



## PAROW INDUSTRIA IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ASSOCIATION NPC (CID/SRA)

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# NEWSLETTER

## SEPTEMBER 2024

Dear business owners,

*Letter from Mr Andrew Thomson: Chairman of the PIID board of directors:*

Last month my letter regarding traffic problems in the CID was included in the Newsletter. I pointed out that some businesses were infringing on the rights of others in the area. Particular problems are parking vehicles in the roadway for extended periods of time, and secondly obstructing the pavements by loading trucks and parking vehicles where pedestrians are supposed to walk. Both contravene traffic regulations and are offences.

Since writing my letter I have not observed any meaningful changes in behaviour. While I realise it will take businesses some time to adjust their activities to comply with regulations, I would have expected some improvement. Sadly there is not.

This is an important matter, because accidents have already occurred and if we do nothing it will only get worse. Soon we will bring Law Enforcement and Traffic Officials into the area and fines will be issued. I therefore urge you all to take this warning seriously and make sure your business complies with regulations.

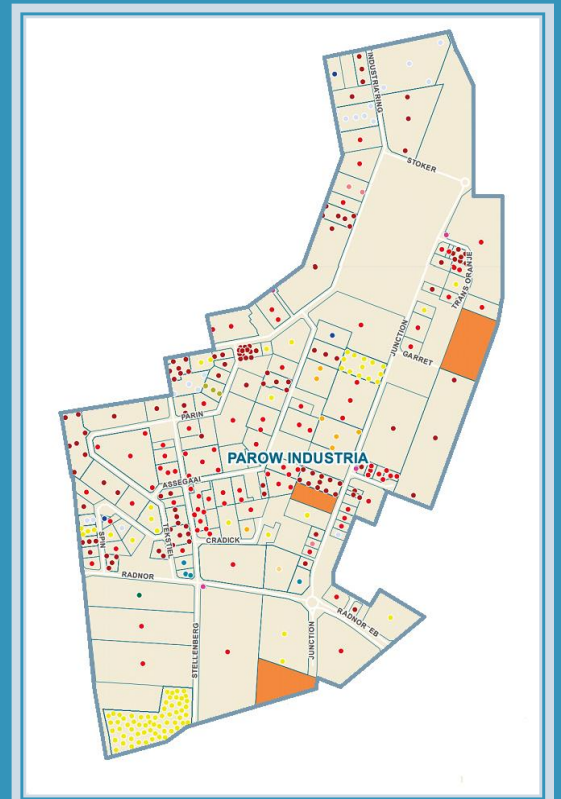
Thank you

Regards

**Andrew Thomson**

## PRO-ACTIVE SERVICES:

UNSECURE PREMISES REPORTED:	2
FIRES REPORTED/EXTINGUISHED:	0
ACCIDENTS ATTENDED:	0
SUSPICIOUS/BREAKDOWN VEHICLES CHECKED:	35
SUSPICIOUS PERSONS CHECKED:	99
TROLLEY/BINS CHECKED:	93
BURST PIPES REPORTED:	3
PREVENTION OF DUMPING:	0
BINS FILLED BY CID CLEANERS:	230
BAGS FILLED BY CID CLEANERS:	164
FAULTY STREETLIGHTS REPORTED:	23
POTHoles REPORTED (SITES):	11



## CRIME INCIDENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024: 6 INCIDENTS

### (2 X FROM OUTSIDE THE CID GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARY & 1 INCIDENT TAKING PLACE ON PRIVATE PREMISES)

#### **03 September 2024 @ approximately 04:42: Illegal Trespassing & Theft: Back of Spin Street (From outside geographical area – De la Rey Road)**

At 04h42 a CID controller spotted 2 x males climbing over the fence at the back of a premises in Spin Street bordering De la Rey Road, heading towards Uitsig. The control room dispatched a CID patrol vehicle to the premises. The responder reported as from the on-Site Security guard, the suspects broke through the back vibracrete wall and stole the guard's cell phone and hand radio, before exiting back over the fence into De La Rey Road. The control room contacted Ravensmead SAPS and informed them of the direction the suspects had fled. At 04h47 the control room spotted SAPS patrolling down Spin Street, leaving the area towards Uitsig.

#### **05 September 2024 @ approximately 08:39: Attempted Theft of truck cables: Stellenberg Road (Arrest)**

At 08h39 a CID foot patroller reported that a truck driver caught 2 x males trying to steal his truck cables of his truck parked in Stellenberg Road. The truck driver had managed to catch the one male but the other fled. He requested the control room to assist by contacting SAPS. A CID vehicle was dispatched and the suspect was placed in the back of the vehicle awaiting SAPS. At 08h41 the control room contacted Ravensmead SAPS who said a vehicle will be dispatched. At 09h11 the control room did a follow up call to Ravensmead SAPS who said the vehicle is standing off at court, but as soon as they are available they will attend. At 12h06 Ravensmead SAPS arrived in Stellenberg Road and left again at 12:14 with the suspect to Ravensmead Police Station, where the driver was asked to go and open a case.

