

# SSNWatch

Newsletter | April 2021



## Partners in Policing

SSNWatch continues to strengthen our relationships with key partners in our fight against crime. We welcomed Renaldo Gouws (Ward 2 councillor) on one of our evening patrols. Renaldo forms a strategic link between SSNWatch and the Nelson Mandela Bay Metro and has been active in highlighting our security challenges to the decision makers in the municipality and creating a platform where we can constructively engage and address the ever-increasing challenges we face. Thank you to Renaldo for the support!

As SSNWatch we cannot be effective without the support of the team at SAPS Humewood and the Metro Police department. SSNWatch reports to the Humewood CPF and enjoys a symbiotic relationship with SAPS in that SSNWatch provides continuous "live" information and extends the resources of SAPS.

Many of the incidents reported to SSNWatch fall outside of the mandate of SAPS and within the responsibility of the Metro Police. In this regard, we have focused on connecting with the relevant senior department officials and are confident that these efforts will continue to bear fruit.

We look forward to growing our partnerships from strength to strength.



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*"How wonderful it is  
that nobody need wait  
a single moment  
before starting to  
improve the world."  
- Anne Frank*



As SSNWatch continues to grow, we are increasingly aware that crime prevention and community security cannot be positively impacted in isolation of other community dynamics. We are also experiencing the significant positive difference a well organised and dedicated community can have.

With this in mind, we would like to gauge interest in forming the Summerstrand Improvement Task Team (SUMMITT) independent of the SSNWatch. This will allow the SSNWatch to focus on crime related activities within our community and support SUMMITT in this area. SSNWatch would then enter an MoU in support.

SUMMITT could then focus on the broader upliftment of the suburb in other area including amongst others:

- Public Private Partnerships (PPP's)
- Municipal infrastructure (beach cleaning, street cleaning, streetlights, road maintenance, bush clearing)
- Community facilities (parks, running/walking trails)
- Socio-economic challenges (unemployment, homelessness)
- Environmental Awareness (recycling drives, clean-up programmes)
- Sport development
- Learner support
- Elderly support
- Emotional well-being

If you are interested in being involved in this initiative, please send an email to [summitt2021@gmail.com](mailto:summitt2021@gmail.com) detailing how you would like to support. If there is enough interest, we will arrange an online session to take this forward.

You can find SUMMITT on Facebook.

## Sharpening the Saw

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With the negative socio-economic climate and the resultant unemployment, we have seen a significant increase in the numbers of homeless and unemployed persons in our neighbourhood, most of whom are merely trying to survive.

Unfortunately, this situation has caused an influx of opportunistic criminals resulting in an increase in robberies, threats against residents and infringement of various bylaws.

As SSNWatch we continue to improve in everything we do. We have had to increase our vigilance and improve our systems in response. We have built tools to assist our patrollers in quickly identifying repeat offenders and this has already had positive results and arrests. Please report any suspicious behaviour on the SSNWatch Telegram CRG until Buzzer is up and running again.

We will continue to build partnerships, empower our patrollers and improve technological capacities and with your support meet the increase in criminal activity head on.



## Our superheroes

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As usual our patrollers were in top form during April with recoveries of stolen property and multiple arrests! Since forming SSNWatch we have logged over 2000 hours patrolling our streets and making a difference. Please think about signing up and joining this amazing brotherhood.



## CCTV Project Update

Through your support, the SSNWatch CCTV project is gaining momentum with 3 installations on the go. One is fully operational, the second installation planned for this week and the third awaiting fabrication and galvanising of the supports.

You can support this programme by providing a space, power and internet on your property; donating towards installations or offering your time to monitor the cameras. Please email [ssnwatch@gmail.com](mailto:ssnwatch@gmail.com) if you are interested.

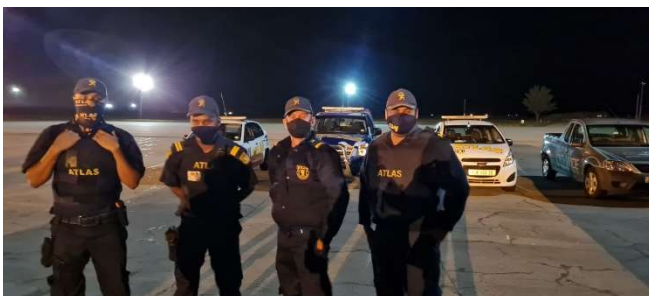


## Thank you to our security partners



FADT, ATLAS and Citywide continue to support SSNWatch by providing armed response to incidents. Without the security companies, SSNWatch would not be able to be as effective as we have been to date.

The professional team at the CIC control centre sponsored by FADT continue to provide guidance to SSNWatch and assistance with coordinating responses to incidents.



## Quick Stats



**Crime reporting group:**  
556



**Members:**  
196



**Patrollers:**  
76

## Contact Us

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