



■ Devil's Peak Vredehoek Neighbourhood Watch chairperson, Nicola Jowell, addresses the community.



■ Advocate Andrew Brown was the guest speaker at the annual general meeting.



■ Sector manager Captain Zuzile James.

Devil's Peak watch a 'huge success'

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Community participation has been identified as the factor which has most contributed to the success of the Devil's Peak Vredehoek Neighbourhood Watch. About 300 residents packed the Herzlia School hall in Highlands to attend the annual general meeting of the DPV Watch, which was established about 15 months ago.

The agenda included addresses by advocate Andrew Brown and sector manager Cap-

tain Zuzile James.

Chairperson Nicola Jowell said the attendance was record-breaking but that the majority of the 4 000 homes in the area relied on a minority of DPV Watch members to keep crime at bay.

Ms Jowell said at one stage there were three to four criminal activities recorded a day but now the incidents average three a week.

"We are a really hard-working, dedicated team and put a lot of time and effort into keeping our

neighbourhood safe but if we don't get more help, the executive committee members will burn out," said Ms Jowell.

Together we can reduce the crime rate to zero'

Captain James said Cape Town Central police have a good rela-

tionship with the DPV Watch.

"They help us by notifying us of suspicious people or vehicles, or incidents in the area.

"We work very well with them," he said.

Captain James said the two-way handheld radios has helped maintain communication channels between the police and residents.

"They contact us using the radios, which is very useful," he said.

Captain James encouraged the community to be observant and

report suspicious incidents to the police.

"Together we can reduce the crime rate to zero," said Ms Jowell.

To report incidents, residents in sector 2, which consists of Devil's Peak, Gardens, Oranjezicht and Vredehoek, can call the patrolling vehicle on 082 411 2310 or Captain James on 082 302 0274.

For more information about the Devil's Peak Vredehoek Neighbourhood Watch you can visit www.dpvwatch.co.za

What's On

Family History Society meeting

The Cape Town Family History Society will be holding its next meeting on Saturday November 21, at St John's Church Wynberg, starting at 2.15pm. David Slingsby will discuss South Africa at war in Africa during WW1. Entry for non-members is R10. Take your war artefacts for the show and tell table. Visit www.family-history.co.za and to RSVP email David Slingsby on davidslingsby@telkomsa.net or call 021 715 5104 or Lucille le Roux on email lucilleleroux@absamail.co.za or phone 021 7831854.

ARO AGM

The Animal Rescue Organisation will be holding its annual general meeting on Saturday November 21, at 10am at 5 Olieboom Road, Schaapkraal. Call 021 396 5511 for details.

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