

Welcome
Oranjezicht Higgovale
Neighbourhood Watch

Radio Network

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We invite you
to join, participate
and benefit by
using the OH Watch
radio network.

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Operating a radio is very easy:

- * switch the radio on
- * choose a channel
- * press button for one second
before speaking

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SAPS resources are limited.

We use the radio network to support each other as neighbours and to assist SAPS and other security role players in doing their work as effectively as possible.

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The network is as strong as

- * the number of radios that are used to report incidents
- * the number of resources that can respond
 - * our goal is to strengthen both areas

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Keep your radios on during
any time of the day.

Listen and learn how the network works.

Know what is happening in the area.

Participate.

Receive assistance and be prepared to assist.

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Participation in Stages

Listening only.

Coming in for radio checks and patrols.

Reporting incidents/observations.

Learn voices.

Learn the resources and the channels.

Assist others on the channel or in person and relay relevant information.

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It takes a bit of time.
Keep it up 😊
It's worth being part of the
network.

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Why and what to call in?

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Why do we use a radio network?

The advantage of a radio network:

- * *spread the word in seconds to many*
 - * one button push
 - * no looking for numbers
- * transmits to the whole network
- * updates inform the whole network

Phones

- * looking for numbers
- * only one person can be on the line
- * have to put phone down to speak to someone else

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Why do we use the radio?

By using our radios regularly,
we build connections and skills which prepare us for
emergencies.

It becomes natural to use the radio, we know who to
call in which situation.

Other members will know us, our voices and where
we live.

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What do we use the radio for?

- * be connected to neighbours and resources - network
 - * know who is on duty, share this with the network
 - * know what is going on in the area
- * reply to people on the network. If someone not answering, offer to assist
- * let the network know you are listening and can give backup
 - * ask questions and give feedback on observations
 - * coordinate patrols (call in and report back/check out)
 - * communication between patrollers while out on patrol
 - * call for assistance and respond to emergencies,
 - * report incidents, MVA, fires, crime etc.

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How to call in

‘Radio Talk’

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‘Radio Talk’

Due to the nature of how a radio works, there are a few procedures we need to follow to make the communication smooth.

- * on a radio network **only one person can speak at a time** (we say when we are done ‘over’ and we say if we received the message ‘I copy that’)
- * **everybody on the network listens in** (we have to say who we want to speak to ‘call sign’)
- * we use **specific jargon** and the **phonetic alphabet** to ensure clarity on often crackly airwaves

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Phonetic Alphabet

A - alpha	N - november
B - bravo	O - oscar
C - charlie	P - papa
D - delta	Q - quebec
E - echo	R - romeo
F - foxtrot	S - sierra
G - golf	T - tango
H - hotel	U - uniform
I - india	V - victor
J - juliet	W - whiskey
K - kilo	X - x-ray
L - lima	Y - yankee
M - mike	Z - zulu

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‘Radio Talk’ Call sign

- * Use your first name or any unique name
(In a patrolling or emergency situation, this works best, we keep record of these call signs)
- * Phonetic alphabet specific call signs (RC, CBo)
- * call everybody on the network: ‘All OH Watch radio holders’, or plain ‘OH Watch’

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‘Radio Talk’

....come in for

.....send for me

‘over’

I copy that

Do you copy me?

Over and out.

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'Radio Talk'

That's a papa/positive/roger
That's a negative

I'm going mobile
I'm on route
I've got eyes on...

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‘Radio Talk’

....standing by
standing down
Tango Yankee
Delta
give me a Lima
Code 3

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‘Radio Talk’

There is ‘static on the line’

There was an ‘overlap’

Can you please resend your mic?

Can you please repeat your message?

Can you confirm.....?

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‘Radio Talk’

(example 1: member coming in for a radio check)

Call who you are looking for twice
(beginning of message is often not transmitted)

OH Watch, OH Watch, this is Joe coming in for a radio
check, over;

Callsign Joe, Barbara copy you 5 out of 5, over;

Callsign Barbara, I also copy you 5 out of 5, over and
out.

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‘Radio Talk’

(example 2: calling in a patrol)

- * OH Watch, OH Watch, this is Colleen starting a vehicle patrol, over;
- * Colleen, Barbara copy you 5 out of 5, have a safe patrol. I am on standby, please let me know if I can assist, over;
- * Barbara, I copy that, thank you, over and out.

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(example 3: members assisting each other)

- * All OH Watch call signs, this is Louis. I have just spotted a suspicious car in Montrose Ave, over;
- * call sign Louis, this is David, I copy that. Can you give us some more details. What are you observing? Over;
- * The car has four occupants and has been driving aimlessly in the area. Then I watched one of them get out and ring a door bell. Over;
- * Louis, I copy that. What is the make and registration number? Over;
- * It's a white Toyota Tazz with the registration number Charlie Alphaover;
- * I am going mobile and will call SAPS to assist us. Over;
- * David, I copy that. I'll keep eyes on them so long, over.

