

Milnerton Central Neighbourhood Watch



Newsletter

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AGM Notice

Thursday, 27 October 2022

19:00-20:30

Venue TBC



Fellow Neighbours,
Community Members,
Residents, aka you don't have to
be a MCNW member to join!

It is going to be another great
AGM with plenty of insight into
the year that has been or is busy
being!

[MCNW.org.za](https://www.mcnw.org.za)



FOR EMERGENCIES CALL

021 480 7700

FROM ANY PHONE OR

107 FROM A LANDLINE

in this edition we focus on the various layers in the security landscape and how these layers work together, in their different roles to keep our community safe. We've included a couple of links to external sources. You access these by clicking on links like this one www.mcnw.org.za

MCNW committee

All committee portfolios are available for nomination at the AGM. These positions are currently vacant:

- **Operations** - Responsible for managing and implementing projects and building relationships with various security role players
- **Membership** - responsible for recruiting and facilitating new member process
- **Communication** - responsible for ad-hoc and scheduled communication
- **Social events / Fundraising** - responsible for fundraising events and sponsorships

Detailed role descriptions are available on our website. The committee meet once a month and participate in at least one scheduled MCNW patrol a month.

Please DM Angela 082 771 2426 to discuss these or any other committee positions.

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Layers of security

Security experts advise homeowners to **layer security systems**, SAPS refer to it as **target hardening**. High walls, electric fences, spikes, beams, CCTV cameras, burglar bars, alarms, dogs and motion sensor lights are all different layers security measures. Unfortunately none of these layers are impenetrable, the collective function of these is to make you less attractive to would be criminals and **buy you enough time** to call for help.

Community safety works in a very similar way. SAPS, Metro, Law Enforcement, Traffic, Armed Response Companies (ARC's), Neighbourhood Watches and street groups are all **layers of community safety**.

Community

“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.”

Communities play a **crucial link** in security and yet we so often undermine our roles in keeping each other safe, happy to assign this to external service providers. Unfortunately the current rate of crime in South Africa no longer affords us this luxury. Community members must step up to keep their neighbourhoods, families, homes and those that work in them safe. The good news is - It's really easy - **IF YOU SEE SOMETHING - SAY SOMETHING**. Be alert, join or start a street group, **report any and all suspicious behaviour** to your ARC, Log and upvote C3's, sign up to support the hardworking NGO's doing amazing things on our doorstep and open cases at SAPS if you are a victim of crime. These small actions collectively make a huge difference to keeping our community safe.

Milnerton Central Neighbourhood Watch (MCNW)

A neighbourhood watch (NW) works closely with local law enforcement agencies, **nurturing** a sense of **unity, dedication and good neighbourly** relations; creating awareness around safety and crime prevention while encouraging the community to work in close co-operation with all law enforcement structures. A NW serves as the **eyes and ears** for the community and the local police services, thereby contributing towards a safe and secure environment. A NW also provides a channel for the local community to **play a meaningful role** in the neighbourhood.

MCNW is **not an armed response company**, but rather an initiative that seeks to unite our diverse residency and are dedicated to creating a stable, crime-free environment. MCNW is wholly **operated by volunteers**.

Community Policing Forum (CPF)

A **CPF** is the structure that establishes a **partnership** between the **community and the SAPS**. MCNW represents the Milnerton Central community at these monthly meetings and regularly participates in joint operations with SAPS, other law enforcement organisations and surrounding NW's. The CPF also provides an **environment** where neighbouring NW's can **discuss trends, raise awareness and offer support** to each other in the fight against crime.

Join www.mcnw.org.za

Armed / Alarm Response Companies (ARCs)

Beyond a private security service, armed response companies are a very important support resource for SAPS - they patrol and respond to our community in a way that SAPS is not able. The MCNW works with all armed response companies currently working in Milnerton Central to address residents safety concerns.

