Introduction to Sector 1...

The Community Policing Forum (CPF) is a body mandated by Sections 18 to 23 of the South African Police Service Act No. 68 of 1995 and the SAPS Interim Regulations for Community Police Forums and boards. The Sinoville CPF (SCPF) is established under the Sinoville Police station and is divided into 4 sectors. We are Sector 1 and our borders are roughly the mountain in the South, the field bordering Wonderboom airport in the north, Lavender Street in the west and Veronica Rd in the east.

Community Policing Forums are constituted to improve communication between the South African Police Service (SAPS) and the community, to promote transparency and to foster joint problem-solving and co-operation with a view to improving service delivery by SAPS. The police are answerable to the communities they serve. The CPF represents the community's interests and monitors the SAPS' service delivery. At the same time, the CPF tries to promote the image of the SAPS to the community in order to foster closer ties between the SAPS and the community.

The role of the CPF is to make the needs of the community known to the police and to help the police meet those needs. The primary objective is to promote a partnership between the community and the local police and to create an environment that will promote effective local policing that is user-friendly. The CPF assists the South African Police Service in accomplishing these aims.

Sector 1 is managed by a committee which is chaired by the sector chairperson. Sector 1 is also represented on the SCPF executive committee. Membership and participation is entirely voluntary and no-one gets paid for services rendered.

Need more info?

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Goals of the SCPF-Sector 1

- A safer Community
- A Partnerships with SAPS
- Better communication between the Community and SAPS
- Improving the rendering of Police services to the community
- Joint problem identification and Solving with SAPS
- Ground level community safety Plans
How does sector 1 operate?

We work closely with SAPS to ensure the safety of our community. We have an emergency phone which is manned 24/7 and a radio network which is also manned 24/7 by a radio operator under the call sign Control-1 (Beheer-1). These radio operators are trained to deal effectively with situations that may arise.

We do not replace the SAPS/Metro emergency numbers but are there only as a backup to these numbers should you need help.

We have ad-hoc patrols running as frequently as we can and more structured patrols over the weekends. We also do joint operations with SAPS and have assisted in a number of arrests and other success stories.

In keeping with the white paper on Community Policing we strongly promote sub-forums in the form of neighborhood watches and currently have two of these affiliated with us (see side bar) and there are more to come. We also work closely with the security complexes and gated communities in the area. We also work closely with our neighboring sectors in the SCPF and with other CPFs around us (Pretoria North, Moot etc).

We monitor the crime stats closely and try to identify problem areas with SAPS and then try to implement strategies to target these problems.

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Wonderboom Security Initiative (WSI)

WSI is a neighborhood watch operating south of Braam Pretorius, between Lavendar and Bosveld Streets.

They are a very active community and if you live in that area we strongly suggest you make contact with them and become a part of their operation.

To find out more about WSI simply indicate it on your application form and we will forward your details to them and they will make contact with you.

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Sinoville Neighbourhood Watch (SNW)

SNW is a neighborhood watch operating south of Braam Pretorius, between Carlo and Ongers Streets.

They are a very active community and if you live in that area we strongly suggest you make contact with them and become a part of their operation in the same way as WSI.
How can I get involved?

There is a minimal, once-off administration fee payable and you can also procure various items like house boards, a radio with its repeater fees, patrol boards and clothing. These items are listed on our website.

You must also agree to our Code of Conduct which forms part of the total application pack.

All the activities of the sector are voluntary and open to all residents. We need help in the following areas (to name just a few)

- **Patrolling.** Whether you just want to patrol close to your house, or in your neighborhood, or in the entire sector we need you. Patrollers are the eyes and ears of the SAPS. They watch over us while we sleep and over our property while we are away at work or on vacation. You will need to purchase a set of car magnets as they are required on all patrol vehicles. We will give you raining on how to patrol.

