



▲ Minister Albert Fritz at the Women's Day walkabout in Tafelsig on 9 August 2021.



▲ Minister Albert Fritz with the participants of the Women's Day walkabout in Tafelsig on 9 August 2021.

MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SAFETY, ALBERT FRITZ JOINS WOMEN ON WALKABOUT IN TAFELSIG

On 9 August 2021 the Minister of Community Safety, Albert Fritz, joined ward councillor Washiela Harris, members of the local SAPS and 25 women on a walkabout in Tafelsig, Mitchells Plain. This event was part of an extended programme for Women's Month.

Minister Fritz said: "The month of August is a time to commemorate the 20 000 women who sacrificed and marched to the Union Buildings in 1956, but the commemoration must be done specifically within the context of the many sacrifices and struggles that women have to make and live through today. It is a time to take stock of how far we've come since 1956, but also how far we still have to go on the road to empowering women in real terms"

After the walkabout, the Minister spoke to the group about specific challenges in the community, such as the stone-throwing gangs which have developed amongst young people. "We must work together, through our Area-Based Teams approach, to bring all stakeholders together to find lasting solutions to these challenges. We need DoCS, SAPS, the City, the Department of Social Development, community members and all other interested parties to be involved in the solutions," said Minister Fritz.

The Department of Community Safety will also offer self-defense and first aid training to the women. In partnership with the Chrysalis Academy, workshops and sessions to deal with trauma will also be conducted.

Minister Fritz concluded: "We want to acknowledge our women and thank them for everything that they are doing in our communities. Without them, without the work that they do, very often on a voluntary basis, I am certain our society would collapse. As the Department of Community Safety, we will continue to work with our women to ensure their empowerment in real, concrete ways."



▲ Minister Albert Fritz with ward councillor Washiela Harris.



▲ Participants of the Women's Day walk about.

PEARLY BEACH PATROLS NHW, SAPS AND GANSBAAI CPF CREATE AWARENESS

On 9 September 2021 the Pearly Beach Patrols NHW joined the South African Police Service (SAPS) and the Gansbaai CPF Chairperson visited Exuxolweni to create awareness about gender-based violence.

Pamphlets were distributed to the community and NHW members explained the importance of reporting these crimes so that perpetrators can be arrested.

Gansbaai NHW Chairperson Julia Barlow says that these crimes are often not reported, and victims are left without support. She encourages women to report perpetrators to give a voice to victims.



▲ Christa Binnedal of Pearly Beach NHW with a community member on 9 September 2021.

PWP NHW MEMBERS PREPARE FOR HEAVY RAINS

On 25 August 2021 the PWP NHW in Platteklouf, Welgelegen, Panorama and Kleinbosch cleared storm water drains and removed all debris, blankets and even stolen items to prepare for the forecasted heavy rains.

The NHW regularly cleans up their community and Terry Swart, the secretary of the PWP NHW says they are fortunate to have this remarkable group of dedicated individuals. "We would like to thank Paul Kruger, Albert van de Giessen, Frans Scheepers, Dawie Henning, Dewald Snyman, Glen Peiser, Cameron Watermeyer, Anton de Lange and Johan Massyn."



▲ The PWP team that was involved in the cleanup on 25 August 2021.

WELTEVREDE 2 NHW RECEIVES THEIR THIRD RENEWAL ACCREDITATION

On 28 September 2021 the Weltevrede 2 NHW received their third renewal accreditation certificate and starter kit from the Department of Community Safety.

The certificates and kits were handed over by Stellenbosch Municipality Protection Services councillor Rickus Badenhorst, Cloeteville SAPS, Community Police Forum members and Cloeteville Ward 17 councillor Paul Biscombe.



▲ Members of the Weltevrede 2 NHW with their accreditation certificate on 28 September 2021.

BONNIEVALE NHW CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS A SAFER TOWN



▲ The Bonnievale NHW team with their patrol vehicle.