Transcash Security Services (Control Room 061 549 7575)



Transcash are a proudly Milnerton Family owned and run end to end Security Solutions provider. We provide personal service to our valued clients at affordable prices. Security is not a luxury.

Transcash (TC Security) has been in operation since 1984 with our first offices in Milpark (Milnerton) and then Montague Gardens. We started initially with Cash In Transit Services and added Security Guarding in the late 80's. Due to client demand we opened our Technical Division, including remote Monitoring and Armed Response.

Services offered to business and residential clients include:

Cash Solutions | Security Guarding | Electric Fence installations and maintenance
CCTV and Alarm installations and maintenance | Access Control Systems
Remote monitoring of Alarms and CCTV Cameras

Approved agents of Blockhouse Security Shutters, Ajax Wireless Alarm Systems and Alarm.

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Milnerton Crime Watch Trust (MCWT)



Established in 1998, the MCWT and its distinctive black and yellow vehicles are a veritable institution in Milnerton Central. MCWT patrol an average of 10 000 km per month in our 4sq km area.

MCWT is a Community "owned" and run safety and security initiative and provides an alarm response service. MCWT do not sell, install or monitor alarms.

Website: MCWT

Alarm Monitoring

Alarm monitoring companies (e.g. Star Alarms, SIS) **monitor** your alarm system from a control room and **dispatch** your designated **Alarm / Armed Response Company** when your alarm is activated.

CRIME WATCH

We are a proactive security company with a positive approach to crime prevention – because protecting your family, residence or place of business is our priority



- ★ The Crime Watch **control room** monitors **400+ community CCTV** cameras and clients alarm systems, manned by 9 controllers.

[Click here for more info](#)

- ★ Our **7 armed response vehicles** and 18 officers provide presence by patrolling the suburbs and responding to CCTV alerts and alarms.

[Click here for more info](#)



- ★ The armed response team, work closely with **neighbourhood watch** and residential groups, who are, our '**eyes and ears**' within each of our suburbs.

[Click here for more info](#)

- ★ The Crime Watch **guarding division** of 60 guards works in unison with armed response, providing security to:

- Shopping centres • Residential complexes
- Commercial complexes • Businesses • Public buildings

[Click here for more info](#)



- ★ The Crime Watch **technical team** of 5 carry out:
 - Installation of CCTV and alarm systems
 - Access Control systems and Electric fences
 - Maintain the network of 400+ CCTV camera

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National and Local Law Enforcement structures

South African Police Service (SAPS) - 10111



SAPS are mandated to **prevent, combat and investigate** crime, **maintain public order, protect and secure** the inhabitants of the Republic and their property while **upholding and enforcing the law**. SAPS deal with **serious crimes**: e.g. murder, rape, assault, robbery and theft. SAPS are the only organisation that can conduct **criminal investigations** and **detain suspects**.

For more information: [SAPS](#)

The Cape Town Metropolitan Police - 021 480 7700



Metro Police is different from the SAPS. Their emphasis is more on **preventing crime and reducing the cause**. Metro Police **don't investigate** crimes, they help combat crimes such as murder, rape, theft and illegal drug use. Metro are mandated to **secure municipal property, municipal bylaw enforcement, traffic control and crime prevention**.

For more information: [Cape Town Metro Police](#)

Law Enforcement (LE) 021 480 7700



Law Enforcement officers **enforce City's bylaws, traffic laws** and ensure **general safety to public**, clamping down on offences such as **general nuisances**, alcohol offences, **problem buildings** and illegal informal trading. LE officers **may make arrests** and can be appointed as traffic wardens, they also have the **power to confiscate, arrest, issue compliance notices and fines**, and **shut down** illegal operations where **by-laws are infringed upon**.

For more information: [Cape Town Law Enforcement](#)

Traffic 021 480 7700



The City has a legislative mandate to provide a traffic service. Traffic aims to **provide safe road usage** in the city and are committed to **improving road safety** by providing effective driving license services and **traffic enforcement**.

For more information: [Traffic](#)