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From the desk of the Station Commissioner

Assistant Commissioner Oswald D Reddy

I am happy to report that great progress has been made in respect of the new Operational Centre being erected at the Honey Dew Police Station despite a delay caused by the excessive rains and the Easter Holidays. The structure has been erected and both the power and IT lines are being installed. The Station has also been selected to pilot the SAPS new "edocket" electronic docket. I have initiated another project between the Honey Dew Police and "Warrior Sport Martial Arts" to train Police Officers in basic Martial Arts and Self Defence which will begin during May 2008.



Commissioner O D Reddy with Isabel Louw from Roadlink and Dr. Graham Wright from BAC at the sod turning ceremony for the new Operations Centre.

Senior Superintendent Gerrie van Rooyen who was the Station's Head of Crime Prevention before being deployed to Wierdebrug as Station Commissioner has been redeployed to Honey Dew since 2008-04-01. He has been cordially welcomed by the Community Police Forum and Station Management and personnel. The 15 students will be deployed at the crime prevention unit over the next two months.

Despite various arrests and good successes, the Trio Crime situation for March 2008 is not encouraging. There has been an **increase in House and Business Robberies** and only Hijackings have decreased. The top 3 suburbs targeted are **Randpark Ridge, Weltevreden Park, and Cosmo City**. The items that are taken are mainly Plasma Screen TV's, DVD and Video players, cameras, cellphones and other easily disposable valuable items including jewellery. There appear to be 4 criminal groups targeting Honey Dew. The first group come from Tembisa and Ivory Park area and target Weltevreden Park, Randpark Ridge, Northworld and Sundowner. They are suspected to be Mozambicans and have taken vehicles during the robberies. These vehicles with tracking devices have been recovered in that area. Their modus operandi is to climb over fences into homes with unlocked doors, hide in bushes close to remote gates and enter once the owner enters the premises, hold up people having a braai, etc and sometimes break into the premises whilst the family is asleep. Crime Intelligence has been tasked to gather intelligence on this group and joint Police Operations will be undertaken to try to arrest these suspects. The second group come from Kya Sands and target Cosmo City. It is suspected that they are also from Mozambique. Their modus operandi is to remove windows which do not have burglar proofing on them to gain entry into houses whilst the residents are asleep. A few suspects of the group have been arrested. Crime Intelligence has also been tasked to gather intelligence on these suspects. Joint Police Operations are being undertaken between Honey Dew and Douglasdale Police to try to arrest the outstanding suspects.

The third group come from Soweto esp. Orlando, Emdeni, Zola and Dobsonville. This group targets Little Falls, Strubensvalley, Ruimsig, Weltevreden Park and Randpark Ridge. Their modus operandi



The convoy of the containers which will form part of the new Operational Centre en route to the Honey Dew Police Station.

is to ring door bells and pretend to be from the Electricity Dept, Pool Repairs, Telephone repairs, plumbers, etc to gain entry into the premises. They usually target domestic workers or gardeners and residents. Arrests have been made and property recovered, however suspects are still outstanding. Vehicles with tracking devices have been recovered in the area where these suspects come from.

The fourth group come from Alexandra and target the Weltevreden Park and Randpark Ridge areas. This group also climb over fences and enter premises with unlocked doors and security gates. Vehicles with tracking devices have been recovered in Alex. This group is now targeting other Precincts and have not been in the area for over three weeks. These suspects are still being sought by the Task Team.

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The surge in business robberies is focused on chain stores and garages within the area. Armed gangs of up to 15 suspects enter the supermarket and commit the robbery. It is evident that in many of these cases, the suspects had inside information and help. They know who the managers are and also where safes are kept which the general public do not know.

Security hints will be provided on a regular basis at the CPF meeting, through pamphlets and via The Informer to warn and assist residents on measures that can be taken to protect yourselves and your property from these criminals.

Residents can assist the Police by being vigilant and ensuring basic safety precautions are taken whilst at home e.g. locking security doors, activating alarms when appropriate, installing security gates separating the bedrooms from the rest of the house. Do not allow service providers into your premises without proper identification and verification of information. It is also imperative that you possess photos and full identification of domestic workers, gardeners and others working within your premises. Do not leave the empty boxes of TV's, video, DVD players and hi-fi systems etc lying on the side of the road when being discarded. When leaving or returning home, scan the surroundings and act appropriately if suspicious persons or vehicles are within the vicinity.

