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Police join forces to fight crime

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Ocean View police are working with youth and spiritual crime prevention structures in an effort to address problems before they develop into more serious crime.

The collaboration brings together the Spiritual Crime Prevention Forum (SCPF) and Youth Crime Prevention Desk (YCPD) with local law enforcement and community structures.

Members introduced during a recent meeting included Sergeant Msa Makeleni, coordinator of the SCPF; Pastor Ayanda Apolis, district public relations officer; Dr Teogan Klein, public relations officer; Moegammat Sadley Landsman, chairperson of the YCPD; Asavela Shosha, deputy chairperson; and Luke Koeries, treasurer of the YCPD.

They met with Ocean View station commander Lieutenant Colonel Rewayne Muller, visible policing commander Captain Nick Spreeth, sub-district representative Mansoor Ismail and Ocean View Community Police Forum (CPF) chairperson Rushda Richards.

Spreeth said the Youth Crime Prevention Desk was established to involve young people up to the age of 25 in helping address crime and the social issues affecting their peers.

"The initiative aims to get young people involved in speaking to other youngsters and helping prevent problems from escalating," he said.

The approach, he explained, was particularly relevant in Ocean View, where police are dealing with young people who are not attending school, as well as youngsters becoming involved with drugs and gangs.

Bringing youth and spiritual prevention



■ Ocean View police, community leaders and members of the Spiritual Crime Prevention Forum and Youth Crime Prevention Desk have joined forces to tackle problems early, with a focus on young people, families and conflict prevention.

together

Spreeth said the Spiritual Crime Prevention Forum had also been operating for some time, and police believed bringing the two initiatives together could create a stronger support system.

While the youth component focuses on young people, he said the spiritual crime-prevention structure would also target parents.

"The intention is to speak to parents about what may be happening in the home and how families can be supported when a young person is experiencing difficulties," he said.

He acknowledged that the approach would take cooperation from both sides.

"We don't know if it's going to work, but you know what, you need to start somewhere," he said.

Muller said one practical starting point would be schools, where problems can potentially be identified before they develop into more serious issues.

He pointed to existing community members working at schools to help prevent disagreements between pupils from escalating into fights.

"If we start at the schools, this thing will roll out to the community,"

He used bullying as an example, saying a problem at school could be taken to the family and addressed with parents before it escalated into drug use or gang involvement.

"We don't want to have to get it to that point," he said.

Muller said the initiative already had the support of school principals and community members involved at the schools.

Police are also calling on existing NGOs and churches to become involved.

Muller said registered NGOs could join the partnership, while churches were encouraged to participate in the spiritual crime-prevention initiative.

He said organisations already working in Ocean View were important partners in the effort.

CPF chairperson Richards welcomed the collaboration and stressed the importance of residents becoming involved in crime prevention.

"When we stand divided, crime becomes stronger. When we stand together, our community becomes stronger," Richards said.

She said residents should not wait for others to address problems in the community, but should play a role in creating safer communities.

The initiative is expected to develop over the long term, with police acknowledging that different cases will require different approaches and that results will not be immediate.

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Sudoku No 19 Level: Easy

How to play: Fill every column, row and 3x3 box so they contain every number between 1 and 9.

Solution on page 3

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City tackles sand build-

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A large build-up of windblown sand has blocked a popular access point to Muizenberg Beach, with regular beach users raising concerns about getting to the beach.

Dr Beverley Roos-Muller, of Marina da Gama, said a growing mound of sand near the Muizenberg Water Slides car park and putt-putt course had made the route difficult to use.

Roos-Muller is a member of the Muizenberg Mermaids, a group that walks every Saturday morning under the umbrella of U3A, and said the route is used by the group every week.

She said the mound had become too large to climb over and that sand had also accumulated along the beach side of the elevated walkway, although the area near the car park was the worst affected.

The City of Cape Town's Coastal Management Branch said it was aware of the accumulation of windblown sand in the area.

The City's mayoral committee member for spatial planning and environment, Eddie Andrews, said the area is scheduled to form part of the City's annual beach-lowering programme.

The work is planned to start on Thursday, October 1, and will run from the Zandvlei River mouth through to the wheel-



■ A large build-up of sand has blocked access to Muizenberg Beach.

chair access ramp in front of the Pavilion.

The accumulated sand will be mechanically moved to the low-water mark, which the City said will open the beach access paths under the Pavilion.

The beach-lowering programme will also take place at Fish Hoek and Hout Bay this year.

In Fish Hoek, the work will run from Jager's Walk, in front of the Galley Restaurant, to the life-saving building, while at Hout Bay it will take place adjacent to Beach Road.

The City said the beaches will remain open to the public while the work is under way, although beach users will be asked to keep a safe distance

from operating machinery.

The provisional completion date for the programme is mid-November, with the City aiming to complete the work ahead of the festive season.

According to Andrews, beach lowering is carried out to manage accumulated sand and reduce the impact of windblown sand on nearby roads and infrastructure during the summer months.

He said the City uses manual and mechanical measures to move sand from the beach towards the low-water mark, where wave action transports it back into the coastal system.

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Notice of Annual General Meeting (AGM)



The Kalk Bay St James SRA NPC (KBSJSRA) will be hosting an AGM. All stakeholders are invited to a review of the past financial year's activities and planning for 2027/28.

Date: 28 October 2026

Time: 18h00

Venue: Kalk Bay Community Centre, 27 Main Road Kalk Bay

Resolutions presented at the meeting can only be voted on by bona fide members of the KBSJSRA. This membership is available free of charge to all owners of property within the KBSJSRA footprint who are liable for the additional rate (additional rate payers), but they must be registered before 21 October 2026.

To register as a member or access further information and documentation go to www.kalkbaystjamesra.org or call 079 609 1172