

Dear Savoy and Waverley Resident

## 63.4% YES VOTES. WE WANT 66%. SEND IN YOUR VOTING FORM NOW! 113 CONSECUTIVE DAYS – NO CONTACT CRIME (UP TO 10 MARCH 2008). <u>CID</u>

Thanks to everyone who supported us during the lead up to the formal CID meeting on Tuesday night. We will not repeat the contents of the CID Meeting Feedback e-mail which we sent after the meeting. We were overwhelmed by the turnout at the meeting, by the wonderful sea of green, and by the many thank you letters, e-mails and sms' we have received since.

We want to get to a 66% YES vote. If you have <u>not yet</u> voted, it is important that you do so. Please send your Voting Form, once signed and completed, to us by fax to **086 529 7822**, or by e-mail to <u>cid@s-w-a-p.co.za</u>, or deliver it to **54 Grenville Avenue**, **Savoy**, for attention of Maureen. If you <u>do not have</u> a Voting Form, either download your unique form from <u>www.s-w-a-p.co.za</u>, or contact us on **082 419 7927** or by e-mail at <u>cid@sd-wa-p,.co.za</u>, including the name of the registered owner, the ERF number and physical address of the property, and we will send you your Voting Form. We will accept Voting Forms until 31 March 2008, or until we get to the 66% target, whichever is the sooner. **Don't delay, get your vote in today**.

## **CRIME**

For the week ended 10 March 2008, there were **NO incidents of contact crime**, bringing to **113** the number of **CONSECUTIVE CONTACT CRIME FREE** days in Savoy and Waverley. There was a **vehicle theft** on the border of the SWAP area, in Hathaway Road, Gresswold near Louis Botha Avenue, on 09 March, and a **trespassing incident** in Douglas Road, Waverley on 10 March. **One arrest** was made, of a black male who attempted to steal a cellphone from a schoolgirl on her way to school, on 06 March.

On Tuesday, 11 March (which falls into next week's reporting period), we had our first incident of contact crime in 113 days, when **two armed black males stole a cellphone and other personal items from an off-duty policeman** near the motor vehicle service centre on the Louis Botha Service Road near Nando's. The victim was **followed from a bank** in Bramley and drove to the service centre when the crime was perpetrated. While the incident did not involve a resident of Savoy or Waverley, it is the first contact crime to have occurred in the SWAP area for 113 days. Be aware of "follow home" incidents, especially when travelling from banks, shopping centres and the airport.

Only **89 calls** from the SWAP area were received by the **Incident Command and Control Centre**, of which 82 were security related. For the past 30 days, **318 calls** were received of which 304 were security related. The CAP initiative relies on calls from residents and others to deploy the Tactical Units. The more calls, the better the proactive anti-crime initiative is at early identification of possible criminal incidents and in keeping the area safe and secure. **The target is a minimum of 100 calls a week to the ICCC. MORE CALLS = LESS CRIME**. Phone **086 18 000 18**.

As a consequence of the upsurge in crime, and the associated level of contact crime, several new 'satellite' areas have become CAP deployment zones. This means that while they do not have regular patrols, there are CAP vehicles that will respond to calls reporting two or more males, or any other suspicious, or criminal, activity. The areas are: Sandringham, Rouxville, Highlands North, Bagleyston, and Gresswold. Additionally, the suburbs covered by the principal areas include: Greater Glenhazel, Savoy, Waverley, Oaklands, Orchards, Cheltondale, Abbotsford, Lower Houghton, Houghton Estate, Melrose, Melrose North, Melrose Estate, Birdhaven, Senderwood, Sydenham, Linksfield, and St. Andrews.

If you are travelling in ANY of the above areas, and you spot two or more males on foot or in a vehicle, remember the **description**, **location and direction of travel** and phone **086 18 000 18** without delay. If you are unsure of whether you are in a CAP patrolled zone, MAKE THE CALL ANYWAY.

The **Rosebank shopping precinct** has been identified as a the source of **follow-home crimes**, with two being reported in the CAP areas in the past week. One of the victims was followed from Pick 'n Pay in the **Rosebank Mall**, the other from Woolworths in **The Zone**. Please be especially aware if you are travelling from these areas. Remember to create a two-minute 'security bubble' as you near your destination, during which you need to observe your surroundings more closely. Be **ALERT** and **AWARE** at all times.

Criminals appear to be targeting **businesses on the periphery of CAP areas**. These crimes are sometimes perpetrated with the assistance of current or ex-employees. Once again, you can assist by calling in any two or more males on foot or in a vehicle congregating on the perimeter of CAP areas.

## **GENERAL**

Unfortunately, without your money, SWAP cannot survive, especially in that the CID process will take a number of months to conclude. There are STILL many ratepayers who have voted YES, as well as residents who have made Pledges, who are not making any form of monetary contribution to SWAP. We have an operational budget in excess of R400 000 a month. We currently receive Debit Orders and Internet transfers to the order of R200 000 per month, and have received several once-off donations in the month to date from residents. These amounts will help us cover SWAP's running expenses for March and a portion of April, however, we need a buffer sufficient to cover three to four months of costs. We would ask that you complete a monthly Debit Order for the amount of your proposed monthly CID levy or failing that, for a lesser amount with which you are comfortable. Feel free to increase your monthly Debit Order too! A *Pledge Form* is attached for your attention. *Please forward it to anyone other resident in the area who you may know of who is not currently contributing and / or may not be receiving our SWAP communications.* 

All contributions made to SWAP are tax deductible and s18A tax certificates will be

*issued*. Tax certificates for the financial year ended 29 February 2008 will be available in the next few weeks.

The CID meeting highlighted that there remains some misunderstanding of how the CID will operate should it be approved, how the costs have been calculated, and how it may affect each ratepayer. If you have ANY QUERIES or CONCERNS, please either e-mail us at <u>cid@s-w-a-p.co.za</u> or telephone 0824197927 so that we can address your query or concern. Where we feel this may be relevant to other ratepayers, we will communicate the nature of the query as well as our response (without disclosing your identity or any other personal information) so that everyone can benefit from the information. We will also gladly meet with you, and any other residents who share similar queries or concerns, to address them.

We are adding new names to our database every day, but we are still not communicating with many residents. If you are aware of any resident who is NOT receiving our e-mail and / or sms communications, please e-mail their contact details to info@s-w-a-p.co.za so that we can add their details to our database, or give them our contact details.

Please note that no member of the SWAP or SWRA Committees, nor any Street Captain or other volunteer, receives any remuneration from SWAP or SWRA. All monies received are deployed entirely for SWAP and in implementing the SWRA CID.

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Your SWAP / SWRA COMMITTEES (SWAP is an affiliate of the CAP initiative)

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