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If you've had to look twice ... call it in.

086 100 3000

Crime alert: Driveway robbery in Westmeath road on Tuesday at approx 3pm. More detail below under Lookouts and Warnings.

<p>Emergency Numbers</p> <p>086 100 3000</p> <p>Dial 1 - 24/7 emergency Dial 2 - 24/7 offices: casual guarding, technical department, etc. Dial 3 - Milton Gerson SafeParkview Accounts Dial 4 - Vicky Drinkwater SafeParkview Manager</p> <p>Vehicles</p> <p>071 633 4822 076 015 0509 071 628 2326</p> <p>Direct cell phone to the Control Room</p> <p>082 602 6210</p> <p>Cell Panic Program this number as a speed dial:</p>	<p>Membership</p> <p>578</p> <p>Welcome to our new members! We say goodbye to another four families and wish them all the best in their new homes.</p>	<p>Lookouts and Warnings</p> <p>Driveway robbery</p> <p>We unfortunately had a driveway robbery in Westmeath road on Tuesday afternoon. Our member was arriving home and drove into the garage. Two black male suspects, both medium height and plump, wearing 'floppy' hats, entered the garage while the door was closing. One was armed. They stole 2 cell phones and a handbag, however did not take the vehicle. Fortunately no one was harmed.</p> <p>We urge you to be vigilant while entering and exiting your driveway. Be aware of vehicles driving behind you and of people on the pavement or street near your driveway. Remember the <i>vehicle escort home</i> service is available and <i>unlimited</i>. You have the</p>		
	<p>Crime in Parkview</p> <p>27th September – 9th October 2012</p>			
	<p>CRIME DETAIL</p>		<p>DAY</p>	<p>TIME</p>
	<p>Additional August incident: Att house robbery: Galway Rd <u>Access to the property:</u> Over back wall from sanitary lane. 3 black males, 1 armed, held up the gardener and domestic. A neighbour from across the road pressed their panic and 24/7 responded. The suspects fled without stealing anything. The gardener and domestic were unharmed.</p>		<p>Sun 31/8</p>	<p>11h02</p>
<p>House breakin: Dundalk Ave <u>Access to property:</u> Through the unlocked garage roller door. <u>Access to house:</u> The back door and security gate were forced open. <u>Stolen:</u> Laptop, camera, jewellery, drawer. <u>Alarm system:</u> was activated – 24/7 received a signal when the suspect(s) entered the bedroom. 24/7 responded.</p>	<p>Sat 29/9</p>	<p>11h56</p>		
<p>Theft out of motor vehicles: Cardiff Rd <u>Access to property:</u> over low front wall. The back doors of 2 vehicles parked on the property were damaged. A laptop was</p>	<p>Tue 2/10</p>	<p>overnight</p>		

083 235 8558

NB: your cell number must be registered with 24/7

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stolen out of the boot of one of the vehicles.

House breakin: Dundalk Ave
Access to property: sliding gate de-railed.
Access to house: wooden door forced open.
Stolen: TV, plasma TV, 2 music systems, 2 laptops, MacBook, cash and Namibian dollars.
Alarm system: was activated but no signal was received by ADT.

Tue
2/10

12h00

Business breakin: Emmarentia Ave Golf Club
No further info available from SAPS.

Tue
2/10

15h00

Aftermath of Gay Parade at Zoo Lake:

1. Common robbery and drowning: A suspect robbed a young female of her cell phone. A group of people chased him and he dropped the cell phone and ran into the lake to escape. SAPS were called in and the body was discovered the following morning.
2. Mugging: cnr Jan Smuts & Lower Park Dr.
3. Mugging: Lower park Dr
4. Mugging: Lower Park Dr
5. Mugging: Emmarentia Ave & Carlow

Sat
6/10

22h24

17h30

20h05

21h30

17h30

House breakin: Tyrone Ave
No further info available from SAPS.

Sat
6/10

12h00

House breakin: Kilkenny Rd
No further info available from SAPS.

Sun
7/10

08h20

House breakin: Westmeath Rd
Access to property: sliding gate motor disabled and gate opened manually.
Access to house: security gate on back door forced open, back door was not locked.
Stolen: plasma TV, I Pad, watch, clothing, jewellery, cash. House was ransacked.
Alarm system: was not activated at the time.

Sun
7/10

12h51

Driveway robbery: Westmeath Rd
Details under Lookouts and Warnings.

Tue
9/10

15h10

House breakin: Donegal Ave
Access to property: sliding gate de-railed.
Access to house: front door forced open.
Stolen: plasma TV, jewellery, computer.
Alarm system: was not activated at the time.

Wed
10/10

overnight

vehicle phone numbers (listed to the left) - please give the vehicle a few minutes warning before you need them. If they are not waiting at your driveway when you get home, they will have been called out to an alarm activation elsewhere. Alarm and panic activations will always take precedence to vehicle escorts. In this case please drive around the block and call one of the other vehicles to assist.

Police Precinct crime

Crime in our police precinct (Craighall, Craighall Park, Dunkeld West, Emmarentia, Roosevelt Park, Greenside, Hurlingham, Parkhurst, Parktown, Parkmore, Parktown North, Parktown West and Parkview) continues to escalate and **there is a noticeable increase in violent crimes.** Armed robberies, rape, attempted murder, robberies with a firearm, common robberies and house and business burglaries constituted 63% of the reported crime for this past week. Vehicle related crime (theft of motor vehicles and theft out of motor vehicles) constituted 37% of the reported crimes this past week. The total number of reported incidents in the precinct last week is the highest that I have seen recorded in the past 3 years.

