



PAROW INDUSTRIA IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ASSOCIATION NPC (CID/SRA)

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Including Tygerberg Business Park

Securing Your Business Environment

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NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2023

Dear Business Owners,

Attached find the crime for October 2023. Businesses on the CID borders are unfortunately being targeted as the local criminal elements know the CID does not have camera view and can only respond to the front of the premises whilst they are entering and exiting over back walls. The CID's hands are tied and all we can do is sensitize you to make your premises back boundary walls as secure as possible and to ensure that if you have an alarm system that it is working and where possible consider the services of an effective onsite security services. SAPS Ravensmead has been requested to step up their patrols on the roads bordering our area namely De La Rey and Aandblom street in an attempt to curb this spate of crime.

The CID was able to have the group targeting persons at the Radnor robots arrested and since then this hotspot has stabilized with no further incidents known of. However, November month opportunistic crime always increases before the festive season – ensure you don't walk and talk on your cellphone, ensure doors are locked and items are not visible to persons looking in.

Be assured that although crime seems low in the area month on month, it costs a lot of proactive behind the scenes work on a daily basis to achieve this. Numerous potential crimes have been avoided by proactiveness on the part of the CID.

The City has assisted with Road markings on the road surface in the past month, has done drain cleaning and should be ready to implement the new specs for stormwater drains in industrial areas in the next month or two when the outstanding damaged drains will be repaired.

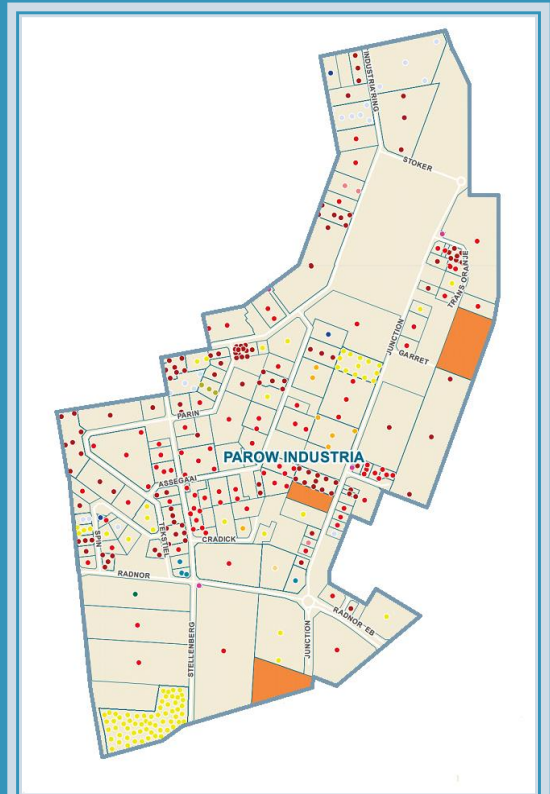
Notifications were sent out of the upcoming AGM on 23 November 2023. Should you be a property owner and wish to become a CID member kindly ensure that you apply no later than 14 November 2023.

Kindly read our requests further in this newsletter to mark your municipal bins and to report all crime as and when it occurs – this will assist the CID to better assist you.

Kind regards,
Tracy Engelke (CID Manager) and Zaandria Liebenberg (CID Assistant)
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PRO-ACTIVE SERVICES:

UNSECURE PREMISES REPORTED:	0
FIRES REPORTED/EXTINGUISHED:	0
ACCIDENTS ATTENDED:	4
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLES CHECKED:	42
SUSPICIOUS PERSONS CHECKED:	86
TROLLEY/BINS CHECKED:	110
BURST PIPES REPORTED:	4
PREVENTION OF DUMPING:	1
BINS FILLED BY CID CLEANERS:	239
BAGS FILLED BY CID CLEANERS:	180
FAULTY STREETLIGHTS REPORTED:	11
POTHoles REPORTED (SITES):	5



CRIME INCIDENTS FOR OCTOBER 2023: 9 INCIDENTS (with 6 Incidents outside the CID area)

02 October 2023 @ approximately 19:37: Break-In & Robbery: From Back of Spin Street (From De La Rey Road: outside CID geographical area)

While patrolling, A CID responder was approached by the On-site Security Guard of a premises in Spin Street, informing him that there were 2 x males on the premises but that he couldn't approach them, as they have a firearm. The guard reported that they broke through the vibracrete wall from the back of the premises from De La Rey Road and robbed him of various personal items. The CID control room contacted SAPS, the owner, and the Operational Manager, who all arrived later in the evening. The guard gave his statement to SAPS in order to open a case.

