



# Plumstead Neighbourhood Watch

“Looking out for one another”

Dear Member,

How do you respond to the crime statistics you are faced with daily in the media? Are we just potential victims or can we secure our neighbourhood as best we can? At Plumstead Neighbourhood Watch, we believe that we can send criminals a strong message that, our area has heightened security. All Plumstead residents are fortunate, in that we have a strong, active Neighbourhood Watch involved in many initiatives to curtail crime. Our only limiting factor is resources.

## What does Plumstead Neighbourhood Watch do to strengthen safety for you and your family?

- 24-hour surveillance/LPR cameras, using the latest number plate recognition software, and other technological advances.
- provides the services of a fully functional community control room (radios, cameras, LPR, general reporting and coordinating of response resources), and an operations management team who liaise with SAPS and SSPs in the area, analyse crime patterns, visit serious crime scenes, follow up on cases (for contributing residents) and tailor our response to the ever evolving face of crime.
- co-ordinates a group of dedicated volunteer patrollers who patrol our streets.

## What does Plumstead Neighbourhood Watch do for you that your Security Service Provider (SSP) does not already do?

Perhaps the question should be “What is your SSP actually contracted to do?” The answer is simple. Your SSP, is only contracted to respond to your alarm and check your property in cases of a confirmed activation – nothing more! If this were enough to warn criminals away, there would be very little crime. However, we all know that the reality in South Africa is very different.

## Why we encourage residents to contribute to Plumstead Neighbourhood Watch?

- ❖ To keep abreast of technology and deploy more cameras
- ❖ Sustaining financially, monthly camera maintenance, and centralized control centre costs
- ❖ To maintain our own Response Team, members vehicles, fully kitted (Voluntary Members)
- ❖ Training material, kit items, and other patroller costs, i.e. Road Beacons, First Aid Medical Items, Reflector Vests etc
- ❖ If everyone adopted the approach of “why should I pay or get involved” the Watch would collapse, and crime would return to the levels, that were experienced before its inception.
- ❖ A suburb without a Neighbourhood Watch is easy prey – the result equates to a spike in crime, a drop in property value, and we are all affected by this, there is no escape, or exit route.
- ❖ High walls and electric fencing don’t stop criminals – what is needed is the threat, that should they venture into the neighbourhood, they WILL be dealt with – **the more residents who contribute, the more sophisticated the response will be.**
- ❖ The Plumstead Neighbourhood Watch is a community initiative and without sustainable financial support these initiatives would collapse.
- ❖ Patrollers will always give preference to contributors – those who have signs up at their premises, that, they are contributing financially to Plumstead Neighbourhood Watch.

**If more households contribute monthly, PNW can deploy more resources to help keep our neighbourhood safe.**

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