



## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT AT CPF AGM on 10 September 2020**

### **1. Introduction**

Welcome to our virtual AGM meeting!

Although it would have been nice to meet in person or even via the internet, there are definite advantages to being sent a full pack of documentation: you can look over it at your leisure and have all your questions answered by email.

As you can see from the highlights listed below, we have had a very busy and challenging year.

There is still a long way to go before the CPF has an optimal relationship with Station Management, but there has been progress over the last year and we hope to build on this.

## **2. CPF Chairperson's Report**

Since last year's AGM, there have been a couple of changes to the members of EXCO:

- Tracey Davies was co-opted on to EXCO to assist with SAPS Open Day in May 2019 and stepped down in March 2020
- Ryan Hawthorne was co-opted on to EXCO in May 2019
- Kingsley Brown resigned in June 2019
- Keith Bowen was co-opted on in November 2019 to fill the Secretarial portfolio
- Glyn Demmer resigned in February 2020
- Mark Middleton was co-opted on to the committee in April 2020 to assist with the Communications portfolio
- Bianca Albertini resigned in July 2020
- Haroon Lachporia was co-opted on to the committee in August 2020 to take over the Treasurer portfolio from Dave Drinkwater who steps down after the 2020 AGM

Highlights of the past 12 months include:

- Hosting an Open Day at Zoo Lake on 12 October 2019 in conjunction with the Zoo Lake User Committee. The purpose of this day was to showcase to the community SAPS's departments, security companies, the CPF, VSU, the Residents' Associations and Domestic Watch. The public were invited to come and browse the stalls and engage with SAPS and other security stakeholders in the precinct from 10h00 until 15h00.
- Conducting a multi-disciplinary operation at night in October 2019 to understand and document the homeless people living in the precinct
- Drawing up crime scene protocols
- Attending a conflict resolution meeting with SAPS on 11 December 2019. The reasons for calling this meeting were ongoing communication problems with the Station Commander, lack of provision of critical information by SAPS to the CPF and concern about the manner in which several SAPS officers conduct / fail to conduct their duties. Brigadier Crafford

mediated the meeting and the following solutions were agreed to by the CPF EXCO and Station Management:

- Monthly meetings are to be held between the COF EXCO and SAPS senior management
- The calendar for the dates of these meetings is to be circulated and agreed upon by January 2020
- A more open door policy is to be implemented to discuss issues of mutual interest
- Mr Thabo Thipe is to present an induction workshop and community safety plan in January 2020
- Holding discussions with the Montgomery and Roosevelt Park Patrollers to explore ways in which the CPF can work together with this active group of patrollers
- Arranging for induction training to be given in February by Thabo Thipe from the Department of Community Safety
- Exploring the possibility of partnering with JOSH to run a feeding scheme for the displaced persons in the precinct
- Conducting a well-crafted survey of people who live and work in our precinct in July. I'd like to thank Ryan Hawthorne for driving this process and making the results easy to understand!
- Supplying three months' worth of immune-boosting vitamins and minerals to all the members of Parkview SAPS
- Attending a Service Delivery Improvement Plan ("SDIP") meeting at SAPS in August.

Looking ahead, the CPF EXCO is mindful of the fact that Parkview SAPS is severely understaffed and under-resourced. As a result, we – the CPF and the citizens in the precinct - are primarily responsible for our safety. It is incumbent on residents, through the CPF, to plan for safety with the SAPS, the other security agencies and our private security companies. Section 18 of The South African Police Service Act of 1995 requires SAPS to liaise with communities through CPFs.

**CPF's are therefore the legal and proper channel within which civil society can design safety plans for any eventuality.**

Guided by this statutory responsibility, the Parkview CPF will be enhancing its Community Safety Plan, based on the input that many of you have given via the survey.

We are heartened by the requirement that quarterly reports must be submitted by police stations to the National Commissioner in terms of the SDIP. These reports are to be completed on a prescribed template and require a portfolio of evidence. The following five key services have been identified for prioritisation during 2020/2021:

1. Provide Police assistance to clients, who lodge complaints
2. Provide basic support to victims of crime
3. Provide Police-initiated services to communities
4. Provide feedback to complainants/victims on reported cases
5. Provide support on the Service Delivery Improvement and Organisational Transformation Programmes

Your CPF EXCO members look forward to enhancing and implementing a highly effective Community Safety Plan!

### **3. Election & acceptance of EXCO members**

There is a new overriding framework under which all CPFs in Gauteng now operate. Members of EXCO are elected to the committee by the community every five years. This means that in the intervening four years, those members who are able to remain in office, do so. Those whose circumstances prevent them from completing their term of office, step down. EXCO co-opts new members as and when necessary.

Dave Drinkwater is not standing for re-election as he has too many demands on him at the moment. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dave for all his hard work as treasurer over the past two years. We wish him well with his many commitments.

All the other members of the CPF EXCO have agreed to remain in office for the upcoming year.

### **4. Public CPF meetings**

The Disaster Management Act Regulations have prevented the CPF from holding public meetings since our meeting on 16 January 2020. Furthermore, we have not been able to hold public meetings using a virtual internet-based meeting tool since the Station Commander and his staff have not had the ability to join such meetings.

As mentioned above, the CPF is currently in negotiations with SAPS to implement permanent internet connectivity for Parkview SAPS. We are

therefore hopeful that soon we shall be able to conduct regular public CPF meetings via the internet until it is deemed safe for us to all meet physically again.

### **5. Request for additional EXCO volunteer**

At the moment, the Parkview CPF has a vacancy for a new essential portfolio that the Gauteng Community Police Board requires us to fill - that of deputy -secretary.

The role of the deputy secretary portfolio is to fulfil the duties of the secretary in his/her absence.

Please email me on [chair@parkviewcpf.co.za](mailto:chair@parkviewcpf.co.za) if you are interested in filling this position on our dynamic CPF EXCO.

### **6. Conclusion**

Thank you all for taking the time to read the CPF AGM information pack and for being concerned about the safety of our precinct. Please contact us if you are interested in having a more active role – we welcome your input. Lastly, please visit our Facebook page (Parkview Community Police forum) and website (<https://parkviewcpf.co.za>) to keep abreast of developments.