The Bonnievale NHW was registered on 17 February 2021. We started out with nine patrol members who used their own vehicles. We now have 32 members. The members would be booked at the local police station pre-patrol and we would receive an OB number for the particular patrol. We would then record in our "Patrol register" with the time of the shift as well as the names of the patrol members.

"When we assisted with fighting a fire at a local residence, I realised the town is lacking in firefighting ability. The nearest fire station is in Ashton. The fire brigade takes about half an hour to get to us. I realised I had to do something and with the contribution received from DoCS and some sponsorship I bought a Firefighting skid that fits onto my bakkie," says Robert Roubenheimer, chairperson of the Bonnievale NHW.

Roubenheimer says the skid is empty but if a fire breaks out, he just has to put it onto the bakkie and fill it up with a suction pipe. The idea is to get the fire under control and to prevent further damage until the Ashton fire brigade can get on site. Roubenheimer also implemented a NHW board system for the town.

Community members join the NHW by filling in a membership form. They pay the yearly fee plus a once off fee for the NHW board. Each board has the street name and house number on it. There is a unique NHW number on it which corresponds with the membership database.

The patrol takes a copy of the membership database with them. If the patrol members see anything out of place at a residence, they can compare the house's number on the board with the number on the membership database and they immediately know who to contact. There's usually more than one number on the database so that the NHW have an alternative to contact if the first call is not answered. A total of 123 boards have been issued so far.

This is a visual way of letting the criminals know that the NHW is active in the area, and the NHW also has a WhatsApp NHW group where people can report suspicious activity.

The Bonnievale NHW has a sponsored branded Nissan Patrol with a PA system, siren, and spotlights for night patrols. Roubenheimer says they also have two-way radios so that they can communicate while on patrol. They are always in direct contact with SAPS while patrolling.

There's been a definite drop in the crime rate since the inception of the NHW. SAPS have also acknowledged the improvement. Crime will never stop, but neither will our efforts to fight it!

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 to make an appointment
- Appointments will be scheduled on a first come first served basis

PIKETBERG NHW JOIN SAPS ON COMMUNITY PATROLS



▲ The Piketberg NHW regularly goes on patrol with members of SAPS and law enforcement where they are involved in patrols at the taxi rank, shops and roadblocks. They also request the public to wear their masks and adhere to social distancing. This photo was taken at the patrol that took place 17 July 2021.



▲ The Piketberg NHW pictured at the patrol that took place on 17 July 2021.

BLOOMSBURY NHW STANDS AGAINST LOOTING



On 27 July 2021 the members of the Bloomsbury NHW and Rabiesdal NHW in Paarl took to the streets to show their commitment to protecting our neighbourhoods in light of the looting incidents that took place in other provinces. NHW members stood on the pavements guarding local businesses.

VICTORIA PARK NHW MARCHES AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE



On Saturday 9 October, the members of The Little Rascal Youth Club, established in Victoria Park, Somerset West took part in an awareness march against gender-based violence. They marched throughout the community, chanted, waved banners, and handed out pamphlets. The children, some as young as five, were accompanied by Victoria Park NHW patrollers and special guests from Somerset SAPS, Fidelity ADT, and Mastiff Security.

RESIDENT'S WATCH CELEBRATES WOMEN'S DAY



▲ The members of the Resident's Watch NHW in Pelican Park at the Women's Day brunch on 9 August 2021.

On 9 August 2021 Resident's Watch NHW based in Pelican Park hosted a Women's Day brunch and information session. The event was sponsored by City of Cape Town, Classic Meat and Standard Bank. Their support contributed to the success of the event.



◀ Dawn Smith of Resident's Watch serving guests at the Women's Day brunch.

CALITZDORP SECTOR 1 NHW LOSES A RISING STAR AND COMMITTED NHW MEMBER

Twenty-year old Dino Prins was a committed member of the Calitzdorp sector 1 NHW since its inception. Tragically, he drowned on 3 November 2021. The Department of Community Safety would like to extend its sincere condolences to his family, loved ones and fellow NHW members.

May his soul rest in peace.