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'Radio Talk'

(example 4: member calling SAPS directly)

- * Romeo Charlie sector 5, RC secotor 5, please come in for Alison, over;
- * Call sign Alison, you can send for Romeo Charlie, over;
- * I have eyes on a whiskey male on Molteno Rd. He has been looking into vehicles and trying to open car doors. Are you available to take a turn here? Over;
- *I am on my way, please confirm your location/code 3, over;
- * RC, I am on Molteno Ave, corner Montrose Ave, you copy that? Over;
- *Alison, I copy that, I am 3 mics away, over;
- * RC Alison copy



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Radio Talk

When not to talk

Keep your radio on for a bit before speaking
Something might be happening

If there is an operation/emergency and you are not involved,
please listen only.

If you hear '**break, break**', someone needs to send an urgent
message, please stand by.

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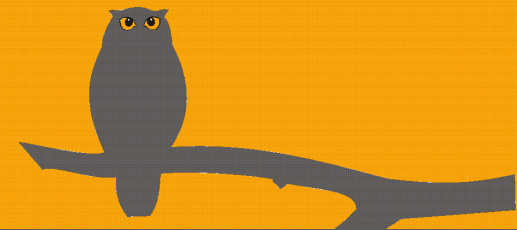


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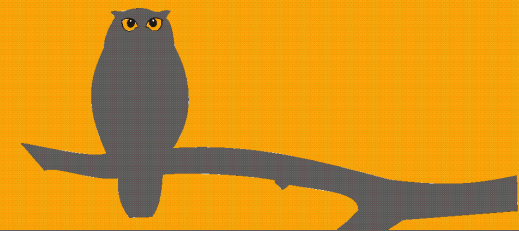
Who to call?

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Resources on the OH Watch channel

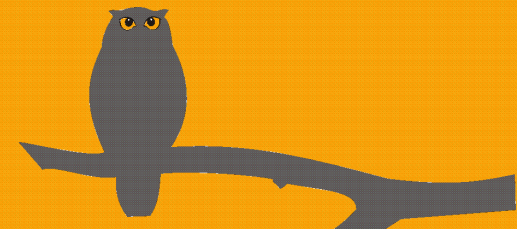
- **OH Watch** all members
 - **SAPS** Sector 5 Romeo Charlie
 - **WatchCom** communications hub with connections to all security providers (SAPS, Law Enforcement, CCID) as well as Fire Department, Medics, City of Cape Town, etc.
- **Bravo 6** radio deployment, next to SAPS radio room
 - **ADT** is Whiskey 4 (in vehicle)
 - **CBAR** Charlie Bravo Zero (in control room)



Who to call?

OH Watch: all members

- Sign in and out for patrol/walk
 - come in for a radio check
- report relevant matters: to prevent or report crime
 - share relevant information (accident, fire)
 - Ask questions or feedback



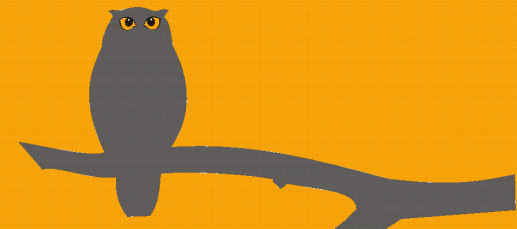
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SAPS sector 5

