



▲ The NHW cellphone handover which took place in Knysna on 5 December 2020.



▲ The NHW cellphone handover which took place in Beaufort West on 4 December 2020.

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SAFETY HAND OVER CELLPHONES TO NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCHES (NHWS) ACROSS THE WESTERN CAPE

During November and December 2020, the department hosted 10 handover sessions in Parow, Khayelitsha, Wynberg, Beaufort West, Mossel Bay, Knysna, Robertson, Paarl East, Gaans Bay and Lambert's Bay to hand over a Samsung A2 (including 5GB anytime data) to 212 accredited NHW's across the province.

According to NHW project manager Ayesha Fortune, the cellphones enables NHWs to be more functional and efficient, it allows them to contact the police when needed and report crimes in their community timeously. It also allows NHWs to use the Microsoft Kaizala mobile app to report back required information to the department.



▲ The NHW cellphone handover which took place in Goodwood on 28 November 2020.



▲ Gregory Clarke from Ferness Estate NHW at the handover in Wynberg on 30 November 2020.

# CITY OF CAPE TOWN HOSTS ITS ANNUAL NHW AWARDS



▲ Cedric Thomas from U Watch NHW from Woodstock received the NHW group of the year.



▲ Elizabeth Maans from Fisantekraal NHW received the Inspiration of the Year.



▲ Organisational Excellence - Vic Barra, Monte Vista NHW received the award from Alderman JP Smith.

On 28 November 2020 the City of Cape Town (CoCT) celebrated Neighbourhood Watch members at its annual Neighbourhood Watch Awards ceremony. They handed over certificates and commendations to winners in 10 categories, including Neighbourhood Watch Group of the Year and Member of the Year.

The annual event was sensitive to COVID-19 regulations, with two representatives physically attending from nominated NHWs, and their colleagues following proceedings online. While it is always enjoyable to meet one another in person and enjoy the festivities of a gathering of NHWs, the City prioritises the safety and health of its NHWs and encourages the innovation of allowing members to join online.

The awards ceremony is an opportunity to recognise the work of community crime fighters through nominations from the public.

This year, the adjudication panel decided on the following recipients:

- NHW Group of the Year - U Watch Neighbourhood Watch, Woodstock
- Broken Windows Award - Fern Park Neighbourhood Watch, Brackenfell
- Social Responsibility Award - New Horizon, Pelican Park
- Courage in Action Group Award - New Horizon, Pelican Park
- NHW Member of the Year (tied) - Paul Kruger, PWP Panorama, Kleinbosch, Welgelegen Platteklouf (PWP) and Theo Gallaway, Chrismar, Bellville
- Organisational Excellence - Vic Barra, Monte Vista
- Mobiliser of the Year - Shakir Smith, Parow West
- Inspiration of the Year - Elizabeth Maans, Fisantekraal
- Crime Fighter of the Year - Charl Stander, Morgenster St. Michaels
- Courage in Action Award - Saadiqah Ganief, New Horizon, Pelican Park

'The City of Cape Town is particularly proud of the well-oiled machine that our Neighbourhood Watches (NHWs) have become. I am proud to be associated with the hundreds of volunteers who exhibit care, dedication and innovation in serving their communities and I stand behind them 100% in their efforts to make Cape Town safe for us all. Our NHWs understand the importance of active citizenship and exercise this daily through their selfless volunteer initiatives, all in the name of safety.'

'The individual and group nominations were inspiring in demonstrating the transformative work that our NHWs are doing. Be it a whistle blower campaign in Pelican Park and Grassy Park, coordinating WhatsApp group crime communication in Woodstock and surrounds, or patrolling for hundreds of hours per month in Monte Vista, our Neighbourhood Watches are doing outstanding work and the City will continue to show our support to communities through training and providing equipment. While the City's awards are specifically aimed at accredited NHWs, we acknowledge the work done by those NHWs who are in the process of receiving accreditation from the Department of Community Safety. I want you to know that the City supports the work you do and that it is because of individuals and teams like you, that together we can make progress possible,' said Mayoral Committee Member for Safety and Security, Alderman JP Smith.

## TABLE VIEW NHW HONOURS HOSPITAL STAFF

On 28 January 2021 the Table View Neighbourhood Watch (TVNHW) and some members from community medics wanted to bring a little happiness to some of the healthcare workers at Netcare Blaauwberg Hospital.

