



BATHURST

SECTOR TWO

19 August 2024

Dear Community Members,

We would like to share some important updates and actions from our recent meeting with the station CPF, as we continue our collective efforts to build a safer and more secure community.

1. Crime Report:

We are pleased to report that according to SAPS records, there was a 25% reduction in incidents recorded. This is a positive step forward, but it remains imperative that we all continue to report any criminal activities we witness to the police. Your vigilance and prompt reporting are crucial to maintaining our momentum in creating a safer environment for everyone.

2. Assistance with Reporting Suspicious Activity:

In addition to reporting incidents to SAPS, we kindly ask for your assistance in recording any suspicious activity **on our community database**. These activities can include, but are not limited to:

- Burglary
- Unarmed robbery
- Armed robbery
- Vandalism
- Assault
- Sexual assault
- Trespassing
- Murder
- unusual cars or persons
- Suspicious dog barking at certain times of the night / day
- Alarms going off



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You can easily record this information by clicking on this link: <https://forms.gle/ZTC77GZYAoduqXtW9>.

Recording information on our database requires no personal information and is done anonymously.

PLEASE NOTE: The CSPF Sector 2 Executive will only use the information recorded on the database related to incidents to compare with SAPS data, ensuring that all matters are being addressed. We will share only general statistics with the community to keep everyone informed and up to date. Additionally, the data will be used to identify weak spots, hot spots, and possible patterns that could assist as evidence in potential arrests.

In the event that you have video or photo footage of a perpetrator, your first step should be to bring it to SAPS's attention. Please avoid posting it on public forums, as this could lead to victimisation or hinder the legal process.

3. Acknowledgements:

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to **Stephen Forder** for his pro bono work in setting up our community database. This tool will be invaluable in helping us track and address issues within our community.

Our gratitude also goes out to our generous community members for their assistance in supporting the victims of recent house break-ins. We encourage everyone to continue supporting one another in any way they can, as every act of kindness contributes to the strength and resilience of our community.

During the annual BCA, it was noted that our private security companies took firm action in dealing with unruly loiterers, for which we are very grateful.



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4. Local Business Participation:

We also want to thank our local businesses for their participation and collaboration with private security companies in installing and operating surveillance cameras. As with any community in South Africa, our safety is only as strong as our weakest link, and this collective effort is a vital step in ensuring a safer environment for all.

Your ongoing support and involvement are what make these initiatives possible. Let's continue working together to protect and uplift our community.

Best regards,

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