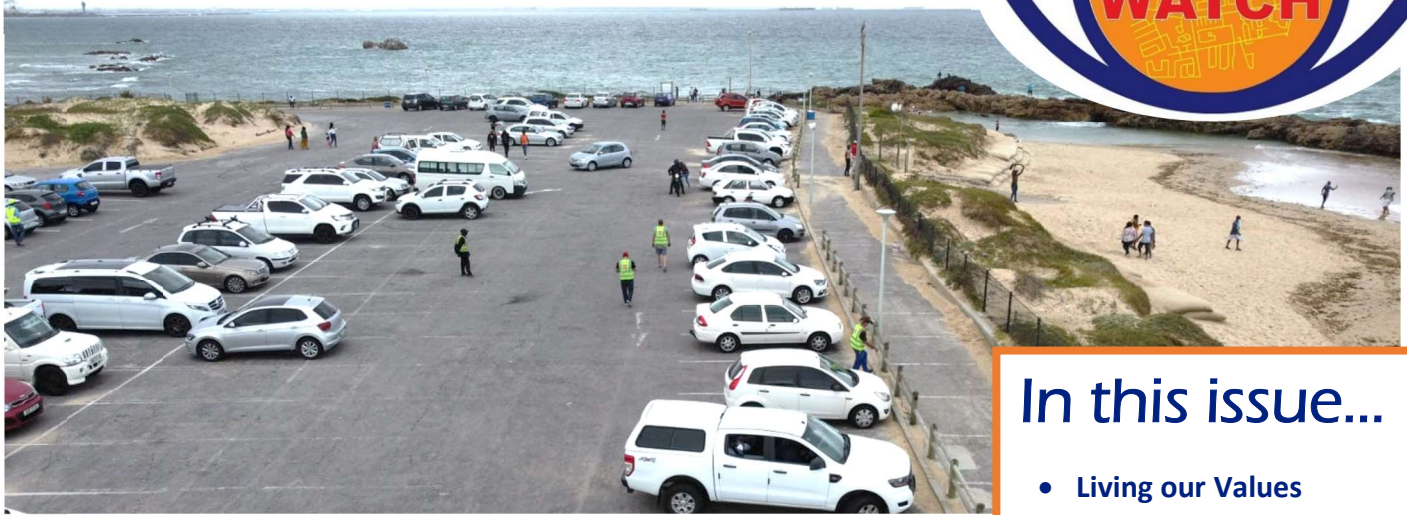


SSNWatch

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Living our Values

Our vision and values provide a clear purpose and direction informing our goals and priorities. This month, we are focussing on our **SERVE** value. As expanded below, **serving our community is our priority**.

Our residents **feel safe** and have **no fear** of crime. They are safe at home and at school and they enjoy an active community life free of fear. Women can walk freely in the streets and children can play safely outside.

- adapted from the NDP Vision 2030

- SSNWatch Vision Statement

In this light, we are proud to be part of the Humewood CPF and fully support their initiative to provide gifts to the abused children's home.



- SSNWatch Values

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"Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about. Be kind. Always."

- Robin Williams



If you would like to support this worthy cause, please contact us and we will connect you to the CPF Exco.

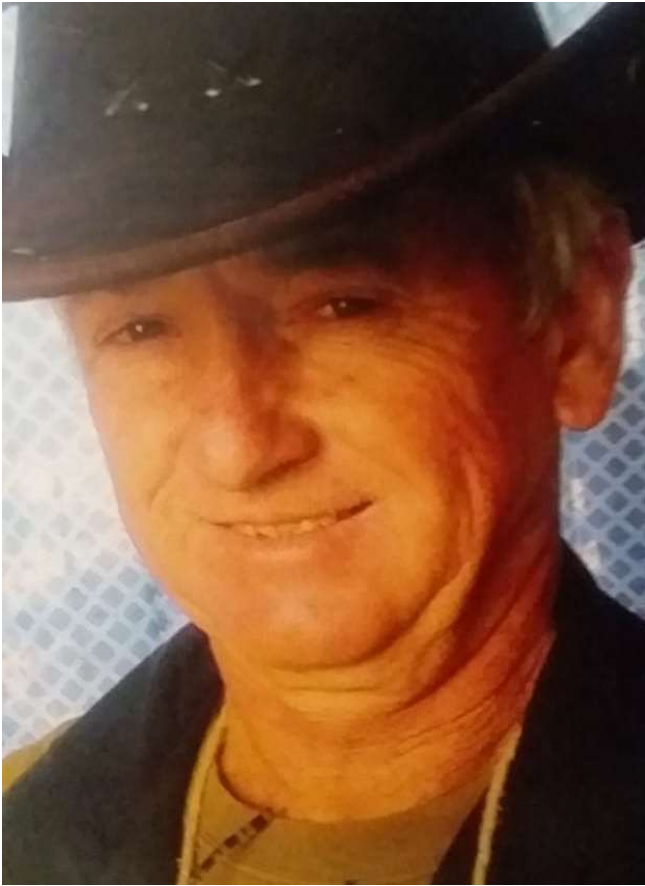


- Humewood CPF EXCO delivering gifts



- Humewood CPF EXCO wrapping gifts

Humewood's lone ranger 🤠



We would like to acknowledge the dedication of Hannes from our neighbouring Humewood suburb. We first met Hannes when he decided that he would not allow the attacks on early morning joggers at the “S-bends” to continue. He parked his white bakkie at the s-bends every morning without fail, putting an end to the attacks. This inspired others and our security partners to be visible in this area. Hannes also frequently supports the SSNwtch with our patrols and special operations. We salute you Hannes and encourage the Humewood residents to join with Hannes to secure your neighbourhood.