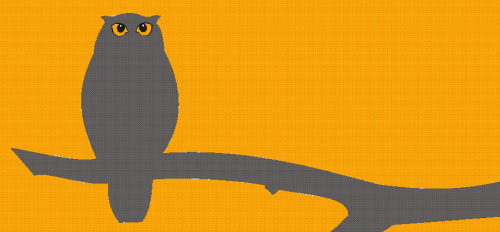
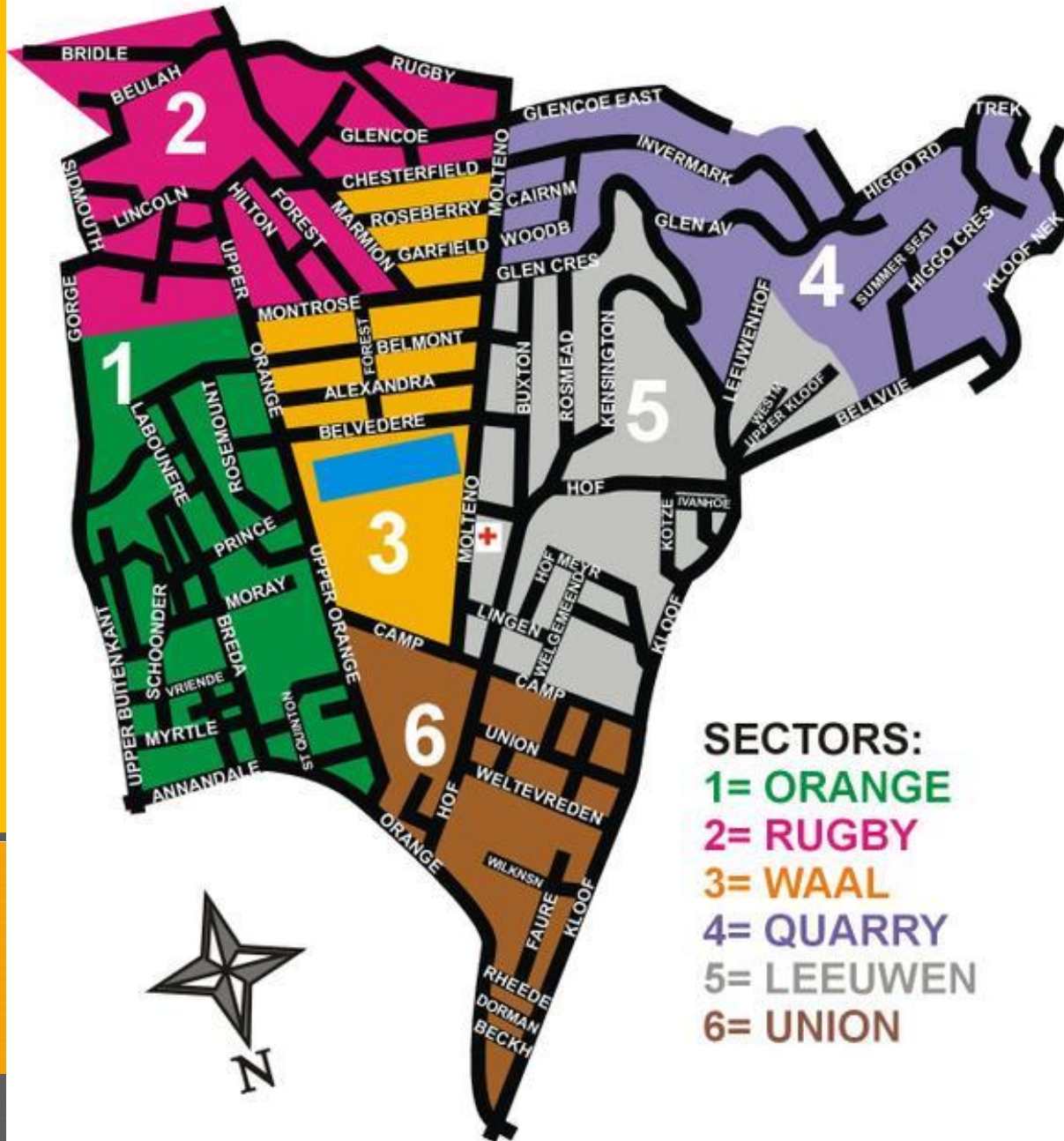
Romeo Charlie (+ number)

Sector 5 is from Molteno Ave towards Lions Head

- someone breaking in
- someone looking into cars/properties, trying door handles
- someone jumping over a wall
- someone roaming the area for no apparent reason



OH-WATCH AREA MAP



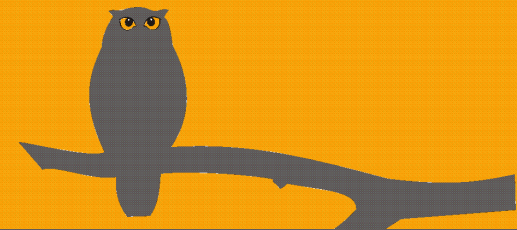
Who to call?

WatchCom 021 422 4222

They cannot deploy, only get in touch with others to go out.

In direct line with many service providers.

- for any kind of emergency
- first priority is medical incidents, then we have to stand by
- If we can speak directly to resources, we should. It saves time and builds the relationship.

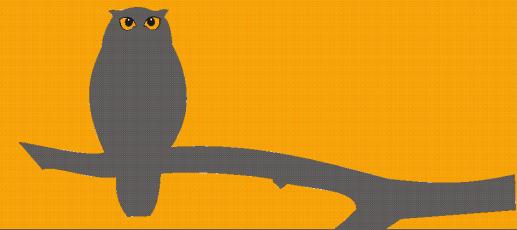


Who to call?

