasons:**

1. Police do not automatically investigate crime they become aware of. They can only investigate if the crime has been reported and a statement made (docket opened). If a business owner does not wish to open a case, then a suspect is let go, and it is as if the crime never occurred.
2. Reporting all crime is important for accurate crime statistics. If there are 11 cellphone robberies but only 1 person reports the crime, then according to Ravensmead SAPS statistics cellphone robberies are not a problem in Parow Industria as there is only one case. If all 11 people however report their incidents, then this pushes the statistics up to 11 incidents. This then flags Parow Industria as a hotspot area for cellphone robberies at Ravensmead SAPS and the management is then compelled to react by providing resources to address this. The allocation of resources to police stations is done in accordance with many factors of which one is the crime rate. So, by reporting all crime, Ravensmead SAPS crime statistics will increase and should they be allocated additional resources to address the increase in crime, our area will also benefit.
3. When the CID arrests suspects and business owners refuse to open a case, this person is back on the street and able to target his/her next victim immediately. When they eventually are arrested then they are treated as first time offenders by SAPS and Judicial systems. If they are arrested with each incident, their fingerprints are taken and each crime is logged, so a habitual offender is going to eventually get heavier sentences due to previous convictions.
4. Once a suspect's fingerprints are on record, SAPS can connect them to other possible cases. So even if suspects are not spotted on a scene, their fingerprints can be placed on a crime scene.

By the public reporting crime, SAPS are given a true reflection of crime in the area and are thus able to ensure their resources are targeted in the right places. We therefore urge everyone to report ALL crime.

The CID meets with SAPS on the first Wednesday of each month, and you are free to convey concerns to the CID for addressing with SAPS, should you have opened a case and do not receive feedback, have requested assistance, and not received it etc.

DATA BASE UPDATING AND SCHEDULED VISITS:

Please contact the CID office should any of your details change, especially the after-hours contact person's name and number. I cannot stress the importance of us being able to reach you in an emergency.

Should you be new in the area or just wish to find out more about what the CID does for you, feel free to contact the CID office and set up an appointment.

In this manner we can speedily address matters that might be of concern.

CID CONTROL ROOM CONTACT INFORMATION

For any **emergency situations/assistance** kindly contact the **CID 24/7 Control Room** on **021 932 4800** or **072 197 5001** who will dispatch the necessary assistance.

Should you have any enquiries / complaints, please feel free to contact Tracy Engelke (CID Manageress) at the CID office. on 021 932 4799 (office hours) or at undermentioned email address.

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