04 October 2023 @ approximately 05:58: Break-In: from back of Spin Street (From De La Rey Road: Outside CID geographical area)

A CID responder was informed by the On-site Security Guard of a premises in Spin Street again, of 3 x males trying to enter the premises from the back through the vibracrete wall. Immediately, the CID control room contacted SAPS, and instructed the responder to stand off in front of the premises for assistance, whilst monitoring the cameras at De La Rey robots. While monitoring, the control room spotted 2 x males entering the premises through the vibracrete wall and exiting with 1 x kettle, a black backpack, and white bags with 1 x male and 1 x female standing outside waiting for them. All four suspects proceeded to walk towards Uitsig before SAPS arrived. The client was informed by the security guard and the responder informed SAPS that there is footage available at the CID Office. Due to the CID footage SAPS was able to pick up the suspects in Uitsig two days later.

05 October 2023 @ approximately 11:19: Theft of wheelie bin: Radnor Road (Arrest by CID Responders)

While monitoring, the CID control room spotted a suspect male pulling a municipal wheelie bin down Radnor Road. The responders were dispatched and caught up with the male. When asked where he found the bin, the suspect explained he found it on the cnr of Radnor and Tekstiel Road, but the responder informed the control room he did not see a bin there during any of his patrols earlier in the day. The responder noticed a number on the bin and the control room confirmed which business the bin belonged to after making enquiries. The responder went to the business and the owner confirmed that the bin belongs to them. The suspect was arrested immediately but due to the owner not wanting to open a case, the suspect had to be let go and the responder escorted the suspect out of the area after the bin was handed back to the business owner.

10 October 2023 @ approximately 15:26: Theft from a vehicle: Radnor Road Robots

During monitoring, the controller spotted 3 x suspicious males crossing Radnor Road and loitering on the corner of Radnor and De La Rey Road Robots. The control room informed the foot patroller deployed in that section to keep an eye on them. A bakkie with a canopy stopped a few moments later at the robots between the foot patroller and the suspects. One of the males threw a stone through the back window, grabbing packets of chips from the back and ran over the robots to Uitsig. The foot patroller reported that the one male was carrying a long knife. The control room contacted SAPS to inform them of the incident and during a playback, the controllers spotted the same suspects assisting by pushing the same bakkie earlier that day from De La Rey Road into our area. The suspects probably noticed the goods in the back when pushing the bakkie and therefore were able to quickly target the vehicle when spotted again.

13 October 2023 @ approximately 10:00: Rape: Stoker Circle (bushes out of CID geographical area)

The control room received a call from a business in Stoker Road regarding a female who stated that she was raped in the bushes by Stoker Circle. The control room dispatched a responder to assist and obtain information, while starting playback, and contacting SAPS. During the playback, the controllers spotted a male and female entering the area from Tygerberg Hospital side walking together towards Stoker Circle. The male and female looked like they were looking for a premises, then turned around and headed past the substation and disappeared into the bushes. After a while, the controllers spotted the female coming out of the bushes alone, carrying her pants and walking in her underwear towards the business in Stoker Road. As from the client, the suspect male had been at their premises earlier in the day enquiring about a job. SAPS arrived and left the area with the female. Later that evening, a Sergeant from Ravensmead SAPS was standing off at Stoker Circle, busy investigating the scene and gathering information. The CID provided the Sergeant with the footage on hand.

15 October 2023 @ approximately 21:48: Break-In: from back of Garrett Street (From Robert Sobukwe Road: outside CID geographical area)

The control room received a call from the On-Site Security Guard in Garrett Street regarding a break-in from the back of the premises. The control room dispatched a responder to assist and investigate. On arrival, the responder was informed that 4 x males entered the premises from the back and stole a roll of copper cable, then left the same way towards Robert Sobukwe Road. The responder drove towards Robert Sobukwe robots and saw 4 x males walking down the road towards UWC but could not give a clothing description as it was too dark and far to see. The control room contacted SAPS and gave the information about the incident and direction the suspects were headed.

17 October 2023 @ approximately 21:48: Break-In: from back of Industria Ring Road (From Aandblom Street: outside CID geographical area)

While patrolling, the responder was stopped by the On-site Security Guard of a premises in Industria Ring Road. He informed the responder that a few males broke through the vibracrete wall at the back of the premises and stole some copper wires. The guard informed him that he has contacted SAPS and the client already, but just needed the CID assistance to stand off until SAPS arrives.

26 October 2023 @ approximately 01:45: Break-In and Theft: from back of Denton Street (From Aandblom Street: outside CID geographical area)

While monitoring, the control room spotted Armed Response in Denton Street in front of a premises. The responder was dispatched to investigate. On arrival, the responder was informed that there was an alarm triggered when suspects cut the electrical fence and jumped over from the back of the premises. The suspects allegedly stole 3 x truck batteries from the trucks standing inside the premises and escaped the same way by jumping back over the fence.

