

Pioneerspark Neighbourhood Watch

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Patroller Awards
Congratulations To All The Patrollers And Thank You For Your Dedication.



Marnus Van Der Merwe - 200 Patrol Shifts

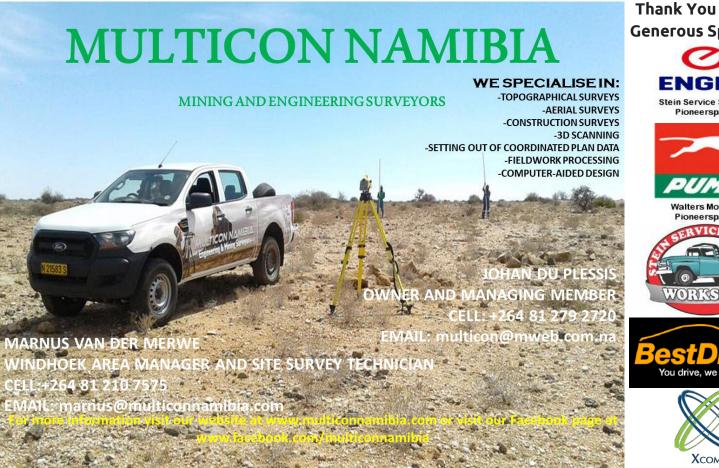


Naudé Theron - 100 Patrol Shifts



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"Zero Tollerance for Crime" Peter Engelsmann



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Know Your Patrollers: Peter Engelsmann

Peter Engelsmann was born in December 1961 in Windhoek and his parents moved to Potgieter Street, Pioneerspark in 1968. Back then the streets were still gravel roads and Baines was still under contruction. Amongst the Germans, Pioneerspark was known as the "Rattenviertel", as there were a lot of rats back then.

As a child, Peter had a hell of a time, playing in the rivers, riding bicycles, hanging out and playing Cowboys and Indians in the bushes west of Engen Service Station, where Ext 1 is now located. His parents moved to Grootfontein in 1971 and he finished his school career in Otjiwarongo. In 2003 he bought his house in Pioneerspark.

Peter joined PPNHW in April 2016 when there were only about 35 patrollers and it was a real challenge to do the patrol shifts and has completed more than 540 shifts to date. It happened a lot in the beginning that he did not know where he was driving to, being so unfamiliar with the streets, but after a while he got used to the routine and now he can find his way blind folded to an open gate or to where a dog is sleeping outside their owner's gate.

His closest encounter with crime was 2 years ago, while driving down Coetzee Street after 23h00. In the parking area in front of the shopping complex, 3 cars with doors open and a Mercedes in the middle of the road, were having a private party. Peter wanted to have a closer look but his partner, Horst, advised him to rather turn into Von Goldammer and observe from a distance. While there, they received a radio call to respond to a robbery at the Maytime flats on Visagie Plein (Baines), which was still being renovated. While attending to this problem, the police got a call to attend to the Coetzee Street party. The group had an argument and firearms were involved. "From that day on the words Observe & Report became a must for myself and all the other patrollers." Peter has been involved in a lot of funny situations and are being teased about it relentlessly on several occasions:

"An emergency call out to a premise in Jordan Street in the middle of winter after 22h00. The tenant heard a noise on the roof of the house. While looking up at the roof, I stepped right into the pool, which was covered with some kind of drifting bubble blanket."

"My VW Kombi stood in Schlettwein Street without petrol. Luckily the other team had an empty 2lt coke bottle and could bring some fuel. The Kombi's fuel gauge had been broken."

"While attending to an emergency call in Aschenborn, my Kombi got stuck in the riverbed. Note to myself: Never try to reverse a Kombi uphill out of a river."

"While on patrol, have a good look at the street. A plastic bottle, turned out to be a broken beer bottle..... changing a tyre at night is



not a pleasant experience..."

"When picking up your partner, make sure of the time..... do not arrive an hour early for the shift. That hour can be better used for sleep!!"

"The pros of being a part of the Neighbourhood Watch is that after a while you become much more observant of what is going on around you. It starts to get second nature to observe unusual things, no matter what time or place you are. The nice thing is that you get to know your community & neighbours on a more personal level and actually see what super people are living around you."

Peter's wishlist:

"To make our patroller's job easier, all community members should please consider displaying their house numbers clearly. It is to everyone's benefit if we can respond as quickly as possible in case of an emergency, e.g. a fire, water leak, burglary, dogs left outside, etc...."