TVNHW with the matron of the hospital organized a welcome for the next shift and thank the previous shift with a round of clapping and very big thank you's. What an emotional evening!

"By now, we all know someone fighting Covid or somebody who has lost someone fighting Covid-19 - our healthcare workers across the country are drowning in it daily. A small gesture such as this one goes a long way in keeping their spirits up. They can't get away from it, they are our superhero's!" said Laura Outhet of the TVNHW.



▲ The Table View NHW gathering outside Netcare Blaauwberg Hospital on 28 January 2021.



▲ The Table View NHW members honouring and thanking healthcare workers for their dedication during the COVID-19 pandemic at the Netcare Blaauwberg Hospital on 28 January 2021.

## ZERO CRIME NHW USHERS IN LEARNERS FOR THE 2021 SCHOOL YEAR



◀ At the commencement of school on 15 February 2021, the Zero Crime NHW from Khayelitsha volunteered at Kukhanyile Primary School with ensuring that all COVID-19 protocols were followed.



## 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](mailto:Neighbourhood.Watch@westerncape.gov.za) to make an appointment
- Appointments will be scheduled on a first come first served basis

# NEW HORIZON NHW IS ABUZZ OF ACTIVITY

## World Aids Day – 9 December 2020

The New Horizon NHW hosted its Annual World Aids Day Outreach Clinical Programme on the Starling Weaver Field in New Horizon, Pelican Park. The aim for the Programme was to create Aids Awareness and to Know Your Status and Support System.

'We as a Neighbourhood Watch want to serve and uplift our community as our motto says. We brought all services to the community for the community' – these the words from New Horizon NHW. In attendance was the Pelican Park Community Day Centre for all clinical testing; SASSA Wynberg, Department of Social Development, Department of Correctional Services, Reality Learning SA, Grassy Park Community Police Forum and Grassy Park SAPS.

## Christmas Lunch - 25 December 2020

On the blessed day of Christmas, the New Horizon Neighbourhood Watch fed 200 elderly and children with a meal, Christmas cakes, treats and party packets.

The pandemic has left many with hardship, loss and economic distress. As a NHW they wanted to ensure that the vulnerable had a delicious meal and treats to celebrate their day. They also handed out Blow Whistle packs to curb crime over the festive season and masks to ensure citizens are complying to COVID-19 regulations.

## Mass Mask Drive – 6 March 2021

The NHW hosted a Mass Mask Drive covering all hotspot areas within New Horizon, Pelican Park by distributing over 2000 masks, hand sanitizer and information leaflets.

This was attended by Grassy Park SAPS Captain Wynita Kleinsmith, PR Councillor Alderman Siva Moodley, City of Cape Town Official Marco Boer and Disaster Risk Management Area Coordinator Joshua Fortune and team.

They also distributed care packs to the elderly consisting of washing powder, bath soap, facecloths and masks with sanitizer from Alderman Moodley, courtesy of the Mayor's Office. Disaster Risk Management used their PA System to create awareness about the Covid-19 rules and regulations.



▲ New Horizon NHW Secretary Mariam Davids Lighting the Candle in honour of those passing on from HIV and Aids on 9 December 2020.



▲ New Horizon NHW members from left Garnet Van Zyl, Renash Blaauw, Saadiqah Ganief, Chadwin Gurling and Kaylin Blaauw at the World Aids Day event on 9 December 2020.



▲ New Horizon NHW members, Captain Wynita Kleinsmith of Grassy Park SAPS, City of Cape Town Official Marco Boer, Alderman Siva Moodley and Joshua Fortune, Area Coordinator and Team Leader of Disaster Risk Management at the Mass Mask Drive on 6 March 2021.



▲ New Horizon NHW Members Kaylin Blaauw and Nadima Laatoe handing out the special treats to children and elderly on 25 December 2020.

# MAYORAL WALKABOUT WITH WYNBERG EAST NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

On Thursday, 25 February 2021, the Wynberg East Neighbourhood Watch (WENHW) were joined by Cape Town Executive Mayor Dan Plato and Mayoral Committee Member for Safety and Security, Alderman JP Smith, during their evening neighbourhood patrol. Ward 63 Councillor Monty Oliver joined the group. At the beginning of February, the Mayor committed to joining neighbourhood watches across the City to acknowledge the important crime prevention activities of these community-based groups and provide additional support where needed.

