



PAROW INDUSTRIA IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ASSOCIATION NPC (CID/SRA)

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NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2024

Dear business owners,

For most it is a big welcome back after a much-deserved break!

It was a busy shutdown period for the CID.

Byers, the CIDs public safety and camera monitoring service provider is thanked for their proactive measures which ensured that there was only one crime in the public space, especially since known offenders were seen and monitored in the area on 24 December. It is only through effective monitoring that these persons did not get any opportunity to commit crime.



Captain Swanepoel of Ravensmead SAPS handing over certificates of appreciation to Mr Khan of Byers and Mr Thomson : CID chairman, for our contribution in the fight against crime in the Ravensmead SAPS precinct of Parow Industria at the AGM held on 21 November 2024.

We need to give credit when it is due, and I would like to commend COCT who overnight managed to procure and install a new substation of approximately 1.3 million in Junction Road after a delivery truck knocked into it and caused it to catch alight and burn down late afternoon on 23 December 2024.

By 11am on 24 December 2024 the old substation was removed, the new substation installed, and the electricity was restored. This is indeed commendable.

PRO-ACTIVE SERVICES:

UNSECURE PREMISES REPORTED:	4
FIRES REPORTED/EXTINGUISHED:	1
ACCIDENTS ATTENDED:	2
SUSPICIOUS/BREAKDOWN VEHICLES CHECKED:	27
SUSPICIOUS PERSONS CHECKED:	121
TROLLEY/BINS CHECKED:	57
BURST PIPES REPORTED:	5
PREVENTION OF DUMPING:	2
BINS FILLED BY CID CLEANERS:	286
BAGS FILLED BY CID CLEANERS:	101
FAULTY STREETLIGHTS REPORTED:	12
POTHoles REPORTED (SITES):	10

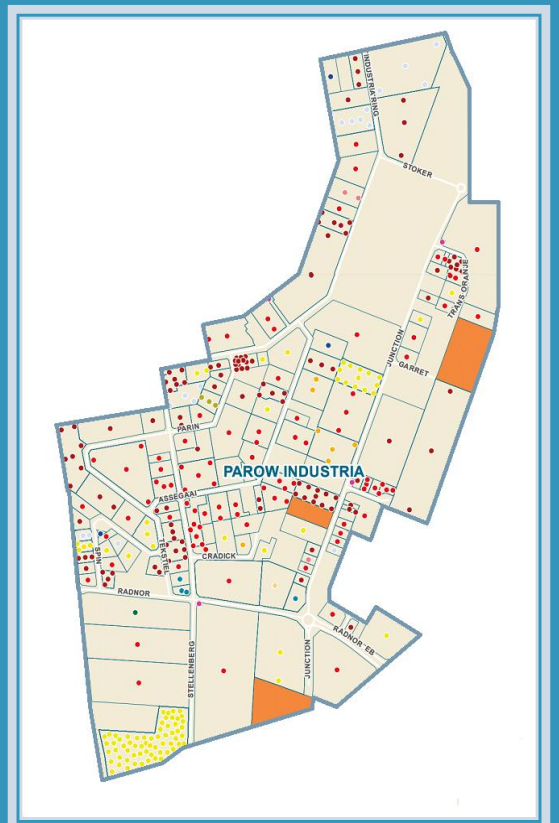




Photo of burnt-out substation and new one being installed.

On 24 December 2024 COCT also responded to a burst pipe and then a leaking fire hydrant in Tekstiel street and again on 26 December 2024.

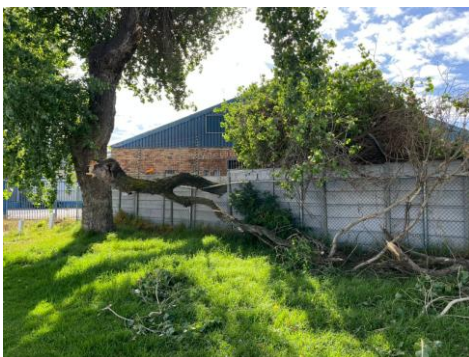


Fire hydrant gushing water

Each year during the shutdown period there has been a fire in the area and this year was no different. On 29 December 2024 there was a fire at a premises in Junction Road.

On 31 December 2024 a large tree branch fell off in Industria Ring Road , damaging the vibracrete wall and a vehicle parked on private property on the other side of the vibracrete. COCT was quick to respond and remove the branch and debris.

Business owners and their staff are cautioned not to park under the trees on the grass in front of Parmalat (Lactalis) factory shop in Industria Ring Road as small branches fall on a regular basis in this area.



I just want to sensitize all business owners once again on the control room numbers : 021 932 4800 / 072 197 5001.

There is a slight delay when you phone abovementioned numbers, before the phone is heard ringing on your side, so please be patient and wait for a few seconds for it to ring, before putting down. The control room phone will ALWAYS be answered 24/7, 365 days a year..

Grass cutting will be done throughout the area in the week of 20 January.

We will again follow up the outstanding water reinstatements and hope that by next month newsletter the work has either been done or that we have confirmed dates for execution.

Wishing everyone a safe and prosperous 2025!

Kind Regards
Tracy Engelke
(PIID Manager)

CRIME INCIDENTS FOR DECEMBER 2024: 3 INCIDENTS

(1 X INCIDENT TAKING PLACE ON PRIVATE PREMISES)

11 December 2024 @ approximately 09:00: Malicious injury to property (MITP): Parin Road (Ravensmead CAS: 108/12/2024)
A business owner reported to the CID office that a male with mental disabilities entered his premises without permission. When the male was removed, he went to the opposite side of the road, picked up a brick and threw it against the building. The brick landed on one of the vehicles parked on the premises, damaging the windscreen. The CID manager spoke to Ravensmead SAPS regarding this known male, and SAPS stated that they will request that the male be institutionalized when he appears before court. The CID escorts this male out of the area daily, despite our best efforts to get him the help he deserves over a two-year period.

