

MINISTER REAGEN ALLEN HITS THE STREETS PATROLLING WITH NHW'S ACROSS THE WESTERN CAPE



▲ Minister Allen on patrol with NHWs in Somerset West on 25 May 2022.

The Western Cape Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety, Reagen Allen, committed to conducting patrols with at least 30 NHWs in his first 100 days in office.

To date Minister has visited a total of 40 NHWs which includes the following NHWs: Belgravia NHW, ATHCRAW NHW, Klipfontein Mission Station NHW, Bridgetown, Beechcraft NHW, Sizikhanyo NHW, Silvertown NHW, Salt River NHW, Observatory NHW, Woodstock NHW, U-watch NHW, Central Woodstock NHW, Victoria Park NHW, Lorencia Park NHW, Helderzich NHW, Figrove NHW, Macassar NHW, Leonsdale NHW, Avonwood NHW, Salbrau NHW, Norwood NHW, Ruyterwacht NHW, Matroosfontein NHW, Hyde Park NHW, Tafelsig East NHW, Tafelsig West NHW, Heideveld NHW, Watchful Eye NHW, Brothers for Justice NHW, Cathkin NHW, WBF NHW, Allison Court Watch, Duinefontein NHW, Silverstream NHW, Letaba NHW, Vredenburg NHW, Bosmanadam NHW, Voordorp NHW, Hillcrest NHW, Extension 13 NHW, Albert Luthuli NHW and Calitzdorp NHW.

"I cannot thank our volunteers from the various community structures enough for their commitment. These men and women are the true heroes of their communities and I applaud them for going the extra mile for and in their communities. It's pleasing to note how SAPS and other law enforcement agencies are supporting and assisting our volunteers, and how in certain instances the private security sector is also contributing to the fight against crime in this context. There is a definite opportunity to get a lot more participation from the broader private sector, as this talks to how we all, both public and private can play a bigger role in combatting crime." said Minister Reagen Allen.



◀ Minister Reagen Allen joined by the Mayor of the City of Cape Town, Geordin Hill-Lewis, and Alderman JP Smith on patrol with U-Watch, Woodstock and Salt River Neighbourhood Watch on 18 May 2022.



▲ Minister Allen on a NHW Patrol in Tafelsig on 4 May 2022.



▲ Minister Allen on patrol with NHWs in Elsies River on 18 May 2022.



▲ Minister Allen with members of the Calitzdorp NHW in July 2022.

NEED MORE INFORMATION RELATED TO NHWs?

Department of Community Safety operating hours and contact information:

- Operating office hours: 07:00 – 16:00
- Members of the public must email Neighbourhood.Watch@westerncape.gov.za to make an appointment
- Appointments will be scheduled on a first come first served basis
- Western Cape Government Contact Centre: 0860 142 142 (8am to 8pm)

FAQs

This feature aims to address questions you may have about the running and operations of your neighbourhood watch.

Are there any insurance policies for NHW structures?

Unfortunately, not, the nature of NHWs is such that it becomes financially unsustainable. Since NHW members are volunteers, they come and go all the time and therefore it would be very challenging financially. We must also remember that NHW volunteers are only “eyes and ears” and should never put themselves at risk to be harmed.

What is the difference between accredited and non-accredited NHW structures?

Accredited NHW structures are regulated in terms of Section 6 of the Western Cape Community Safety Act of 2013. By being accredited they are eligible to receive free training, resourcing, and funding from the Department of Community Safety (DoCS). The department has a memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Cape Town to only support accredited NHW structures. Therefore, by virtue of their accreditation, NHWs in the Metropole also qualify to be part of the City of Cape Town's projects that they roll out. Accredited structures are also more trustworthy as all their patrollers are screened by SAPS. Non-accredited structures are not recognized by the department and City of Cape Town.

Can't the Department populate a letter to banks to make it easier for banks to allow them to open accounts?