Whiskey 4 : ADT (radio in vehicle)

Charlie Bravo Zero : CBAR (radio in control room)

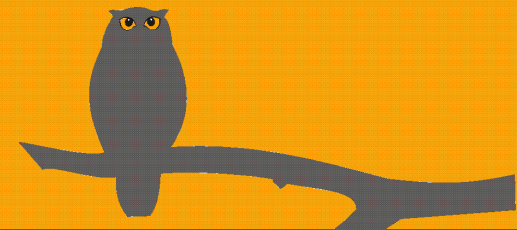
- Clients of ADT or CBAR effected
- minor matters, like open garage door
 - someone loitering



Who to call?

Bravo 6

- If SAPS and WatchCom are not available
- They are in the SAPS Central building next to the SAPS radio room.



Radio checks

Weekdays 7am

Weekends and public holidays 8am

All days 7pm

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Radio checks

1. Service providers
2. News to share, last 24 h
3. Blocks, then latecomers
(acknowledgement by block, not individually)
4. Wrap up

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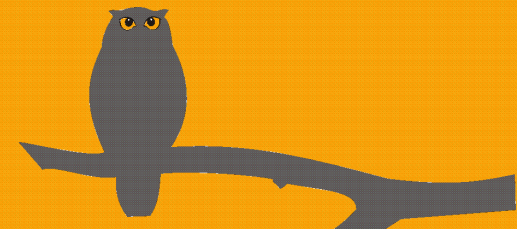
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LPR (Licence Plate Recognition) System alerts on our radio network

OH Watch and the neighbouring watches are in the fortunate position to have a fully operating and linked LPR system

Vehicles that are positively linked to a crime are loaded onto the system which sends out an alert when they are entering this area.



WatchCom broadcasts these alerts on our radio network.

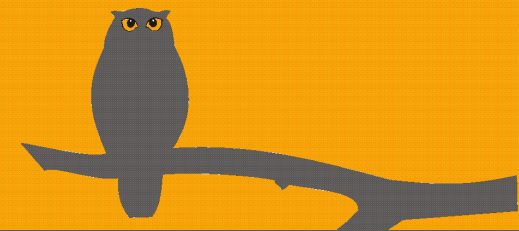
L1 highest level with SAPS case number

L2 confirmed crime, no case number

L3 suspicious activity

WatchCom will provide a

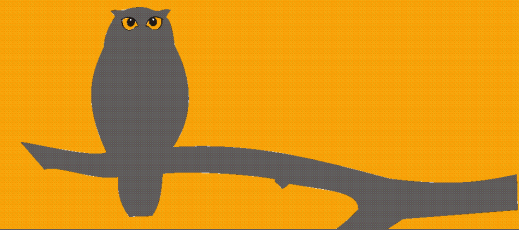
- description of the vehicle
- registration number and
 - camera triggered
- Watchcom confirms that it is a valid read and wanted vehicle



Anybody who is available should respond to search and spot the vehicle.

Patrollers will communicate on the radio

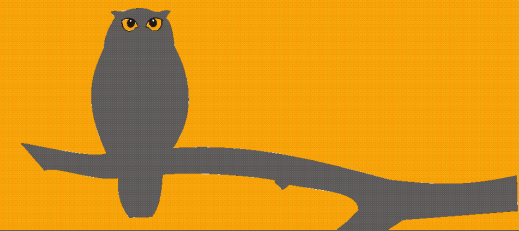
- That they are going mobile/are mobile
 - Where they are
- Which area they have covered/cleared
 - If they spot the vehicle
 - In which direction it goes
- Keep eyes on vehicle till resources arrive
- Do not approach, but wait for SAPS to stop and search



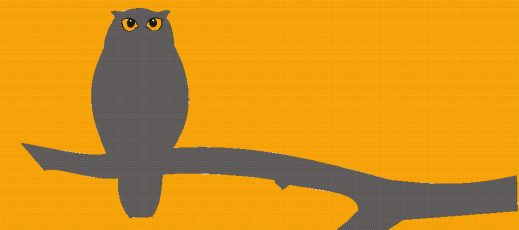
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Walkie Talkie smartphone app

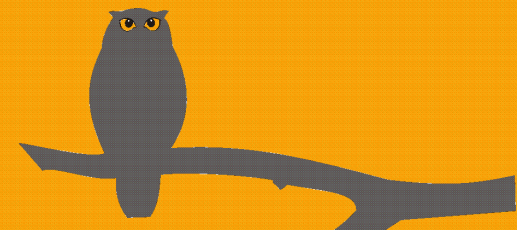


- This app is downloadable from the major app stores
 - It works like a radio by pushing a button
 - You can switch the channel on and off
- Link to other resources, like the WCCC (verification required)
 - Easy to take along with you
 - Can use it even if you are out of the area
 - Battery and data usage



OH Watch Members

- not linked to any resources, only members
- remember to keep the channel switched on
 - radio protocol applies
 - password protected
- Testing phase before linking up to our OH Watch frequency



Thank you!

Any questions?

Hear you on the radio network 😊

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