



WHAT IS A COMMUNITY POLICE FORUM (CPF)?

A Community Police Forum is a group of people from different communities and police representatives who meet to discuss safety problems in their communities. They aim at ensuring police accountability, transparency, and effectiveness in the community. CPFs are established in terms of section 19(1) of the SAPS Act, Act 68 of 1995.

Edenvale CPF has four sectors.

What role does the Edenvale Community Police Forum perform?

- The CPF ensures the efficient and appropriate service delivery of safety and security to the community of Edenvale and Greenstone.
- Members address complaints against the police on behalf of the community and against criminal elements in a particular community on behalf of policing partners.
- The CPF builds communication and problem-solving channels between all policing partners and the community.
- It produces safety plans from reported police statistics, as well as community needs and complaints regarding crime hot spots and suspicious activities.
- The CPF plans and participates in anti-crime exercises which are determined by the community's complaints. They facilitate safety and security meetings between the community and law enforcement entities.
- CPFs assist police by improving police service delivery to their communities and strengthening partnerships between the community and police. We promote joint problem solving and ensure police accountability.
- The CPF ensures proper communication between the police and the community – which enhances the police's ability to combat and prevent crime. Communities are thus able to monitor, evaluate and advise police. Police, in turn, become accountable to the communities they serve.
- The CPF assists in crime prevention by means of neighbourhood patrols, which decrease crime in areas where patrols are prevalent. Visible patrol systems deter criminal activity. Suspicious activity is channeled through to authorities. Information regarding social problems are also passed on to relevant authorities.
- The CPF assists at crime scenes, to ensure that vital evidence, witnesses and suspects are on hand for the SAPS.

CAMERA PROJECT

The Edenvale CPF has successfully managed to run an ANPR* Smart Camera System Project for several years

*Automatic Number Plate Recognition.

Our cameras have a wide range of uses and has played a vital role in successful investigations and apprehension of criminals involving crime such as murder, housebreaking, hijacking, contact crimes - just to name a few. Hence, we rely on the community to assist with donations/sponsorship to maintain these cameras.

OTHER INITIATIVES

Edenvale SAPS has a Social Crime and VISPOL division. The Victim Empowerment or Victim Support component support structure services all residents and businesses of Edenvale and Greenstone. The VES is a voluntary (non-religious) group designed to help victims within the community address any issues that result from their exposure to crime which often results in various levels of trauma. The VES offers the services of both trauma debriefers, as well as trauma counselors, who are available to counsel victims after the event. Edenvale CPF work closely with various other stakeholders.

MEDICAL AND RESPONSE TEAM

We have a dedicated group where we work closely with various Security and Medical teams.