No, this is not possible as each bank has their own process to open an account. Presently we have a system of which we provide an “Entity BAS” form for banks to confirm structures have an account with a particular bank. This system has been in existence for some time and most banks are aware of government requirements. It is the prerogative of the structure to follow the processes of each bank to open an organisational account.

Can you patrol without being accredited; do you have the same rights as an accredited structure?

Accreditation with the Department is voluntary, and it does not mean you can't operate as a NHW. If you report the existence of your NHW and your intention to patrol to SAPS you can patrol. However, should you decide to become accredited with the department, there are many benefits for your NHW.

Can the R10 000 funding be used to pay for hospital bills if a member of the NHW gets injured on duty?

The funding of R10 000 provided to NHW structures is solely for administration cost, operational cost and only cost that will enhance the functionality of the NHW. The funding cannot be used for personal usage or to pay any person who does something for the NHW. We encourage NHWs to make use of government clinics and hospitals.

PORTERVILLE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH & PORTERVILLE PRIZIANO NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH PARTNERING TO CREATE A SAFER COMMUNITY



▲ The Porterville NHW and Priziano NHW were accredited in 2022, they are pictured above on bicycle patrol of the area. The NHW currently consists of 20 members and conducts crime prevention patrols in the community. During May 2022 the NHWs were also involved in Child Protection week initiatives which took place from 29 May to 4 June 2022.

EASTRIDGE NHW GAVE 67 MINUTES FOR MANDELA DAY

On Monday, 18 July 2022, in honour of Mandela Day, the Eastridge NHW along with the support of their sponsor Meraki Property Solutions created a soup meal pack for distribution to 150 families in the Eastridge community from the NHW base in Rietbok Street, Eastridge, Mitchell's Plain.



▲ The distribution of the soup mix to members of the community.



▲ Each jar of soup mix provides a meal for a family.



▲ From left: Shaheed Stander (Eastridge NHW Deputy Chairperson), Representative from Meraki Property Solutions, Colin De Hart (CPF Deputy Chairperson), Marco Boer (City of Cape Town NHW Co-ordinator), Jasmine Harris (CPF Member) and Deidre Petersen (Eastridge NHW Secretary)



▲ Members of the Eastridge NHW at their Mandela Day initiative on 18 July 2022.

GRASSY PARK COMMUNITY POLICE FORUM (CPF) LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN TO STOP ATTACKS

◀ On 10 March 2022 the Grassy Park Community Police Forum (CPF) launched a campaign called "STOP ATTACKS ON UNIFORM STAFF". The launch was attended by Carola NHW, Klip NHW, New Horizon's NHW and Buck Inn NHW from the Grassy Park and surrounding areas and they walked the streets with the uniformed first responders which included Ambulance Services, South African Police Service (SAPS), Provincial Traffic, City of Cape Town Fire and Rescue Service and Metro Police to bring awareness and to educate community members that these men and woman are here to help us and we need to show them respect by keeping them safe.



MONTAGUE NHW SUPPORTS EASTER WEEKEND ROADBLOCK

On 15 and 18 April 2022 the Montague NHW supported the Easter Weekend roadblock hosted by the SAPS alongside Provincial Traffic. The aim of the roadblock was to create visibility and awareness around safety matters. The roadblock was also supported by the CPF, SAPS Reservists and Security Services.



▲ A briefing held prior to the roadblock on 15 April 2022.



▲ Members of the Montague NHW alongside stakeholders involved in the roadblock on 15 April 2022.

CHILD PROTECTION MATTERS



▲ New Horizon Neighbourhood Watch members, Grassy Park Youth Desk Crime Prevention Unit, Grassy Park SAPS Station Commander, Colonel Laing and Grassy Park CPF.



▲ Station Commander Colonel Laing and Captain Wynita Kleinsmith taking the little one's fingerprints.

New Horizon Neighbourhood Watch in collaboration with the Grassy Park Youth Desk Crime Prevention Unit hosted the Child Protection Matters programme in the New Horizon Pelican Park community, offering the Fingerprint Drive to community members. The programme took place on Saturday 28th May 2022 at the New Horizon Neighbourhood Watch Feeding Soup Kitchen.