FAQs

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

Can one apply for NHW accreditation (new or renewal) online?

Yes, you can. The Department of Community Safety (DoCS) has developed an online Neighbourhood watch application system for your convenience. The system can be accessed via: <https://nhw.westerncape.gov.za/>

Who can I contact if I want to access funding or arrange training for my NHW members?

Contact the Neighbourhood Watch Division:

- Fadia Ismail on 021 483 6010 or email Fadia.Ismail@westerncape.gov.za
- Fagrodien Johnson on 021 483 7893 or email Fagrodien.Johnson@westerncape.gov.za
- Ayesha Fortune on 021 483 5010 or email Ayesha.Fortune@westerncape.gov.za

RECOGNISING THE NEWLY ACCREDITED NHWs IN THE WESTERN CAPE

There are currently 374 accredited NHWs in the Western Cape. DoCS would like to congratulate and recognise the following newly accredited NHWs:

A.C.D NHW
Abbotsdale NHW
Amandel & Surrounds Crime Watch
Asijiki NHW
Avon - Tijger NHW
Avonwood NHW
Barrydale Village NHW
Beacon Valley NHW
Belvidere Owls NHW
BKM NHW
Blikkiesdorp NHW
Bloekom Street Watch NHW
Bridgewater NHW
Brotherhood NHW
Calitzdorp Setor 1 NHW
Colorado / London Village NHW
Concordia Sector 4 NHW
D.H.L NHW
Dana Baai NHW
DBS Farm Watch
Deo Gloria Rosedale NHW
Devon Valley Gemeenskap
Dwarskersbos NHW
Eagle Eye Malmesbury NHW
Eagles Eyes NHW (Atlantis)
East Ridge NHW
Fairview NHW
Fernpark NHW
Fire Burn NHW
Friemer Sheim NHW
Gabriel / Stellita Park
Gabriel Court NHW
Geneva Court NHW
Glentana NHW
Goliath Street Block Watch NHW
Great Brakriver NHW
Green Haven NHW
Green Valley NHW
Greybos NHW
Groendal NHW
G-Section NHW
Hamelkop 1 Farm Watch
Hamelkop 2 Farm Watch
Happy Valley NHW
Hersham NHW
Hornlee Squad NHW
Hungry Hills NHW
Ilitha Park NHW
Island Eyes NHW
Italian NHW
Kanonkop NHW
Keerom Extended NHW
Kensington Community Block Watch NHW
Kleinmond Street Watch NHW
Kosovo NHW
Kraaifontein Sector 4b NHW
Kranshoek NHW
Kuilsriver Sector 1 NHW
Kwenzokuhle NHW
Lakeside Community Watch
La-Motte NHW
Langvlei Dunes NHW
Lanscor NHW
La-Wingerd-Links NHW
Leeukloof Sector Farm Watch
Limikhaya NHW
Lourens River Farm Watch
Luyolo Community Crime NHW
Masakhane Community NHW
Masakhane NHW (Gugulethu)
Masibambisane NHW (Kraaifontein)
Masincedane NHW
Masiphathisane NHW
Mayibuye NHW
Mayihlomihlasele NHW
Mayitshe NHW (Sector 4)
Melkhout Street Watch
Milnerton Ridge NHW
Mossel Bay Lower Town NHW
Mosselbaai Bo-Dorp NHW
Mothers Of Hope NHW
Nerina NHW
New Horizon Plett
Newfields Village NHW
Night Vision NHW
Njongo NHW
Ntokozweni NHW
Oasis NHW
Outeniqualand Farm Watch
Paddy's Park NHW
Parow Valley NHW
Paternoster NHW
Pato Stungu NHW
Pearl Survivors NHW
Port Owen NHW
Porterville NHW
Portlands NHW
Power Town NHW
Riverside Gardens (Kuilsriver) NHW
Rosanna Street Watch
Salberau NHW
Salberau Residence NHW
Samora Machel NHW
S-Block NHW
Shirley Park NHW
Simanyene NHW
Simona Village NHW
Simonburg NHW
Simonsberg Buurtwag
Sisonke NHW (Delft)
Sisonke Section 4 NGO
Six Sisters NHW
Siyaza NHW
Skuldbult NHW
Somerset Heights NHW
Stilbaai Heights NHW
Struisbaai North NHW
Sunderland Patrols NHW
Sybrand NHW
Table View NHW
Tafelsig East NHW
Tafelsig Hyde Park NHW
Tarka NHW
Team Langebaan NHW
Thandanani NHW
The Hague Tornado Eagles NHW
The Ridge 360 NHW
Town Two NHW
Ubunye NHW
Uitbreiding 26 Mosselbaai NHW
Van Wyksvlei NHW
Vredelokloof East NHW
Watching Eye Block Committee NHW
Weltevrede 2 NHW
Wemmershoek NHW
Westlake NHW
Westridge NHW
Wynberg East NHW
Yona's NHW