23 December 2024 @ approximately 16:00: MITP: Junction Road (Ravensmead Stats: 289/12/2024) : could not be prevented by CID policing measures.
At 16:00 on the 23rd of December 2024, the CID spotted one of the electrical substations on fire in Junction Road. The CID controllers immediately contacted the fire brigade and COCT as electricity was down in that section of the area. During playback of the camera system, it was noted that a delivery truck reversed into the substation and drove away. Seconds thereafter the substation burst into flames, before burning down.

28 December 2024 @ approximately 19:00: Arson: Junction Road (Private Premises - Ravensmead Stats: 287/12/2024) : could not be prevented by CID policing measures.
At 19h39 a CID Responder reported to the control room that while patrolling the area, he spotted a fire on a premises in Junction Road. The control room contacted the Fire Department and the business owner. At 20h03 the Fire Department arrived on site and extinguished the fire. As per the crime stats of Ravensmead SAPS, an employee allegedly set fire to a structure on the premises.

NEWS FROM COCT WEBSITE :
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS FLAGGED IN DECEMBER

All service departments in Safety and Security saw a downturn in statistics, but the Fire & Rescue Service did record a marked increase in motor vehicle and pedestrian crashes responded to. And, while the number of fires dropped compared to the previous year, nearly 2 000 persons were displaced in just four days due to several large informal settlement fires. Read more below:

'I want to thank our staff for their efforts. Public safety over the festive season is a massive undertaking, particularly given how many people simply refuse to take responsibility for their own safety. The statistics indicate a slightly quieter December compared to the previous year, but there was still a lot to contend with. The increase in crashes that our Fire & Rescue Service attended to is a flag. Unfortunately, road safety and specifically the behaviour of drivers continues to be one of the myriad challenges we face,' said the City's Mayoral Committee Member for Safety and Security, Alderman JP Smith.
A summary of key statistics across departments is included in the table below:

Category	December 2023	December 2024
Arrests	1 977	1 472
Drunk driving arrests	406	187
Drug confiscations	5 937 units	2 621,75 units
Fines/notices	376 889	250 233
Fire & Rescue total incidents	3 888	3 546

Vegetation fires	2 425	2 056
PECC assault incidents	1 217	979
PECC domestic violence calls	568	499
PECC road accidents	610	514

By department, the following statistics were recorded:

The Fire & Rescue Service responded to a total of 3 546 emergency incidents.

Among these were 2 056 vegetation fires, 212 (compared to 272 in December 2023) informal residential fires, 153 (194) formal residential fires, 432 (319) motor vehicle accidents, 173 (157) pedestrians knocked down and 130 (118) trauma incidents. During the period, 11 (20) persons died as a result of fires.

The Public Emergency Communication Centre recorded 17 722 (21 020) incidents of which 38% were calls for medical assistance and 21% related to by-law transgressions. In addition, they also recorded 1 965 (2 296) noise complaints, 979 (1 217) calls relating to assault cases, 514 (610) motor vehicle and pedestrian accidents, 499 (568) cases of domestic violence, 202 (184) complaints about drinking in public, 143 (179) calls related to self-harm and 92 (118) complaints related to the illegal sale and/or discharge of fireworks.

During the festive season, the Disaster Risk Management Centre was called upon to coordinate responses to four major informal settlement fire incidents in the space of four days.

- 23 December, 86 structures were destroyed in Masiphumelele, leaving 450 persons displaced
- 24 December, 53 structures were destroyed in Nomzamo, leaving 132 persons displaced
- 25 December, 143 structures were destroyed in Dunoon, leaving 544 persons displaced
- 26 December, 307 structures were destroyed in Langa, leaving 685 persons displaced

During the period, the DRMC also conducted fire wise education and awareness interventions with numerous other City departments in Mfuleni, Jim Se Bos, Riemvasmaak, Phumlani, Witzands, Blikkiesdorp, Tsunami, Kapteinsklip, Tafelsig, Wolweriver, Siyahlaha in Dunoon and Barcelona in Gugulethu, reaching 8 620 households.

On the beaches, the DRMC volunteers assisted with general public safety efforts and also lent a hand with the Identikidz project, while staff also maintained a presence at all major events throughout the city.

Law enforcement officers made 1 163 arrests in December and issued 31 846 fines for various transgressions. In addition, officers recovered 11 firearms, six imitation firearms and 135 rounds of ammunition.

They also confiscated 2 384,75 units of drugs.

Alcohol confiscations between 1 December and 3 January totalled 7 434 bottles, equating to just under 3 500 litres.

'On the face of it, this statistic seems very encouraging compared to a few years ago. And, as tempting as it is to assume that the message has finally landed, we know from experience that those who insist on drinking have simply switched up their modus operandi - from using alcohol sachets and other means to avoid detection, to drinking at home or in their vehicles and then arriving at the beach drunk. It doesn't matter how they do it, though, the fact remains that people who insist on drinking in public not only ruin the occasion for others but also put themselves and the enforcement and emergency services staff who have to respond if anything happens, in harm's way,' said Alderman Smith.



Metro Police officers made 112 arrests, including 26 for drunk driving, and issued 14 624 fines for traffic and by-law transgressions. Officers also recovered four firearms, seven rounds of ammunition and 303 units of alcohol. Officers also confiscated 237 units of drugs.

Cape Town Traffic Officers made 197 arrests, including 138 motorists for driving under the influence of alcohol and 24 for reckless and negligent driving. A total of 35 motorists were arrested on various other charges. They also executed 4 136 warrants, impounded 799 public transport vehicles and recorded 203 763 transgressions.

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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