Welcome
Oranjezicht Higgovale Neighbourhood Watch AGM

14th of May 2015
6th Anniversary
Watchful Eyes, Safer Streets
Our community – our shared responsibility
Welcome and Acknowledgement of Support

OH Watch does not operate in isolation, but is one part in a group of entities working together to build and strengthen our community and improve our safety and security.

- SAPS Central station management and Sector Managers Sergeant Bussey and Knight
- Community Police Forum Nicola Jowell
  - ADT and the WatchCom Team
  - City Bowl Armed Response
  - Sister neighbourhood watches
    - Friends of De Waal Park
- City of Cape Town Councillors, Law Enforcement, Metro Police
  - Social Worker LaRochelle Muller
    - TMNP Hilton Blumeris
    - OKCID Marius and Marc
Looking back on the last year:
Operations

We conducted and joined several operations.

We team up with SAPS, our neighbouring watches and other security service providers to be strong in numbers and resources. Looking at patterns in crime, a strategy is implemented. During this year’s operations no crime was reported in these areas.

Patrolling, operations and being vigilant are the best way to prevent crime.
OH Watch is represented at meetings with SAPS and other security entities.

• Station Crime Combatting Forum
• Community Police Forum
• Sector 2 and 5 sub forum meetings
Radio Network Training
And
Patrol Training

• A radio is much more than a panic button
• Become confident in using the radio and know available resources on our channel
• we emphasis the advantage of being part of a support network
Radio network news

• Reprogramming of OH Watch frequency, a routine procedure to keep track of who has access to our network

• Zello integration to our OH Watch radio network

• Walkie Talkie app for smartphones

• Does not replace ordinary radios, as top up

• Our goal is to grow the network, get more members to use it to the full potential, building a radio community
Fundraiser and community event, using and enjoying the beautiful spaces of our neighbourhood
Hot Spots: Monitor and report Vagrancy and car guards

- De Waal Park
- Van Riebeck Park
- Behind Gardens Centre
- Higgo, above Kloof street
- Above flower sellers, Upper Orange
Support NGOs that find long term and sustainable solutions for homeless people instead of paying car guards or giving hand-outs.

Last year OH Watch donated to Haven Night Shelter, the year before we donated parcels to Straatwerk.

Cape Town Partnership have the Give Responsibly Campaign, there are many other initiatives.
Connect the Community
By sharing information on

Crime prevention
Crime trends
Crime intelligence
Report, report, report
Incidents
Hot Spots
LPR Licence Plate Recognition

Continuous maintenance, fine tuning and upgrades are performed on the system.

How to request footage search:

Email cameras@ohwatch.co.za
Including a SAPS case number
Two ways to use the LPR system

1. If a vehicle is positively connected to a crime incident, it will be loaded to the system to trigger an alert if it is detected by the camera. This information comes from all over the WC.

2. After a crime has occurred, with information on exact time, vehicle description, direction of travel etc. a search of LPR footage could identify the vehicle and link it to the crime.
How the LPR system works

1. Cameras are located at entry and exit points of our area. They scan number plates of passing vehicles.

2. If a number plate of a wanted vehicle is detected by the system, an SMS and email alert is sent to specified recipients.

3. There are different levels of alerts:
   L1 confirmed crime with SAPS case number
   L2 confirmed crime, no case number
   L3 suspicious activity
LPR Licence Plate Recognition

We need volunteers

• to assist with searches and get involved with related crime research as well as SAPS liaison
• patrollers receiving and responding to alerts
Office

Sharing office space with DPV
On premises of
Good Hope Seminary
Junior School
21 Vredehoek Avenue

Rouvanne and Jamie as part time staff.
Both have an extensive NHW background.
Phone 021 461 2937 (not for emergencies)
Office

- Capturing crime info and trends
- Radios
- Members communication and information
- Keep our records up to date
OH Watch Finances for period ending 30 September 2014

AFS available on request
Treasurer Jennifer Anderson
OH Watch Finances

- OH Watch raises funds to meet ongoing expenses which benefit our neighbourhood

- All expenses approved by OH Watch Exco

- Chair and Treasurer jointly responsible for bank transactions

- Regular reporting to OH Watch Exco. Large transactions require Exco sign off.