#### **05 September 2024 @ approximately 10:48: Theft of chocolate: Corner Spin & Radnor Road (Incident happened on private premises)**

At 10h48 the control room spotted a staff member in Radnor Road, chasing 1 x male towards PEP Gate 6 side. A CID footpatroller also gave chase when he spotted this. The control room noticed that the suspect had a knife and called for backup for the footpatroller, but the male had crossed out of the CID geographical area towards Uitsig within seconds. The footpatroller then proceeded to the premises to get more information as to what happened and confirmed to the control room that the suspect had stolen chocolates. The on-Site security of the premises indicated he caught the suspect stealing but he managed to run out of the shop, hence him giving chase.

#### **05 September 2024 @ approximately 08:39: Theft of grinders: Stellenberg Road (Arrested but let go – goods returned to client)**

The CID control room spotted 1 x suspicious male heading towards the trucks that was parked in Tekstiel Street. The control room monitored the male and saw him taking something from the back of a truck. The truck driver saw him and called him to give it back and the male dropped it on the ground. The male walked away and turned into Stellenberg Road. The CID response vehicle was dispatched to look for the male between the trucks that was parked outside and when he arrived, he spotted the male carrying 2 x broken grinders. The CID responder was instructed to escort the male back to the premises and ask the truck drivers to whom the grinders belong to. The CID responder confirmed he found the owner of the 2 x grinders who was glad to get his property back indicated he would not open a criminal case.

#### **20 September 2024 @ approximately 01:05: Break-In: Back of Spin Street (From outside geographical area – De la Rey Road)**

At 01h05 a CID responder on patrol reported to the control room that he was approached by on-Site security of a premises in Spin Street, informing him that there were people trying to break the wall at the back of the premises. The CID patrol vehicle went to De La Rey robots but did not see anyone, whilst the control room monitored the cameras, but also did not see anyone. At 01h25 while monitoring, the control room spotted 1 x male coming from the premises crossing De la Rey Road towards Uitsig. The CID responder was dispatched to inform the on-Site security and ask him to check at the back of his premises. The on-Site security confirmed that the suspects had broken into 2 x vehicles that was parked at the back and took 2 x batteries and a company cell phone. The CID control room contacted Ravensmead SAPS who confirmed that a SAPS vehicle will be sent. SAPS arrived at the back in De La Rey Road and then went inside the premises to investigate. Byers Armed Response and the client also arrived at the premises. At 02h41 SAPS and Armed Response left the area. At 03h13 the CID control room spotted the suspects heading back to the premises and immediately a CID responder was informed to go and alert the on-Site security, whilst SAPS was contacted. The suspects fled and at 03h34 SAPS was spotted on Uitsig side searching for the suspects.

#### **27 September 2024 @ approximately 22:12: Attempted Theft of truck cables (Arrest but suspect let go – client did not open a case)**

The CID control room spotted 2 x males coming from Belhar Station walking towards a truck that was parked in Stellenberg Road. A CID response vehicle was immediately dispatched to monitor them. The responder arrived and confirmed that the 2 x males were busy cutting the cables of the truck, but when they saw him 1 x male ran away towards Belhar Station (out of the CID geographical area) and they are searching for the second male. A second CID vehicle was dispatched to assist. At 22h22 the responders confirmed that they caught the second male and put him in the back of the bakkie while the control room contacted SAPS. SAPS confirmed that their vehicles are all standing off at a shooting in Uitsig, so gave permission for the Responder to take the suspect to the police station, where the truck driver must open a case. The truck driver indicated he did not want to open a case. The suspect was there for profiled and escorted out of the area.

\*Ravensmead SAPS Statistics (if any other than the CID is aware as per above) not included in this months return as not yet received.

## CITY RECORDS SPIKE IN FIREARM AND DRUG CONFISCATIONS

### 01 SEPTEMBER 2024

#### THE METRO POLICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT'S COMBINED EFFORTS SAW NOTABLE INCREASES IN THE CONFISCATION OF FIREARMS, AMMUNITION AND NARCOTICS.

There was a 34% increase, year-on-year, in the number of firearms removed from the streets by the City's Metro Police and law Enforcement Departments. The bulk of the confiscations happened in policing precincts wracked by gun-related violence, and where the City's LEAP officers and the Metro Police specialised units like the Gang & Drug Task Team and the Tactical Response Unit spend many of their days.



The rate of confiscations of imitation firearms more than doubled during the same period, from 193 to 431.