TAMBO VILLAGE NHW HOSTS COMMUNITY MEETING

Tambo Village NHW in Gugulethu had a meeting with SAPS, CPF and the Tambo Village Community, where the topic of discussion was the crime in the area. Various safety stakeholders attended, and the community was satisfied that the police listened to their complaints and would be more visible in the area.



STELLENBOSCH MUNICIPALITY HANDS OVER BICYCLES TO NHWs IN THE AREA



NHWs in Stellenbosch received bicycles from Bicycle Mobility Consortium via the municipality. Melkhout Street NHW and Weltevrede 2 NHW executed a patrol/visibility test drive on Thursday, 7 October 2021.

Mayor Gesie van Deventer, municipal manager Geraldine Mettler and Mayco member for Protection Services councilor Rikus Badenhorst celebrated the delivery of 100 bicycles with our neighbourhood watches.

"It is an honour and privilege to be here with the men and women of our various neighbourhood watches who serve our communities so selflessly. The work that you do in patrolling our streets, acting as first responders, and supporting law enforcement with intelligence is invaluable. Tonight, we are handing over bicycles and safety equipment to make your jobs easier," said Mayor van Deventer.

LET'S GET TO KNOW THE KLAARSTROOM NHW



▲ Rose Fister Chairperson of Klaarstroom NHW receiving her certificate in conflict resolution and life coaching from Warrant Officer Frey.

Klaarstroom is a small satellite station which falls under Prince Albert, situated between Beaufort West and De Rust. You will find it just before the legendary Meiringspoort. During rainy season, the NHW assists the police with helping visitors who need to pass the flooded poort. They keep travelers safe while keeping the poort closed. Accidents sometimes happen during the night and if the NHW needs to work throughout the night, they do so with pride.

They are only seven members serving a community of about a 1000, but this doesn't hold them back.

Since October 2020 the Klaarstroom NHW is under the new supervision of Warrant Officer Frey. Since then, the Klaarstroom NHW has proven themselves to be formidable, strong, trustworthy and hardworking people who serve their community with love and dedication.

Rose Fister, the Chairperson of the Klaarstroom NHW, also assists with medical services when needed. She has often helped with stabilising patients before the arrival of an ambulance.

Many of the NHW members have also completed conflict resolution and life coaching courses.

