

Bramley SAPS form crime-fighting team

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Bramley police and security companies solidified their partnership on September 9 at DP World Wanderers Stadium and launched the Bramley Task Team.

The task team kicked off the proceedings with a parade, followed by the national anthem.

Bramley Police Station commander Colonel Lionel Chetty said the day was important for the station and community.

“The establishment of the task team represents our commitment to strengthening our fight against crime and ensuring that we will respond effectively to the challenges facing our policing precinct.

“We have come to understand that the fight against crime requires more than an individual effort.”

Chetty added that the team unites dedicated members and role players who are prepared to go the extra mile to create a safe environment.

“Our responsibility is significant; the community expects us to be visible, responsive and effective. They expect us to identify and address crime hotspots, disrupt criminal activities and make decisive decisions against those who threaten the safety of the community.”

He added that the success of the team will depend on the quality of their commitment, discipline and ability to work together.

Bramley Community Policing Forum (CPF) executive chairperson Gerard Oaker said he was privileged to attend the launch of the task team, which aims to strengthen cooperation, enhance safety, and collectively fight crime within the precinct.

“Today represents more than the launch of



Sergeant Tshikovhi Ndivhuho on Jacob the horse and Bramley Task Team members.

a task team; it represents the strengthening of a partnership and a commitment by all role players to work together in the interest of our community that we serve.

“Crime is a challenge that cannot be effectively addressed by any single organisation working in isolation; it requires communication, cooperation, coordination and, most importantly, a shared commitment towards a common goal.”

Oaker added that the team brings together key stakeholders, including the Johannesburg Metropolitan Police

Department (JMPD), private security companies, specialised police units, the CPF and relevant role players.

He noted that the partnership aims to improve information sharing, strengthen joint operations, increase visibility, respond more effectively to crime and create a safe environment for visitors, residents and businesses.

The security partners in the task team include CAP, 24/7 Security, Trio Tactical, ARN Security, TARS Tactical, CSO Security and Beagle Watch Security.

Chetty noted that these security partners play an important role in supporting crime prevention initiatives.

“The JMPD is also part of the task team,” he said.

“It will support our operations, improving law enforcement, visibility and the handling of traffic-related offences.”

Warrant Officer Jakes de Jager concluded that the team’s mandate is to unite dedicated members and stakeholders to work in a coordinated and focused manner to address crime priorities within the precinct.

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EU delegation to South Africa Ambassador-Designate Kristian Schmidt said he was honoured to attend the ceremony. “We honour the bravery of the South African pilots, their memory and the sacrifices they made while well aware of how dangerous their mission was. We also honour the bravery of the Polish home army, at a time when Europe was tearing itself apart and engulfing the rest of the world in global conflict.” Schmidt added that the Polish people showed immense

courage in 1944 by rising up against the overwhelming military might of the Nazi regime rather than waiting for foreign liberation.

First Midrand Scout Aashirya Sundarlal, who assisted with the proceedings, said she was honoured to help at such an important anniversary.

Following the addresses, dignitaries participated in a wreath-laying ceremony to pay tribute to the fallen, before Petersen closed the proceedings with a final blessing before guests were escorted to the Ditsong National Museum of Military History in Parktown.



First Midrand Scouts Aaashirya Sundarlal and Olivia Urry with patrol leader Tyler Kilbee.



Lieutenant Colonel Zachary Mangrich, Air Attaché at the Embassy of the United States in South Africa, lays a wreath.



Wing commander Bruce Harrison delivers a keynote address.