28 October 2023 @ approximately 01:45: Break-In and Theft: from back of Industria Ring Road (From Aandblom Street: outside CID geographical area)

The client arrived on Monday 30/10/2023 and noticed that someone broke into his business through the roof from the back of the premises over the weekend of the 28th of October 2023. He checked his footage and notice 2 x suspects entering the building stealing pipes, cables, ripping out small pumps, breaking the water reticulation system and cables ripped out of machines. They also stole machine parts, a microwave, 3 x pumps and tools.

PLEASE MARK YOUR WHEELIE BINS:



When you mark your bins, you make it harder for opportunistic criminals to succeed.

The CID stops all persons walking in the area with municipal bins as they are not allowed to be moved and must strictly be kept at the premises to which they are allocated. Sometimes the person will say it is their bin from their residential address in neighbouring Ravensmead or Uitsig and if we cannot confirm otherwise, then we are necessitated to just escort the person out of the area.

By marking your bin CID responders and controllers will immediately be able to spot theft and ensure that the bin is returned to the rightful owner.

Please assist us to be of assistance to you!

CITY OF CAPE TOWN GRASS CUTTING:



12 October 2023

CITY ADDRESSES MOWING CHALLENGES

The City of Cape Town's Recreation and Parks Department is committed to providing efficient and effective mowing services for the upkeep of public spaces and is currently addressing backlogs.

The City of Cape Town's Recreation and Parks Department oversees approximately 5 941 properties, spanning 483 km², or 19,75% of Cape Town's total land area. Within this, the Vegetation Control Management programme tends to 8,9 km² of public open space, with about 7 080 ha designated for mowing and 1 812 ha for weed control.

Recreation and Parks Department is committed to providing efficient and effective mowing services to maintain public open spaces. In addition to the current staff assigned to do so, the department also went through an intensive supply chain management process, which resulted in the appointment of contractors in each of the four service areas of the City: North, South, East and Central.

Although challenges with service providers have arisen, which have led to disruption of service delivery in some areas, the department is committed to effectively managing these issues to ensure the public receives optimal value.

Upon non-compliance with service provider contractual obligations, contracts and tenders may be cancelled, as is the case currently in Area North. The issuance of a purchase order to begin work with a newly appointed contractor is currently in progress. In Area South, recent challenges have been encountered, primarily related to the quality of work.

This has resulted in the imposition of penalties for substandard performance by service providers in an effort to improve the performance of the contractor, but importantly, to not perpetuate a practice of paying for sub-standard service delivery.

Further to ensuring that the services are being delivered, the department also needed to take into account the impact of the recent adverse weather conditions, including the bad storm and extreme rainfall, which prohibited the mowing of areas that became waterlogged and inaccessible for mowing machinery to be used. This has led to disruptions in planned work schedules and the need for schedule adjustments.

Consequently, adaptations have been made to mowing plans by shifting the focus to areas where mowing could take place such as certain road reserves and greenbelt, until waterlogged spaces are dry enough to be mowed.

As is the pattern of seasonality, the spring growth period has been spurred on by the high and more than adequate rainfall and the increase in daytime temperatures resulting in all public open spaces and road reserves becoming rapidly overgrown. All resources are being optimised to undertake all mowing as soon as possible, including working over weekends and extended work days.

The importance of the environment in terms of the look and feel of the City is a critical consideration within the City's overall services and therefore future strategies relating to the mowing function within the City include the exploration of new operating models and innovative solutions.

'We are dedicated to maintaining our public spaces and are actively exploring new approaches, including the possibility of in-house capacity, to enhance our resilience and improve response times. We appreciate our residents' patience and understanding during these transitional phases and unforeseen circumstances. Residents can expect improvements in the next few weeks as these actions are implemented,' said the City of Cape Town's Mayoral Committee Member for Community and Services and Health, Councillor Patricia van der Ross.

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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.
5. The CID spends hours on footage requests only to have a business owner inform afterwards that they are not going to open a case, so time is wasted where it could have been spent proactively preventing current crime from occurring.

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, especially with the festive season approaching. In the past the CID was able to assist business owners with incidents of flooding and fires where if the owner could not have been reached the damage could have been so much worse.

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, enlighten you of what we can and will do to assist you and what falls outside the CID mandate.

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 / suggestions/ complaints, please feel free to contact Tracy Engelke (CID Manageress) and/or Zaandria Liebenberg (CID assistant) at the CID office on 021 932 4799 (office hours) or at undermentioned email addresses.

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