Patrol activities were centered around identifying problem buildings, drug dens, mask-wearing and establishing overall safety visibility. Cape Town Executive Mayor Dan Plato expressed gratitude for the group of neighbourhood watch (NHW) members who are passionate about protecting their surrounding community. 'They have the full backing of the City of Cape Town for the work they do in crime prevention,' said Executive Mayor Dan Plato. 'Visibility is key in preventing the occurrence of crimes and uplifting communities. Preventing crime needs all of us to play our role to effect positive change in communities and we appreciate the efforts of NHWs across the City,' added Mayor Dan Plato.

'It's interesting to see how this NHW has adapted. They have shown us a couple of problem buildings, which are a challenge in some communities. I am glad that we have the additional support of volunteer law enforcement here to assist the NHW,' said Alderman Smith. Residents were also engaged to encourage new membership to the WENHW.



▲ City of Cape Town Mayor, Dan Plato and Alderman JP Smith joined the Wynberg East NHW for a walkabout on 25 February 2021.

# FAQs

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

## Who is responsible to resolve a dispute or conflict within the NHW?

The NHW executive must address the matter. If they are unable to resolve it, they should ask the CPF to mediate the process. If they are unable to resolve it, it can be referred to the Department of Community Safety for final resolution.

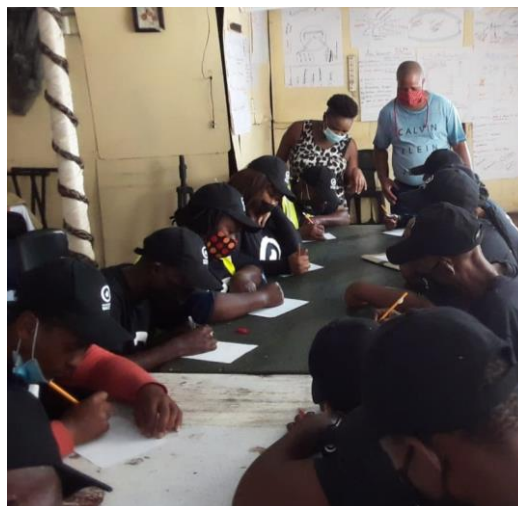
## What disciplinary measures are in place for NHW members?

Each NHW can compile their own Constitution so that they may custom make it to suit their needs and this should include disciplinary procedures and processes. The Code of Conduct is issued in terms of Regulation 4(2)(r) of the regulations issued in terms of the Western Cape Community Safety Act, 2013 (Act 3 of 2013) (the Community Safety Act) provides clear guidelines in this regard and can be included as part of the Constitution. Remember your constitution is your Neighbourhood Watch Structure's governance mechanism. The Department regulates accredited NHWs in terms of the Regulations for Section 6 of the WCCSA of 2013.

## ZERO CRIME NHW ATTENDS AVP WORKSHOP

On 8 to 11 March 2021 the Zero Crime NHW in Site B Khayelitsha temporarily suspended its school patrolling activities to attend an Alternative to Violence (AVP) Workshop. The workshop attended by 16 NHW members focused on conflict management, transformation of feelings, emotions and psychological concerns. The NHW used this as an opportunity for a healing process, as NHW members are on the forefront against crime and gender-based violence. The workshop was facilitated by Lesley Thomas, Xolile Pro Rulani, Linda Mafuna and Alice Minnows.

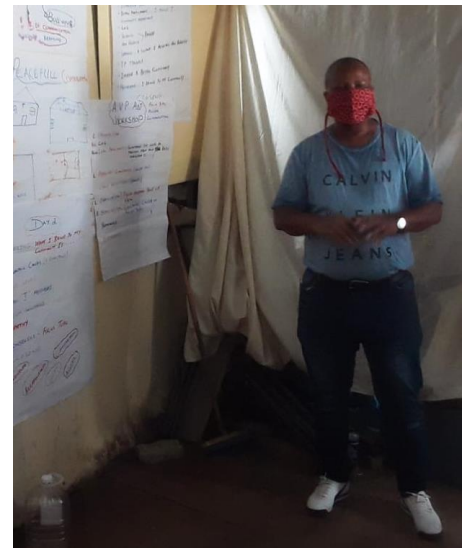
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▲ Zero Crime NHW attended the AVP workshop in Khayelitsha from 8 to 11 March 2021.



