



Minister Albert Fritz delivering the key note address via Microsoft Teams at the launch on 11 July 2020.



Subcouncil Chairperson Patrick Mngxunyeni addressing NHW members at the launch on 11 July 2020.

R3.5 MILLION ALLOCATED TO NHW PROJECT TO STOP SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN KHAYELITSHA

On 11 July the Minister of Community Safety, Albert Fritz, launched the Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Safety Improvement Volunteers Project with Covid-19 relief measures in Khayelitsha. This was marked by the handover of 15 starter kits to NHW structures.

The online launch on Microsoft Teams was attended by officials from SAPS, the City of Cape Town, CPFs and NHWs. Before being deployed the qualifying NHW structures received training from Doctors Without Borders (MSF).

Minister Fritz said: "The deployment of the NHWs aims to provide health advocacy through the promotion of social distancing and utilising PPE. At its core, it aims to instil behavioural change by increasing civil compliance with the five golden rules of hygiene at places of congregation including shops, health centres, recreational areas, SASSA payout points and relief points, transport interchanges and schools."

This project is born out of the Western Cape Government's Whole of Government targeted hotspot strategy, which includes numerous programmes aimed at creating awareness and reducing the spread of Covid-19 in densely populated areas most affected by the pandemic. The Department of Community Safety has been deemed the anchor department in Khayelitsha, whilst working closely with various levels of government, provincial departments and community stakeholders.

Minister Fritz said: "The programme itself is a pilot, projected to run for six months and will be reviewed at its three-month mark in Covid-19 hotspot areas. The implementation period will be between 1 July 2020 and 31 December 2020, subject to need and departmental funding. Ensuring that we stop the spread of Covid-19 is our top priority and we have allocated approximately R3.5 million to achieve this end through our NHW deployments."

Minister Fritz added: "The 15 qualifying NHWs in Khayelitsha should feel an immense sense of pride. Not just any NHW was approved for the programme. The chairpersons here today know this, as their applications were scrutinised by a panel consisting of officials from SAPS, the Department and the City of Cape Town on 24 June. Their applications had to show that they were accredited, were fully aware of Covid-19, were able to support schools, were supported by SAPS and their CPF and are currently assisting in the fight against Covid-19."

The programme will later be expanded to support an additional 23 NHWs in the Eastern, Tygerberg, Klipfontein and Southern hotspot areas. In total, 42 accredited and screened NHWs will be supported with funding.

An important aspect of this project is that NHWs will be deployed in an evidence-driven and data-led approach, as deployment areas will be identified through a community mapping process which will involve key stakeholders.

Minister Fritz continued: "Crucial to this deployment is ensuring that our NHW members are accountable and competent. We have in place a stringent three-tiered monitoring and evaluation system consisting of:

- Level 1: NHW Chairpersons/Co-coordinator who will be responsible for the patrolling, placement, planning and reporting through the keeping of daily logs;
- Level 2: The head of the placement institution is responsible for verifying the logs daily or may delegate their representative to do so and should inform the NHW Chairperson and Department accordingly; and
- Level 3: Unannounced Departmental visits will ensure monitoring and utilising a tool template provided by the Department."

PAROW WEST NHW HOSTS EASTER SUNDAY LUNCH CAMPAIGN

As Easter approached, the Parow West NHW (PWNHW) launched an Easter Sunday Lunch campaign to ensure that needy families in the area could join in a community lunch from the comfort of their own homes. The Easter lunch drive was specifically aimed at feeding the elderly, the frail, the unemployed and anyone who is struggling financially during lockdown. NHW members nominated local individuals or families over a period of two days and 24 needy households were identified.

The members of the PWNHW ensured that families in need were treated in the most dignified manner and that those who wanted to support the campaign were valued for their contributions. The reality of the COVID-19 lockdown is that there are countless families in need that do not always have access to Disaster Management relief food parcels, government grants or NGO initiatives.

While some PWNHW members chose to prepare plates of food for the event, others chose to donate non-perishable food items towards the meals. One of the residents, Lameez Beckles, very professionally prepared and packaged 26 individual meals for Parow SAPS and Byers Security Solutions as a small gesture of gratitude on behalf of the community for their services.

