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RESPONSE TO MEMORANDUM HANDED TO MEC FOR POLICE ROADS AND TRANSPORT

The memorandum of the joint march by both the Central University of Technology, Free State and the University of Free State handed over on the 27th July 2017 refers.

The South African Police Service has been directly affected by the first two sound, valid and relevant demands as stipulated in the memorandum.

The demand for increased visible policing and crime prevention platforms around student residential areas including the apportioning of additional resources in the identified hotspots.

In tandem with the back to basics approach adopted and implemented by the SAPS, police visibility remains a top pillar of this approach. The areas where students are

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residing such as Universitas, Brandwag and Willows have been identified through the crime threat analysis process as the hotspots.

In enhancing visibility in those areas the SAPS will deploy marked police vehicles fitted with blue lamps. These vehicles shall patrol these areas with blue lamps on during the night. There will be stop and search activities at any given time where in people and vehicles will be searched and even tested by a gadget called Maxid. Visibility will be enhanced more during days and times as depicted by the crime threat analysis.

The visibility of policing will be further enhanced by the sector policing approach. There are dedicated police officers who are responsible for a specific area. The communities residing in that area may at any given time interact with the police officers. The role of these police officers is to create platforms that can be used by the people residing in those areas (sectors). Such a platform is called sector crime forum. This is another platform where majority of students and other residents can participate in. The Station Commander (Brigadier Mochologi) and the Cluster Commander (Major General De Wet) will arrange further meetings with the students and University management to introduce the sector managers.

Sector 1:

It is mainly CBD and Sector Commander is Captain Matlhare.

Sector 2:

Consists of Willows and sector commander is Sergeant Johnson

Sector 3:

Consists of Universitas, Westdene and Brandwag – Sector Commander is Captain Jones

Sector 4:

Consists of Wilgehof, Gardenia Park, Fichardt Park, Hospital Park. The sector commander is Constable Ntomane

Sector 5:

Consists of Fauna, Lorrier Park, Pellissier Park. The sector commander is Warrant Officer Cockerill.

There are other numerous crime prevention platforms currently in place as informed by the Provincial Crime Prevention Framework, South African Police Act and other host of polices at the various levels of policing. It is these crime prevention platforms that can be used to address the students crime related matters.

Community Police Forum:

The structure or committee sit once a month at Parkroad police Station. The Station Commander will share the schedule of the meetings with the two universities. The universities will make a determination with regards to the relevant representative. This structure operates within the boundaries of Parkroad police station.

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Cluster Joints structure

The cluster joint structure is another multi-disciplinary crime prevention platform where the municipality, SAPS and various government departments that deals with crime related matters. This committee has various priority committees that deals with specific challenges in the province. It is recommended that the two Universities dedicate a relevant senior member to be part of this structure.


Youth and Responsibility Priority committee

This priority committee is a subcommittee of the Joints. It specifically deals with examination, school Safety, gangs and drugs matters amongst others. This is the committee where the two universities may dedicate two students as permanent members. Eg the examinations that this committee deals with are more of Abet and basic education (grade 12). During the examination period, the police work together with the Department of basic education in ensuring that the examinations process runs smooth.

The Police and the University may also think of another crime prevention platform where on quarterly or even monthly, the police can share the crime threat analysis and pattern have discussions on crime prevention ideas. The province has a youth crime prevention framework which can be presented during this platform and get inputs pertaining to the role of students on and off campus. A campus safety strategy can become a subset of this youth crime prevention framework. The activities of the student safety week may form part of the broader framework which will cement the relationship further. There are youth Ambassadors who have started engagement with the SRC leadership and protection services of the two Universities since April 2017. This will continue.

The leadership of Parkroad police may at all times be contacted. (Maj Gen De Wet 082045308419 & Brig Mochologi 071 481 2836)

Kind regards



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