- Financial statements drawn up by Moore Stephens for 12 months ended 30 September 2014
Financial highlights
October 2013 – September 2014

**Revenue R235 800**

- Income from - Gifts & Donations of R32 520
- Income from paid Subscriptions of R69 350
- Net Income from Heritage Day 2014 R15 580
- Income from sales Radios and batteries R38 650
- Income from sales Signage R5 000
- Interest earned R9 135
- Overall expenses for the year of R217 960
- Current assets (cash) as at 30 September 2014 R61 800
Expenses 2013/2014

Your generosity has been used to fund expenses of **R217 960**:

- **Accounting Fees**: Moore Stephens Annual Financial Statement Preparation
- **Bank Charges**: FNB fees
- **Event Expenses**: Heritage Day and Annual General Meeting 2013
- **LPR data Management**: LPR system maintenance Greg Marzio
- **Radios and Licenses**: Radios & spare battery stock - Annual radio license fee to ICASA
- **Printing & Stationery**: OH Watch boards for residents, AGM boards, AFS copies
- **Security and Patrol Training**: Andre Frey Patrols
- **Social Responsibility**: Straatwerk end of year food parcels for 220 people
- **Website hosting and domain**
Annual OH Watch Membership Subs Now Due

The recommended subscription donation is R300

This is an important funding source which assists with our ongoing expenses and is greatly appreciated. However it is a donation and voluntary.

Thank you to households who have contributed.
Feedback received from members is that they don’t know when the subs are due or when they have last paid
  • Only 20% of member households paid on average
  • One of our residents, Toby Hewlett has offered us to use the Billdozer system free of charge

‘Subscription donation requests’ were emailed to around 800 subscribers, which resulted in about 25% of members paying after first email
  • ‘Donation request’, not an invoice
  • It also supplied us with valuable information for updating our database
2015 budget needs forecast

Monthly budget items include:
• Website hosting & domain charge, bank charges
• Repeat orders of 2-way radios, batteries and signboards
• Salaries for office staff (six month trial)
• Shared office expenses (six month trial) internet, electricity, stationary

Once off items:
• LPR system maintenance and upgrading
• Zello integration to the OH Watch radio channel
• UPS for WatchCom radio and backup battery for repeater
Crime trends and info

OH Watch gathers this information from various sources: Meetings, radio network, report on website, social media, patrol, whatsapp etc.

Check the website OHWatch.co.za
• A map added to see where the crime happens
• Every reported crime will be listed individually with a description
Period April 2014 to March 2015

- Total incidents unchanged 600 (last year 609, 2012 469)
  - Theft out of Vehicles down 8% 322 (last year 349)
  - Housebreaking unchanged 185 (last year 187)
  - Robberies up 74% 66 (last year 38, 2012 26)

- Robberies have now increased 150% in 2 years
- Very quiet winter months, but big increase in summer months (last year more evenly spread)
Crime Information 2014/15

- Theft from Vehicle
- Housebreaking
- Theft of Vehicle
- Robbery
- 2013/14

Month-by-Month Breakdown:
- April: [Values]
- May: [Values]
- June: [Values]
- July: [Values]
- August: [Values]
- September: [Values]
- October: [Values]
- November: [Values]
- December: [Values]
- January: [Values]
- February: [Values]
- March: [Values]
Where does crime take place?