Scan the code to
join the Humewood
Crime Reporting
Group.



Well done SENW 🙌



Well done to Emile Hallaby, chairman: South End Neighbourhood Watch (SENW), who with Mayor Nqaba Bhanga's security detail, apprehended suspected cable thieves along the N2 Freeway.



SAPS commends NW's

SSNWatch, South End Neighbourhood Watch and Hannes from Humewood received Certificates of Appreciation for excellent work performance, service delivery and dedication from Brigadier Bentley (Station Commander: Humewood SAPS). We continue to support SAPS in crime reporting and prevention and grow the partnerships with the security structures in the city.

We appreciate the acknowledgement of the impact that the SSNWatch has had in Summerstrand in a short space of time. We cannot however get complacent as we must continually work to protect our neighbourhood. We cannot do this on our own and need the support of all residents in this mission.

There is a role for every person from patrolling to marketing, social media to administration. Together we can push back against the increase in crime in our neighbourhoods and realise the vision of an active community free of fear.



To sign up as a member, please contact us at ssnwatch@gmail.com or whatsapp Sean Tappan (chairman: SSNWatch) on 083 278 3772.

Acknowledging our heroes



Our patrollers are the most important part of SSNWatch. We are blessed to have a dedicated team that is willing to donate their time and vehicles to keep our neighbourhood safe.

Our goal is to have at least two patrollers on duty at any time of the day or night. In order to achieve this and be even more effective in deterring criminals, we need more volunteers to sign up. We ask for at least two hours of your time a month which is a small investment is making a difference in your community.

All patrollers receive training, decals to identify their vehicles and identification to be highly visible and distinguish them to SAPS, Metro Police and the security companies. Thank you to our community for the financial support which enables us to equip our patrollers.

We would like to highlight two of the many incidents where our patrollers have again shown their commitment. The first situation was when the beachfront recently experienced an influx of over 1000 young people.



Our patrollers were first in scene where the homeless person passed away and apprehended the 2 robbery suspects.

The second incident involved a young girl that went missing in the Gomery sector. SSNWatch quickly mobilised our patrollers and set up base at the parent's home supported by search and rescue. Fortunately, the girl was found in the dead-end section of Strandfontein within 15 mins. Well done to our patrollers!



Identifying suspicious persons and vehicles

Identifying suspicious persons and vehicles is an integral component of crime fighting activities. Please study the images below to familiarise yourself and your families in what features are important to note when reporting. This will assist the SSNWatch and our partners to be more effective in tracking suspicious persons and vehicles.

You can report suspicious activities via the Telegram Crime reporting Group or by downloading and using the Buzzer app.



Priority Project

The undeveloped area off Gomery Avenue is increasingly becoming an area of concern. We have had incidents where crimes have taken place and suspects have fled into the bush where they are harder to track. We have seen an increase in robberies and attempted robberies at the Gomery / Alashan corner.



The SSNWatch has also recently uncovered evidence of cable theft which has been reported to the relevant NMBM department. We have met with NMBM officials on site and pointed out the areas to them.

We have also recently had an incident where a homeless couple was stabbed in the bush in the early hours of the morning. The husband managed to escape and was sighted by Blu Bay Security at the Strandfontein / Gomery intersection. SSNWatch and the security companies were notified and quickly responded. The male victim had lost a lot of blood and an ambulance was called to the scene. The male victim indicated that his wife had also been attacked and was still in the bush area.

SNWatch, FADT and ATLAS commenced a search of the bush area for the other victim. She was fortunately discovered unconscious but still breathing. She had stab wounds and our patrollers quickly stopped the bleeding and dressed the wound until the ambulance arrived. Besmed ambulance service managed to stabilise both victims and transport them to hospital.



We have formulated a strategy with support from SAPS and the security companies to target this area. Patrols into this area and surrounds have been increased and surveillance technology employed to collect evidence and prevent further

escalation of incidents in this area. If you notice any suspicious activity in this area, please report it immediately.

Please be vigilant in this area. NMBM has assisted with removing temporary structures from this area to dissuade squatters from setting up permanent structures. We encourage residents not to enter this area for your own safety.



Thank you to our security partners

A special thank you to FADT, ATLAS and Citywide who have provided an excellent armed response service whenever we call for support. The professional team at the CIC control centre sponsored by FADT are always on call to guide us and assist with coordinating a response to an incident.

Thank you to our residents who support these service providers.



Quick Stats



Crime reporting group:
534



Members:
188



Patrollers:
70

Contact Us

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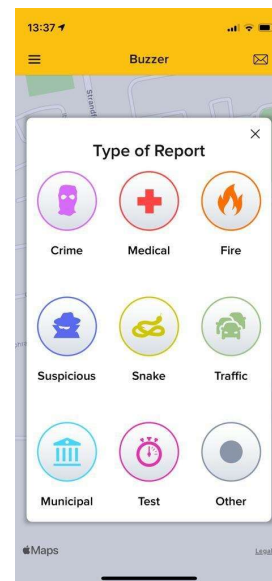
Scan the code to become a member:



Please support our social media accounts, [@SSNWatch](#), by giving us a like.



Remember to install the Buzzer App which is paid for by the SSNWatch but free to Summerstrand residents. This is the quickest way to get help in an emergency or to report suspicious behaviour, snakes on your property etc. You can find the Buzzer app in your android or apple app store.



*Together
we are
stronger*