The partnership between the Honeydew Police and the Security Companies is progressing well and will be more effective once the Operational Centre is completed.

We remain committed to stabilize and reduce the crime levels in the area and request your co-operation and support in the fight against crime.

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Please note that during load shedding/power failures, the only numbers that are operational are 011 795 1969 & 011 795 1960

THE HERO WITHIN



Asst. Comm. Oswald Reddy is seen with Dr. John Demartini

On 8th April 2008 Dr Demartini presented a motivational talk to SAPS members of Gauteng at Monte Casino. Dr Demartini is an expert in human behaviour who has written many books on this subject and was involved in developing "The Secret".

From the Chairman of the CPF Executive

John Baisley

I wish this month to thank the many residents that have in some way taken the time to support the CPF in their efforts in the partnership with the SAPS in the fight against crime.

Over the past few weeks we have seen a marked increase in the donations being received by private individuals, resident associations and businesses.

One area that needs a special mention is the large donation received from the pupils and parents of Trinity School. They wished to make a difference in the fight against crime by not only staging the recent march, but wanting to do something practical and long lasting. The monies raised will go largely to a sector police vehicle to only be used in that sector and a smaller portion of the funds to keep the trauma unit functioning.

Our trauma unit has become an integral part of the CPF/SAPS and Honeydew area. Many folk have got to know the value the volunteers of the trauma

unit add and how indispensable they are after a traumatic event. We have had folk come forward to volunteer their time as the trauma unit is stretched thin and all the members are volunteers.

Furthermore, I also requested we look at extra sector cars. I have had two sponsors come forward and so three cars will be hitting the streets soon. But we still need one more for our fourth sector.

In addition we have a sponsor for sign boards that will start going up listing the sector you live in and the sector cell phone number. Finally, thanks also to the sponsor that will be equipping the patrol members in Zandspruit.

The names of these sponsors will be made known shortly and I would request that you support them as they are prepared to put back into the community.

Various other initiatives are under way but to make these a reality we need your help. Please support us so we can help in achieving our vision of making Honeydew a safer place for all.

Over the last few weeks I have attended many meetings where residents have decided to do something about crime in their area as they or a neighbour have been affected by crime. Please do not wait for something to happen before taking a stand. We can beat the scourge but it takes time and effort and once an area takes a stand, a difference can be made. Also start with the little things. Keep your area neat and tidy, cut the grass, take down illegal advertising boards and have lights fixed. One speaks about the "broken window" approach but how about living it?

Together we will make a difference.

OPERATION DIVINE INTERVENTION



Lucas Potgieter (Chairman of ODI) addresses the representatives at the 1st Anniversary Tea.

On Saturday 19th April 2008 Operation Divine Intervention celebrated their 1st Anniversary by hosting a tea for all the churches in the Honeydew Precinct. Lucas Potgieter, the Chairman addressed the representatives from the various churches and emphasised the Vision and Mission which is "Crime Prevention through Divine Intervention". The aim is to mobilise all the congregations of all denominations ministering in the Honeydew Precinct to unitedly pray.



Representatives of church groups and the SAPS at the 1st Anniversary Tea.

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CRIME TIPS

HOW TO ENSURE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

- Have a visible street number on your gate
- Know your neighbourhood and draw upon available resources in your community such as friends, local police station, hospital and fire station.
- Get involved in your Community Police Forums
- Keep your house locked whether you are in or out.
- Don't leave your door unlocked for someone planning to come later.
- Don't let strangers into your home.
- If a stranger wants to use your phone, do not open the door. Dial the number on her behalf if you want to help.
- Make sure all the doors and windows are secured with burglar proofing or security gates.
- Install security lights in all the areas like carports, outside stairs, alleys and patios.
- Never employ a gardener or housekeeper without checking their references.
- Be aware of people loitering in residential streets. If they act suspiciously, call the police.

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARE AWAY FROM HOME

- Do not make your absence known when you are on holiday or even out at work or shopping.
- Use time switches, turn on lights, radios and other appliances when you are out. This will make it seem as though the house is occupied.
- Do not let your television or video show through the windows.
- Draw the curtains if you are going out for the evening.
- Get a friend or neighbour to look after your home when you are on holiday, to collect mail left in the letterbox, adjust curtains, sweep up leaves, even mow the lawn and generally make the house look lived in.
- Do not leave your house keys under the mat, dustbin, postbox etc.

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