Average Response Time: 2 minutes 25 seconds

Arrests to date: 154

Community assistance

During the month of September our vehicles performed the following community assistance functions:

- ❖ Investigated 3 reports of suspicious persons and 6 reports of suspicious vehicles.
- ❖ Assisted a person who collapsed at the corner of Kerry and Kildare roads. ER24 provided the escort to

hospital.

- ❖ Called in the Paramedic service for a member who was experiencing breathing and chest problems. ER24 provided the escort to hospital.
- ❖ Escorted a drunken resident to his home in Kildare Rd.
- ❖ Removed a drunken male from the corner of Roscommon and Kildare roads and escorted him out of the area.
- ❖ Investigated 4 reports of dogs barking continuously in Kerry Rd and Donegal Ave.
- ❖ Contacted a resident who had left their gate open.
- ❖ Reported a fallen tree in Kerry road to JHB emergency.
- ❖ Monitored 11 building sites.
- ❖ Performed a faulty street light audit.

Our vehicles also:

- ❖ Responded to 2446 alarm activations in September.
- ❖ Patrolled a distance of 19 981km in September.

SUSPICIOUS “METER READER”

This report came in from one of our members:

On Tuesday this week at about 8:30am the 'electricity meter reader' buzzed. I opened my gate to a young African women (aged approx 17 – 24 years), slim, medium height, wearing a neon-green car-guard type waste-coat. She seemed to be carrying a pen and paper, she did not know where the meter was (and needed to ask the gardener), she appeared to 'read' the meter and left without incident. In retrospect I became suspicious and checked with my maid. She indicated that the meter reader had already come on Monday (the day before), that he usually wore a name / identity badge, and that he always held an electronic credit card type device to enter the readings...

We encourage you to call 24/7 to assist if someone unexpected and/or suspicious rings your doorbell.

UPDATING YOUR DETAILS WITH THE 24/7 CONTROL ROOM

Please be advised that **VICTOR EDGAR is no longer with 24/7**. To update your contact details, log your housesitter's contact details or inform 24/7 of any special (or holiday) instructions, please contact **Sam Mokotedi** by emailing him at samm@24-7security.co.za

To test your alarm system please contact **Sam Mokotedi** during office hours by dialling the SafeParkview number 086 100 3000, select option 1. The 24/7 switchboard will then give you an option to press 2 to test your alarm system. If you call after office hours then the control room operators on duty will be able to assist you. **Don't forget to test your alarm system and panic buttons once a week.**

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR OUR ARMED REACTION TEAM

Please make your contribution into our bank account and remember to use the reference “GIFT” along with your address. Our banking details are as follows:

Company Name: "A Safer Parkview"
Bank: Standard Bank
Account Type: Current
Account number: 401797252
Branch name: Rosebank
IBT no: 00430517

REFERENCE: Kindly use the reference "GIFT" and your address.

DOMESTIC WATCH

Next meeting:

Date: Friday, 26th October

Time: 10am

Venue: St Columba's Church, Lurgan Rd.

Cost: R30 (Employers are encouraged to cover this cost.)

Topic: "**What Makes You Feel Safe**". (more detail below)

End of year function

Date: 22 November

Time: 11am

Venue: St Francis Methodist Church, 1 Talton Rd, Forest Town.

Cost: R100 (Employers are encouraged to cover this cost.)

More detail on this below.

Be Safe!

Vicky Drinkwater and the Safe Parkview team

Safe Parkview is a non-profit association owned and controlled by its members whose mission is to:

**Make our suburb a much safer place for all by preventing crime, not just reacting to it.
Use our collective strength to get much better results from our security company by paying one bill on a short term, cancellable contract.**

Ultimately bring down household security costs as more residents share fixed costs.

Provide quality security to those residents (like pensioners) who currently can't afford it.

Build a communication network where everyone is a free call away from a nearby patrol car with two trained armed guards.

And ultimately create a more cohesive, better connected, informed and more caring community.

DOMESTIC WATCH cont.

Our topic for October is: "**What Makes You Feel Safe**". I have a wonderful DVD that will be shown with the most amazing guest speaker, extremely funny and certainly gets the message across about crime prevention with a different angle. This lesson is an interactive questionnaire that is based on those attending needing to discuss home security with their employers. With this I pray indeed that all will take so many of the multitude of questions asked seriously so that we can absolutely make sure that all is in

order to prevent any crime from happening. Crime prevention is essential with the criminals hotting up and currently just getting more practiced for the festive season.

The Yearend Certificate of Attendance function has been confirmed for Thursday 22nd November (see the above detail) and should certainly be the highlight of the domestics and gardeners year. They indeed deserve to be spoilt! Saxonwold and Parkview will join the Forest Town party, tickets for the vast expenses and lucky draws need to be purchased at the October meeting, ticket cost R100. I am very grateful to St Francis Methodist Church for hosting this event and we hope to have some truly wonderful VIPs gracing the occasion and our SAPS in the two stations saluting our groups and thanking them for their invaluable contribution to the crime challenge. We will be having a Braai and if there are any companies who have anything to offer or that could be given and added to the party bags or as lucky draws for the group I will be extremely delighted. The groups will be filmed singing their own selected songs and these will be given to them in the January 2013 lesson.

Sincerely

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Penny Steyn

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Domestic Watch and SAPS Training