- **Control-1.** Monitoring the radio. This is another key function and we need as many people as possible to get involved. The Control-1 operator is given training and mans a 6 or 12 hour shift either during the day or overnight. If you are available and want more information, let us know and we will get in contact with you. You do not need any special skills and we know there are many of you out there who could do this task with ease.

- **Administration.** We constantly need people to help us with admin tasks. Currently these tasks fall on the shoulders of a relatively small group of committed individuals.

- **Joint Ops.** For the more adventurous patrollers, we do joint operations with SAPS from time to time. These operations are not always open to everybody, but if you are interested please let us know.

- **Neighborhood watch.** If there is not a neighborhood watch in your area and you feel like starting one, call us and we will assist you in every possible way. Establishing effective neighborhood watches throughout the sector is very much in keeping with our long term strategy.

- **Donations.** Yes please!! We are funded entirely by donations and fund raising events. Many of our patrollers are students and require assistance with petrol money. We have a petrol voucher system that you can assist with. There are also other initiatives that require funding such as the purchase of night vision equipment and bullet proof vests.

- **Crime intelligence.** Information is key. If you hear of anything or if you observe anything suspicious, please call it in. We will attempt to follow up on everything.

- **You may also want a radio just for the security of it and not to get involved any more than that.** That's also OK... it's all voluntary. If you will sleep safer at night knowing you have a radio and help is a button push away, well then we're doing our job. There are older folk with radios, kids home alone while parents are at work, businesses, single ladies all sorts of people are part of the network and can call for help at anytime.
CPF and SAPS

The SCPF Sector 1 has a very good working relationship with local law enforcement, both with the SAPS and with the Metro Police.

Many of the SAPS vehicles and personnel are equipped with CPF radios and our Control-1 operators have readily access to the SAPS vehicles either by radio, or direct phone contact or via the Sinoville Police Station.

SAPS regularly run operations jointly with the CPF. These operations have been seen to be very effective in reducing crime in the area. Sector 1 has a crime prevention officer, under the call sign CP1, and one of the policemen from the local station is assigned to Sector 1 as our sector manager. These two coordinate all the joint operations between SAPS and the CPF.

Communication - your lifeline in an emergency

Your ability to help others or to get help in an emergency requires an effective communication network. Sector 1 provides two key media for you to make use of.

The first is an emergency number that is manned 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week. The people manning this number know how to deal effectively and quickly with your emergency.

The second is the radio network. We strongly urge our members to purchase a radio. The costs associated with the radios are detailed in the application pack. The radio is key. You don't have to own a radio to be a member, but for your own safety, we strongly recommend it.

You can use your radio in one of three ways: (1) As a '911' device for help in an emergency, (2) to just listen and be informed of what's happening around you, (3) to actively participate by calling in suspicious activities or joining on patrols or by responding to calls for assistance.

All three of these are legitimate reasons to purchase a radio. Do not hold back from buying a radio because you don't feel ready or qualified to patrol or to get involved in other ways. Get one for your security. We will train you on how to use it effectively.
Personal note from the coordinator

Hi,

Thank you so much for showing an interest in the Sinoville CPF - Sector 1. I certainly hope you will join us as we fight crime in our Area.

We have an amazingly dedicated and resourceful management team. Our Control-1 team is outstanding and our patrollers are dedicated, willing and very able. Our working relationship with SAPS and our SAPS sector manager is better than its ever been. I'll honestly say that the support we get from SAPS is above and beyond in many respects.

Without this team I would not even try to tackle this responsibility. I'm utterly convinced that at the moment we are stronger than we have ever been and it's our mission to continue to make this a safer community for all.

I wish I could tell you the countless success stories - like the family who called for help in the middle of an armed robbery at 1am (and the two arrests that followed), countless other responses to burglaries, many arrests, drug busts, missing persons searched for and recovered and many more.. There are so many success stories.

Join the team and become part of this effort to combat crime and to make ours the safest area in Pretoria.

Kind Regards, Dirk Kok (CF1)