"I would like to urge the community to please join PPNHW, either as a community member or patroller. It is free of charge and you can only benefit from this." "1 Robbery per month in Pioneerspark is too much..... A Zero Tollerance for Crime should be our aim."

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PPNHW STATS

Safety Tip: Burglary Prevention

August 2018 Crime Statistics

0: House Break-Ins

0: Attempted House Break-ins

0: Armed Robbery

1: Robbery

1: Vehicle broken into / Smash and Grab

0: Other - Fence cut

0: Other - Lights stolen

0: Number of suspects caught

Patrol Statistics

525 Shifts 1050 Patrol Hours

Undercover Patrol Shifts: 23

Day Patrol: 36

Top Patrollers:

21 Odette De Kock

19 Gerhard De Kock

19 Erik Strauss

19 Peter Engelsmann

15 Derrick Strauss

14 Gerrit Koekemoer

13 Andre Booysen

12 Hannelie Nel

12 Andre Du Toit

12 Johnny Smith

10 Terry Cooper

10 Volker Kollmitz



Have you ever been locked out of your home? Were you able to get in in any way? Now think about it...if you could break into your own home, it's just as easy for someone else to break in too. Many intruders will spend no more than 60 seconds trying to break into a home. The best prediction of a future burglary is a past burglary. Therefore it is important to take preventative measures now. Strong locks—and good neighbours who look out for one another—can be effective deterrents to burglars.

Check the Outside

Take a look at your home from the outside, and keep in mind the following tips to help make your home as safe as it can be:

- Burglars hate bright lights. Install outside lights and keep them on at night. Motion-detector lights can be particularly effective.
- Keep your yard clean. Prune shrubbery so it doesn't hide windows or doors. Cut back tree limbs that a burglar could use to climb to an upper-level window.
- If you travel, create the illusion that you are at home by getting timers that will turn lights (and perhaps a television or radio) on and off in different parts of your home throughout the day and evening hours. Lights burning 24 hours a day signals an empty house.
- Leave shades, blinds, and curtains in normal positions. Make sure you don't let your mail or newspapers pile up. Call the post office and newspaper to stop delivery or have a neighbour pick them up.
- Make a list of your valuables, such as VCRs, stereos, computers, and jewellery. Take pictures of the items, list their serial numbers and description. This will help the police if your home is burglarised.



Sosaties For Sale - Order Now

As part of our fundraising efforts, the Committee has decided to sell sosaties on a monthly basis to our community.

The sosaties are supplied by the lady from Gobabis who normally supply this for our yearly fundraising event.

The sosaties are packed in 10's and cost N \$ 15.00 each - (N \$ 150.00 / pack).

PLEASE NOTE - ONLY CASH PAYMENTS ACCEPTED

Should you be interested in placing an order, kindly contact **Odette de Kock** on **081 631 7330** via Whatsapp or SMS directly. Orders should be in by latest the 2nd last Friday of the month, in order for it to be delivered timeously.

Collection details of orders will be announced via Whatsapp or SMS to all interested parties on the day of delivery.



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There are certain things which we all know we should do, but somehow between trips to the shops, transporting kids and important things on TV, we never quite get around to doing them. Take just one Saturday morning to make some changes that may help you sleep more soundly at night.

SAFETY IN THE HOME



Test your alarm system every six months and have your security company test the battery and back up battery annually.



Ensure you have security bars and gates installed – it is the most common home security measure.



Add some security lighting. Adding lights with sensors at strategic points on your property is a good crime deterrent. In particular, focus on areas around entrances such as your garage and front door.



Do some strategic gardening. If you have a small jungle growing around your property that intruders could

easily hide in, use as a climbing aid, or that obscures your view when pulling out onto the road, now is a good time to do some trimming. Particularly look at the front of your property at the main entrance.



Save important contact numbers in case of an emergency. Make sure you familiarise your family with an action plan, should an incident occur.



Get a fire blanket and extinguisher.
As many household fires start in the kitchen, these are important tools for extinguishing a fire before it gets out of control. Fire extinguishers should be serviced once a year to ensure they are in working order.

Ticking off even just a few of the risk checks we've just explored will help you sleep more soundly tonight. And remember, when risks do become a reality, all the solutions you need are only a call away.

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