The aim of the programme was to shed light on missing person's and to share information about children that had gone missing, and sadly not found. The aim was to advocate for children's rights. The importance of having your child's fingerprints taken is to be prepared if any situation arises, this form can be provided to your nearest SAPS station to assist at a faster pace.

Importantly, community children have grown to fear the police. We wanted our children to see that the police are not to be feared upon. In this instance, we introduced the SAPS 10111 hand signal for young children. They were taught to always remember it for emergency reasons.

The distribution process entailed the children treated to a warm hearty cooked meal and receiving party pack treats with school essentials, such as shirts and shirts.

We are thankful for the turn up by parents bringing their children to be fingerprinted irrespective of the weather. It shows community spirit and that community members are taking back their streets by working together with safety agencies.

NEW HORIZON'S HOSTS MANDELA DAY MASS CLEAN UP

New Horizon NHW hosted a Mass Community Clean Up Operation for their 67 minutes for Mandela Day, on 18th July 2022 at 13h30pm. In attendance, was Alderman JP Smith Mayco Member for Safety and Security and Grassy Park SAPS Captain, Wynita Kleinsmith and Sergeant Adams.

The aim for the project was to get everyone involved in keeping their community and surrounding environment clean. Neighbourhood watches, organizations, and residents of New Horizon Pelican Park were invited to donate 67 minutes of their time for the initiative. For us to be proudly South African and initiate the transferring of values that our former president Nelson Mandela instilled is to firstly take pride in ourselves and in this instance protecting our environment. New Horizon Pelican Park have constant issues of illegal dumping on open fields taking place in early hours of the morning and evening.

On the 21 March 2022, New Horizon Neighbourhood Watch launched their illegal dumping pamphleteering campaign to promote educational awareness on the erosion of our environment caused by dumping. Operation clean ups are imperative and ongoing as it is closely related to the City of Cape Towns "broken window theory".

If you see something do something about it. Hence, why we are seeing our fields are being dumped with not only household refuse but rubble and old furniture too. It takes us as residents of the community to log illegal dumping complaints ourselves and often have to take it a step further by participating in cleanup operations. The City of Cape Town has made things so much easier by having the "My Cape Town App", which allows you to log any service request or emergency. You also get the C3 system which is available by means of using your cellphone. We need to empower ourselves to tackle these issues.

Illegal dumping and dirt associates closely with criminal activity. Where an open field containing dumping is, you find copper being burnt there; you find makeshift structures built from the materials dumped there. From one by-law broken it evolves into more criminal activity.

Our awareness is simple, stop dumping, take pride in your community and be proud of where you come from. We thank our Ward Councillor Gerry Gordon for assisting with the black bags and arranging for the dirt collected bags to be picked up.



▲ From left Neighbourhood Watch members Abduragman Ganief, Angelique Visser, Mariam Davids, resident Lameez Davids, Alderman JP Smith, Latiefa Alexander, Saadiqah Ganief and Kaylin Blaauw.



▲ Chairperson, Mariam Davids, addressing youth on the aim and history of providing 67 minutes of their time for a good cause.



▲ Community of New Horizon and children assisting in cleaning up of their area.

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RECOGNISING THE NEWLY ACCREDITED NHWs IN THE WESTERN CAPE

There are currently 490 accredited NHWs in the Western Cape. DoCS would like to congratulate and recognise the following newly accredited NHWs:

Active NHW, Atlantis
Amity Way Street Watch, Lansdowne
Belhar Ext 7, Belhar
Belmont Park NHW, Kraaifontein
Beverley Park NHW, Kleinvlei
Bloekombos Crime Stop NHW, Kraaifontein
Blue Sky NHW, Delft
Bothasig NHW, Bothasig
Broadlands Park NHW, Strand
Brooklyn Ysterplaat NHW, Maitland
Cobra Crime Fighters NHW, Atlantis
Community Protection Unity Patrol, Delft
Coniston Park NHW, Muizenberg
Court Busters NHW, Atlantis
Dan Sandi NHW, Mfuleni
Darling NHW, Darling
Delft Anti Crime Team NHW, Delft
Devon Park NHW, Kleinvlei
Duinefontein NHW, Manenberg
E Section NHW, Ocean View
Eagle Eyes NHW, Manenberg
East Ridge Nhw (Ext 23), Da Gamaskop
Edinburgh NHW, Atlantis
Esperia NHW, Vredenburg
Essopville NHW, Beaufort West
Eureka NHW, Ravensmead
Fountain Village NHW, Mfuleni
Gaaitjie NHW, Da Gamaskop
Gardens Watch NHW, Cape Town Central
George Kerridge Anti Robbers NHW, Vredenburg Cluster
Goodwood NHW, Goodwood
Green Light NHW, Grassy Park
Groenberg Road NHW, Kleinvlei
Gugulethu Ktc NHW, Gugulethu
Hansmoeskraal Community Forum, Pacaltsdorp
Hawe NHW, Still Bay
Heideveld Watchful Eye NHW, Manenberg
High Places NHW, Kleinvlei
HRF Vigilance NHW, Knysna
Iliso NHW, Gugulethu
Ingwe NHW, Kraaifontein
Isolomzi NHW, Kraaifontein
Kamvelihle NHW, Kraaifontein
Keeping Our Community Safe NHW, Wellington
Khuseleka NHW, Harare
Kleinbaai NHW, Gans Bay
Klippiesdaal NHW, Paarl East
Kwakhanya NHW, Nyanga
Kwenzokuhle Crime Stop, Kraaifontein
LNB NHW, Steenberg
Louwville NHW, Vredenburg
Makoekoebult NHW, Beaufort West
Malibu NHW, Kleinvlei
Mandela Square NHW, Beaufort West
Masakhane (Saxonsea) NHW, Atlantis
Masibambane NHW, Khayelitsha

Midbrak NHW, Groot Brakrivier
Miggie Vlakte NHW, Vredenburg
Montagu West NHW, Montagu
Ncedabantu NHW, Kraaifontein
Nerissa NHW, Lansdowne
New Horizons NHW, Grassy Park
New Sunny Side NHW, Mossel Bay
Newlands Residents Association NHW, Claremont
Next Level NHW, Philippi
Onrus-Vermont NHW, Hermanus
Ou Dorp NHW, Vredenburg
Our Pride 107 NHW, Kleinvlei
Phakamisa NHW, Lingelethu-West
Platbos NHW, Still Bay
Precint 7 NHW, Delft
Redelinghuys Neighbourhood Farm Watch, Redelinghuys
Rustdene NHW, Beaufort West
San Remo NHW, Strandfontein
Silica Walk NHW, Philippi
Sinogugu NHW, Harare
Spaniel NHW, Strandfontein
Strand NHW, Strand
Stratford Park NHW, Kleinvlei
Tambo Village NHW, Manenberg
Tambo Village Women Patrollers NHW, Manenberg
Thornton NHW, Pinelands
Touws River NHW, Touws River
Uitskut NHW, Beaufort West
Uniondale Farm Watch, Uniondale
Uniondale Sector 01 Nhw Uniondale
Valley Nhw Da Gamaskop
Vangaurd and Welcome Estate NHW Manenberg
Velddrif NHW, Laaiplek
Weltevreden (Samora) NHW, Nyanga
Wesbank Crime Prevention NHW, Mfuleni
Windsor / Zoo Park NHW, Kraaifontein
Yskor NHW, Vredenburg
Yzerfontein NHW, Darling
Zero Crime NHW, Khayelitsha
Zwelethemba NHW, Worcester



▲ Minister Reagen Allen signing NHW Accreditation certificates in his office in Cape Town.