- Kloof (57) and Mill (32) Streets by far the highest number of incidents
- **Top 12 streets:** Kloof, Mill, Hof, Belmont, Camp, Upper Buitenkant, St Quintons, Orange, Breda, Hiddingh, Union, Upper Orange (42% of total)
- **Top 5 for Robbery:** Kloof, Mill, Upper Orange, Orange, Upper Buitenkant
- **Top 6 for Housebreaking:** Kloof, Orange, Upper Buitenkant, Hof, Belmont, Chesterfield
- **Top 5 for Vehicle crimes:** Mill, Kloof, Hof, Breda, Camp
This is our vision:

OH Watch has many members. However, we do not have enough actively involved residents. Crime is rising, resources are limited. Reporting suspicious activity is no longer enough, as it is often not successfully followed up.

We can make a difference by becoming part of the resources. Build a strong network and helping each other out. Strength lies in numbers.
Responding

Imagine a community with twenty members online at any time, able to assist and respond to any call.

We have to be this network. Nobody is going to do it for us.

Example: Crow Bar incident prevented
Patrolling

A handful of patrollers each do an hour per week.

Imagine a neighbourhood with hundred patrollers, each patrolling two hours per week, being able to cover a vast area for most of the time.

Patrolling, being eyes and ears in the community is the best way to prevent crime.
Being vigilant

Imagine a neighbourhood with connected residents, who are aware and question if they see something unusual. They share this information with the network and can identify or prevent possible crime.

Example: surf boards/flat screen TV
LPR Alerts

Imagine criminals entering the area, being surrounded by ten vehicles within minutes of the Licence Plate Recognition System sending out an alert.

Example: muggers in OH/DPV surrounded 8 min after entering area again
What glues all of this together is a strong radio network. Power lies in numbers.
The OH Watch Exco:

Veronika Keuker
Sheryl Ozinsky
Barbara Futerman-Malaise
JJ Pennet
Craig Braun
Rob Kading
Jennifer Anderson
David Spence

We need more members to join the Exco and welcome any further candidates or nominations. Speak to us if you are keen.
OH Watch AGM Raffle

Luxury hamper
Including
Items to the value of over R 3000

Please support us by purchasing a ticket or two for R 50
Proceeds going towards upgrade of our radio network: Zello and UPS
OH Watch Awards
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WatchCom Operators

Daniel
Delmaine
Priscilla
WatchCom

• Coordination of existing resources
• Direct radio contact with OH Watch
  • 24/7 365 days a year
  • Sponsored by ADT and Remax
• For residents of the City Bowl
  • 021 422 4222
OH Watch Awards

Nicola Jowell
CPF Chair
Community Police Forum

Building and strengthening the connection and relationship between the community and SAPS.

Nicola has intricate understanding of the concerns of the community on the one hand as well as the possibilities and challenges of SAPS on the other hand. She is the liaison between the two and therefore a valuable asset for City Bowl NHW and SAPS.
OH Watch Awards

Rina Steele
For many years Rina has been taking care that all staff members of Rosedene Guest House are trained in being vigilant, using the radio and hosting radio checks. Many suspicious characters have been reported and followed up on. As General Manager of Rosedene, she generously accommodates training sessions, coffee and tea for our patrollers and donates vouchers as prizes and incentives to our members.
OH Watch Awards

Tielman Hauman
OH Watch Awards

Tielman is a very resourceful volunteer.

As tree expert in De Waal Park and dog owner, he always has his radio with him on his movements in the neighbourhood.

Proactively involved on the radio network, our fundraising at the OZCF market and AGM preparation, Tielman has contributed greatly to OH Watch.
OH Watch Awards

Our two SAPS sector managers
Sergeant Knight and Sergeant Bussey
OH Watch Awards

OH Watch is covered by parts of two SAPS sectors.

Sergeant Knight (Sector 5) and Sergeant Bussey (Sector 2) work with our community, knowing of the concerns and assisting wherever they can.

Being on duty during our operations and building the relationship with us is greatly appreciated.
We say Thank You for supporting our AGM to:
Support for our AGM
Support for our AGM
Radio network training

There is a **difference** in
• reporting (mostly by phone) a matter and then leaving the scene, no longer available as witness (often no successful follow through)
  and
• Sharing an incident with a network and being part of the follow up and follow through (much higher probability of success)