



# KLEINMOND STREET WATCH ANNUAL REPORT MAY 2022

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Despite dealing with various challenges, the past year has been a successful one. The following factors contributed to the challenges we faced:

- \* effect of COVID-19;
- \* too few patrol members;
- \* law enforcement, and especially the poor co-operation amongst different institutions;
- \* poor support from the Department of Community Safety (DOCS).

The following are some of the highlights of a successful year:

- \* decline in crime, particularly as concerns burglaries in our area;
- \* tremendous support given by our members during the recent devastating mountain fire;
- \* the ability of the very successful operational arm of KSW in patrolling our streets at night;
- \* support given to Proteadorp to establish their own neighbourhood watch.

## 1. Organisation of KSW

The KSW management body meets regularly to discuss the following:

- 1.1 criminal activity and statistics;
- 1.2 Kleinmond Special Ratings Area (KSRA);
- 1.3 financial matters and appointment of auditors;
- 1.4 patrol reports and statistics;
- 1.5 JOCOM and CPF;
- 1.6 co-opting of committee members;
- 1.7 management of stock;
- 1.8 DOCS matters;
- 1.9 Proteadorp neighbourhood watch;
- 1.10 communication.

## 2. Kleinmond patrollers

Membership of KSW does *not* automatically make you a member of a patrol group.

Prospective members must:

- \* accept a prescribed code of conduct;
- \* sign an indemnity form;
- \* obtain police clearance.

Patrol members use their own vehicles when performing their duties, but they are entitled to claim refunds to cover their costs. It must also be noted that patrol members contribute greatly to the ongoing decline of crime in our area.

A sincere word of thanks to Jan van der Meulen who - under trying circumstances – plans, co-ordinates and communicates the various patrol schedules.

## 3. JOCOM

KSW – together with the police, security and safety institutions, other relevant bodies in the Kleinmond, Betty's Bay, Pringle Bay and Rooiels areas forms part of JOCOM. During

these meetings the opportunity is presented to each body to share information and raise matters.

It is, however, regrettable that these meetings do not live up to their full potential as attendance is erratic and there is a lack of co-operation amongst the various institutions/bodies.

#### 4. Community Policing Forum (CPF)

Johan Carstens represented KSW at these meetings and reported back to the committee in respect of local safety and security.

#### 5. Municipal Ward 9

Johan Carstens represented KSW at these meetings and reported back to the committee in respect of development and any other relevant matters.

#### 6. Contingency Plan

Some minor adjustments were made to the Contingency Plan during a meeting of the role-players, and the success of these was witnessed during the recent mountain fires. This is also a suitable forum in which we want to thank Gustave Erlank and congratulate him on the effectiveness of the Contingency Plan.

#### 7. Finances

Sincere thanks to John Tanton – and now also to Andre Pentz – for the meticulous attention to the management of KSW funds. We are privileged to have persons of their calibre on our committee.

#### 8. Kleinmond Special Rating Area (KSRA)

The KSRA was initiated by KSW, and now functions as an independent NPC under the excellent auspices of Vic Brink and the KSRA Board. It has already added value to the safety and beautification of Kleinmond.

#### 9. Proteadorp Street Watch

Proteadorp decided to form their own Neighbourhood Watch and register as such with DOCS. Our thanks to Jan van der Meulen who assisted them during this process.

#### 10. Mountain fires

Our grateful thanks to the KSW members who, under the leadership of Jan van der Meulen, so ably assisted during this disaster. Special thanks too, to Gustave Erlank for his leadership and co-ordination of the various actions.

#### 11. Thank You

The police and security companies acknowledge that KSW contributes hugely to containing crime in Kleinmond. A special word of thanks is owed to our committee members, and notably:

- \* John Tanton, who has served our committee diligently for many years, and who has now decided to pass on the baton;
- \* Johan Carstens, vice chairperson, who recently relocated to Cape Town;
- \* Vic Brink, secretary, many thanks for your selfless dedication and service to KSW and Kleinmond. Vic is the current chairperson of KSRA and is also involved in a number of

other organisations in the area. He has decided to take a step back from KSW and focus his efforts on fewer matters, but primarily on the Special Ratings Area (SRA).

\* Sonja Jones, whose work commitments have necessitated that she steps away from KSW for now.

In closing: We are truly indebted to the commitment and effort of each and every KSW committee member, the support of Kleinmond residents and businesses, and the volunteers of our operational arm who give freely of their time and energy to be part of the patrollers.