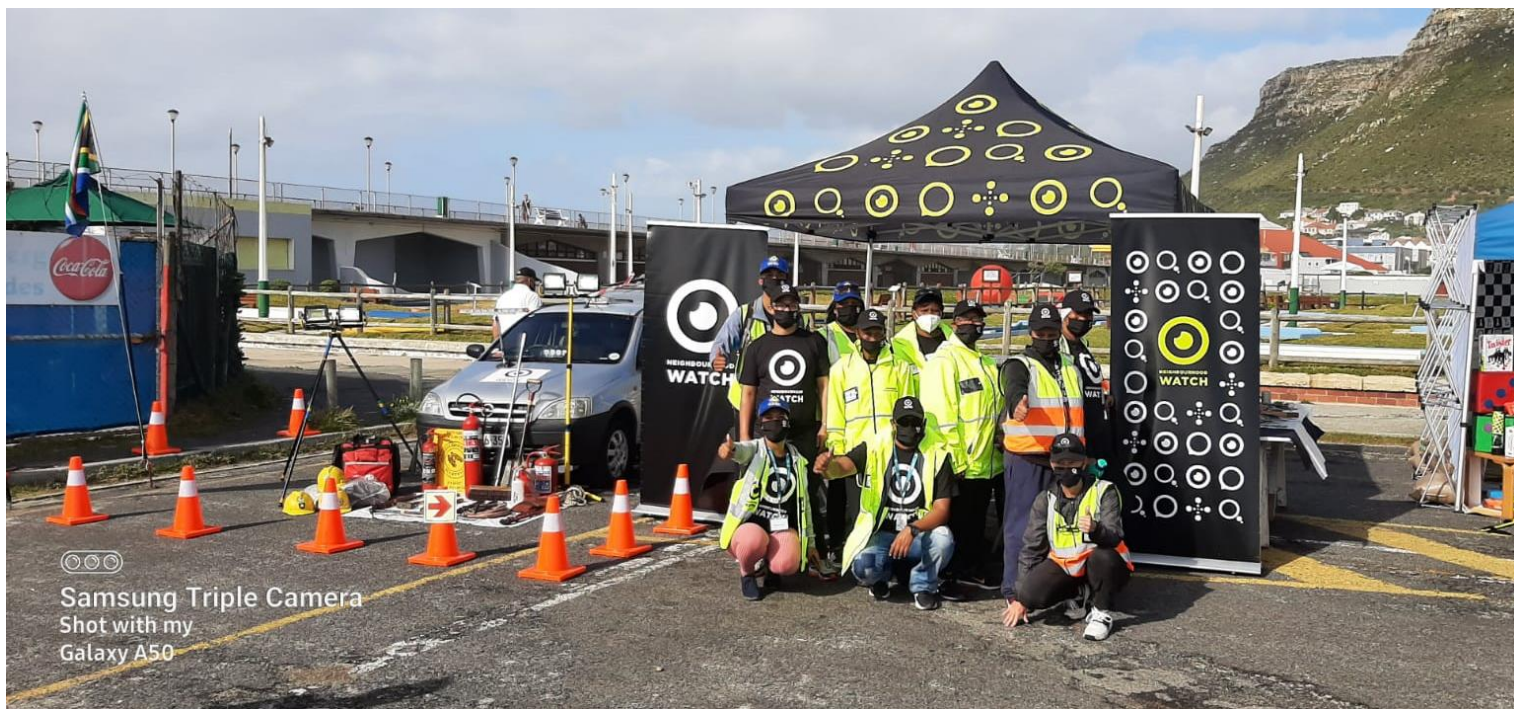
Some of the members also act as informers for the police and have achieved great success in this regard. One such example is the infiltration by Pullen Micheals, a young man always willing to assist even if it involves putting his own life in danger.

We want to thank all NHW members for their loyalty and perseverance. They are indeed a group that will take crime prevention to the next level. I also want to thank the family members of these NHW members for lending them to us to make a difference in the community.



▲ The Klaarstroom NHW hosted a Victim Empowerment workshop for the youth of the community.

RESIDENT'S WATCH EXHIBITS AT CITY OF CAPE TOWN FESTIVE SEASON LAUNCH



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▲ On 23 October 2021 our team attended the safety exhibition launch in Muizenberg. NHW chairperson Marlon Johnstone says they met people from different safety sectors and engaged with them regarding joint patrols. They were also able to educate themselves on the roles and responsibilities of the different safety structures.

MEMBERS OF SIYAPAMBILI NHW ATTENDS BROKEN WINDOW TRAINING



▲ On 10 October 2021 the Siyapambili NHW of Khayelisha attended a Broken Window training session at Sosebenza Primary School. The training focused on crime and was offered by Samuel Simons of the City of Cape Town.

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