

# SOMERSET WEST COMMUNITY POLICE FORUM

## 2010 CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

Good evening Members of our Police Force, invited guests and ladies and gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to present to you this Chairman's Report for the past year and to tell you what has taken place during this time.

Unfortunately our Chairman, Andrew Cosmopoulos, had to leave us in July to take up work elsewhere till the end of the year, and so stood down as Chairman and was given six months leave of absence by the Executive Committee till this AGM, in which time as the Deputy Chairman, I was appointed as Acting Chairman.

It has been a most active and very busy year with everyone being fully involved during this time. The Executive Committee held meetings on the first Tuesday of every month, with a number of additional meetings also being held. It was also necessary to appoint a number of Sub and ad hoc Committees to deal with special items such as projects and organizing of events. We have also had a number of meetings during the year with residents of Sir Lowry's Pass and Helderzicht/Paardevlei to get them active once more.

Our area has three policing Sectors and a Rural Sector, each with its own officers and vans with cellphones in each van, and have had numerous meetings in all these Sectors with interested residents to be able to form as many Neighbourhood Watches as possible. Except for one or two places, it has been possible so far to establish 16 NHW groups in the following places:

Steynsrust (Mother Body), Heldervue, Helena Heights, Briza, Die Wingerd, Bizweni, Berg en Dal, Land en Zeezicht, Parel Vallei, Raithby, The Links, Winery Road, Westridge and Sir Lowry's Pass (which also has its own Sub Forum).

From the third Tuesday in March 2010 and every second month thereafter, a General Public Meeting has been held, to which the Community is invited and when we have special Speakers to address these meetings and for the Police to give a report on the crime rate at those times in Somerset West District as well as for the members present to make enquiries regarding what is going on in the town.

As we come to the end of this year I want to thank all the members of the Executive Committee for their assistance and help they have given me during the year and also to all those who have joined us since last year and made the operation and work of the Executive and Forum lighter. Our able and excellent Secretary, Margie Frey, who has been so involved over these past two years since she was appointed to this position

tells us she will not be seeking re-election again this year and so we are certainly going to miss her very much. Many there are of you who have done so much and gone on different training courses as well as having

assisted when we needed help with road blocks, etc., from time to time, and we do appreciate you having given up your time to do so.

Lastly, but not least, I want to really thank very much my most dear wife, Annie, for standing by me all the time, together with my wonderful children, as they found that so much of my time, almost night after night, I am not at home, besides the weekends, being involved with the Community Police Forum

activities. They certainly have been such a great help to me with everything and I could not have done without them.

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Again, thank you all for being here this evening, and for the interest you all take with regard the CPF by attending this meeting. May I also wish everyone that will be elected tonight to the CPF Executive Committee and know that you will, I am sure, put your whole heart into becoming an excellent and active Office Bearer during the next two years.

May you have a wonderful and crime-free Festive Season, I thank you.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN  
SOMERSET WEST CPF

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