◀ The members of Zero Crime NHW receiving their certificates of participation following their successful completion of the AVP workshop on 19 March 2021.



## RECOGNISING THE NEWLY ACCREDITED NHWs IN THE WESTERN CAPE

There are currently 313 accredited NHWs in the Western Cape. The Department of Community Safety would like to congratulate and recognise the following newly accredited NHWs.

Betty's Bay NHW  
 Mthuma Fighters Crime NHW  
 Pringle Bay Street NHW  
 Parow West NHW  
 Bo-Kaap NHW  
 Diazville NHW  
 Kwanokuthula NHW  
 Sir Lowry's Pass NHW  
 Rabiesdal NHW  
 Salt River NHW  
 Portlands Block "B" Committee NHW  
 SSW Buurtwarg NHW  
 Timberlea NHW  
 Durrheim NHW  
 February Street Watch  
 Ebenheazer NHW  
 Bridgton NHW  
 Gordon's Bay NHW  
 Unity NHW  
 Rocklands NHW  
 Da Nova  
 Silvertown NHW  
 Mzamomhle NHW  
 Kirstenhof Crime Watch NHW  
 Parow North Upper  
 PWP NHW  
 Extreme NHW  
 Mountview Crime Watch  
 Narwhal NHW  
 Saldanha NHW  
 Thembelishle NHW  
 Bonnievale NHW  
 Backstage NHW  
 Uitbreiding 13 Mossel Baai NHW  
 Bitou Women of Change NHW  
 Nuwerus Napier NHW  
 Mill Park NHW  
 Sibanye NHW

De Novo NHW  
 Die Dam Buurtwag  
 Old Flats NHW  
 Eagle Eye NHW (Delft)  
 Watch Patrol  
 Weltevrede 1 NHW  
 Hillside Village NHW  
 Klipkop NHW  
 Tara NHW  
 Ruitersbosch Sector 5 Farm Watch  
 Brandwag Sector 6 Farm Watch  
 Brandwag Sector 3 Farm Watch  
 Brandwag Sector 2 Farm Watch  
 Heights Buurtwag  
 Summerwood NHW  
 Vredenberg NHW  
 Weltevrede Buurtwag  
 Owls Uppertown NHW  
 Voordorp NHW  
 Ghost Town NHW  
 Hood Hawks NHW  
 Lake Brenton Watch  
 Chrismar NHW  
 Parklands NHW  
 Echo NHW  
 Alpha NHW  
 Deaconville NHW  
 Langerberg Ridge NHW  
 Harlyn NHW  
 Porterville Farm Watch  
 Plumstead NHW  
 Fairways NHW  
 New Crossroads  
 Enough Is Enough NHW  
 Section 37 NHW  
 Phoenix NHW  
 Cwangco NHW  
 Claremont Watch  
 De Doorns NHW  
 Parkview NHW

# BEHIND THE SCENES OF THE FIREBREAK CAMERAS OF HIGHWAY MOUNTAINSIDE NHW



▲ Four men triggered the firebreak camera at 27 Berg Road on 28 December 2020.

Action was taken following an increase of home robberies and attacks taking place in homes alongside the firebreak in Simon's Town, Kommetjie, Fish Hoek and Glencairn.

In almost all the cases the suspects wore gloves and masks, making it difficult for forensic officers to get fingerprints and identify the perpetrators.

The Firebreak Gang, as they became to be known, usually struck around 22h00 and 01h00 and entered homes by smashing their way through unprotected windows using rocks or crowbars.

The gang arrived and left without being detected by our street cameras. It became clear that they were using the firebreak to enter from the Mountainside. A decision was taken by the Highway Mountainside Neighbourhood Watch (HMNW) to find a solution.

During September 2020, seven firebreak cameras had been donated by Combat Force and installation was facilitated by the NHW.

The cameras work as follows:

Firebreak cameras are triggered by sensors that pick-up human and animal movement.

When a camera picks up movement:

1. an alert is sent to the Combat Force Operations Room and Combat Patrollers are activated
2. a still photo of the incident is sent to members of HMNW
3. HMNW members can view all firebreak cameras in "real time" and follow what is happening.



## These are the 3Cs to avoid:

### 1. Crowded spaces

### 2. Close contact

(when you are not able to keep a 1.5m distance)

### 3. Confined and enclosed spaces

where there is poor ventilation.



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