CONFISCATIONS	2023/24	2022/23	ARRESTS 2023/24	TOTAL
Firearms	325	242	Discharging a firearm in a municipal area	4
Rounds of ammunition	3 539	3 282	Pointing a firearm	26
Replica firearms	431	193	Possession of ammunition	396
Drugs (total units)	88 482,94	70 401,5	Possession of unlicensed firearm	342
			Possession of replica firearm	308

'This is no small feat, and underlines the scale of the problem we have with illegal firearms. Our staff have taken more than 300 firearms out of circulation in the last year, and yet gun violence remains never-ending. Add to that the fact that SAPS has destroyed more than 250 000 weapons in the last five years, and it begs the question – where is the apparent unlimited supply of illicit firearms coming from? 'The City has said time and again that its enforcement agencies are capable of investigating crimes to boost conviction rates, and help slow the free flow of illegal firearms and drugs into our communities. It remains our hope that the call for the devolution of criminal investigative powers will be answered, for the benefit of our residents,' said Mayoral Committee Member for Safety and Security, Alderman JP Smith.

Once City services make an arrest, the suspect/s and related evidence, like confiscated firearms or drugs, are handed over at the nearest policing precinct, for further investigation. The arresting officer, as well as any other enforcement staff on scene at the time of the arrest, compile statements for submission as part of the docket. Illegal firearms and drugs are held in evidence until the criminal proceedings have been concluded, after which these are destroyed by SAPS. The City has instituted watching briefs on priority cases, like firearm-related arrests, to track the progress through the criminal justice system. 'Convictions are generally not swift, and often suspects are granted bail, only to continue their criminal ways, as we observed recently, when a suspect who was arrested on firearm charges in July, was arrested for the same crime in August. It does little for the morale of the officers on the

ground, putting their lives at risk to catch perpetrators, and even less for the confidence of communities plagued by gun violence,' said the City's Mayoral Committee Member for Safety and Security, Alderman JP Smith.

## VANDALISM AND THEFT COSTS CITY R12 MILLION TO REPLACE SEWER DRAIN COVERS

**Vandalism and theft have resulted in the City's Water and Sanitation Directorate spending over R12 million to replace and repair 6590 stolen and vandalised sewer drain manhole covers across Cape Town between July 2023 and June 2024. This vital infrastructure needs to be in place to ensure the safety of the public and to safeguard sewer network operations.**

The City continues to replace sewer drain manhole covers that pose a risk to public safety and become the gateway for foreign objects to enter the sewer system, damaging pipes and leading to blockages. Many covers are reported stolen or damaged due to vandalism, with a costly replacement value, much of which can be mitigated through public awareness and behavioural change. During winter, missing drain covers add pressure on operations and increase call-outs. Excess rain floods the sewer network, which increases the probability and frequency of overflows.



'It's important for the public to be aware that replacing vandalised or stolen manhole covers puts a strain on the City's financial resources, and causes delays in rendering services as maintenance demands amplify. Each act of criminality diverts valuable time and funding away from daily essential services,' said the City's Mayoral Committee Member for Water and Sanitation, Councillor Zahid Badroodien. Several factors affect the total cost per job, taking into account whether it requires just replacing a cover or completely reconstructing the manhole frame.

'Replacing manhole covers is essential to ensuring public safety for vehicles, pedestrians and infrastructure integrity. It also improves the reliability of our sewer systems, reducing unwanted experiences of sewer overflows on streets, resulting from blocked drains caused by illegal dumping through open manholes.

'While the immediate focus is to ensure that all manholes are secured, the City maintains its surveillance over sewer infrastructure. We urge residents to keep reporting and act proactively, working together with the City to eliminate this challenge,' said Councillor Zahid Badroodien.

### **About sewer drain manhole covers:**

- They are **usually round** and **located in the middle of a road, and sometimes on properties.**
- They are a crucial part of the Water and Sanitation Directorate's infrastructure that helps to control the flow of sewage through the sewer pipes, and reduces incidents of overflows into the streets.
- The public **must not remove these covers.**
- **Only staff authorised by the City can open these drains** for work purposes such as clearing blockages in the pipes.

### **Report missing or broken covers to one of the City's channels so they can be replaced:**

- **WhatsApp** 060 018 1505
- **Online** [www.capetown.gov.za/servicerequests](http://www.capetown.gov.za/servicerequests)
- **Email** [water@capetown.gov.za](mailto:water@capetown.gov.za)
- **SMS** 31373 (maximum 160 characters. Standard rates apply)
- **Call** 0860 103 089
- **Visit a City walk-in centre** (see [www.capetown.gov.za/facilities](http://www.capetown.gov.za/facilities))

## 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. 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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