The Easter Sunday Lunch campaign was supported by Byers Security Solutions, who committed a vehicle and staff members to assist the PWNHW with the collection of donations and delivery of hampers. PWNHW volunteers received the contributions, sanitized the packaging and repackaged all the donations, so that all the hampers could be standardised and to ensure that larger families received a hamper according to their needs.



PWNHW delivering contributions to worthy recipients in the area.



Recipients happy with the groceries they received from PWNHW.

NAPIER NHW GATHERS FOR JUNE 16TH YOUTH DAY PATROL

Since lockdown started in March 2020, neighbourhood watches have been unable to assist police in patrolling the neighbourhoods. Napier's Neighbourhood Watch (NNHW) team received a briefing at the local police station after they were given the green light by the relevant authorities for accredited members to start patrolling their neighbourhoods again.

They started out the very next day, rendering a much-appreciated supportive service to local police force members. However, with reference to the strict Covid-19 level 3 Lockdown Health and Safety Regulations that are in place, only accredited members who are in possession of the relevant permits could come aboard.

It is furthermore also expected of the members to subject themselves to the prescribed health tests before being allowed to set out on patrols. NHW committee member, Mr Ivan Boshoff, is officially in charge of all the paperwork that had to be completed before the members can venture into the streets.



The Napier NHW teams dress in uniform black attire so that members of the public can always recognise them.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

NHW operating hours and contact information:

- Operating office hours: 07:00 – 16:00
- Members of the public must email Neighbourhood.Watch@westerncape.gov.za to make an appointment
- Appointments will be scheduled on a first come first serve basis
- No walk-ins will be allowed as meeting rooms must be arranged in advance

NEW HORIZON NHW FORMS PARTNERSHIPS TO FEED THE NEEDY DURING LOCKDOWN



From 4 April 2020 the New Horizon Neighbourhood Watch (NHNHW) has been part of a feeding project in New Horizon, Pelican Park. The NHW formed the Can Network with Alderman Moodley, LACE up for Change and other individuals. The need for assistance grew bigger as the lockdown continued.

Neighbourhood Watches here could not do their normal patrols, but organised and maintained a winter soup kitchen during this time and continued feeding the children and elderly. The NHW assisted anybody who reached out for help and due to social distancing rules food was prepared with a minimum of people.

The NHW members came to control the safety aspect during times when community members were assisted so that the handing out of soup could take place as fast and safe as possible.

According to the NHW secretary, Mariam Davids, it is the NHNHW's intention to continue with this project for as long as possible.

◀ The New Horizon NHW feeding the children and elderly in the area.

RECOGNISING THE NEWLY ACCREDITED NHWS IN THE WESTERN CAPE

There are currently 295 accredited NHWs in the Western Cape. The Department of Community Safety would like to congratulate and recognise the following newly accredited NHWs.

- Upper District Six NHW
- Somerset-West NHW
- Napier NHW
- Southfield NHW
- Penhill Community NHW
- Ryston Rd NHW
- Khuseleka NHW
- Vukusebenze NHW
- Siyakhana NHW
- Alert NHW
- Ilisolomzi Community Safety Patrol NHW
- Sinegugu NHW
- Sakumlandela NHW
- Thornton NHW
- Green Light NHW
- Harare Police Precinct Community Patrol Sector One NHW
- Monwabisi Park NHW
- BKM NHW
- Ferness Estate NHW
- Goodwood NHW
- Ikamvalethu NHW
- Meadows Community Watch
- Yorkshire NHW
- Redelinghuys NHW
- Precinct 7 NHW
- Factreton NHW
- Ceres NHW
- Green Valley NHW
- Glenhaven NHW
- Southern Eye NHW
- Wesbank NHW
- Bellville South Sector 2 NHW
- Our Pride 107 NHW
- Beverley Park NHW
- Constantia Watch
- Montagu South NHW
- Wolwedans NHW
- Ladies for Change NHW
- Racecourse NHW
- Tygerdal NHW
- Belthorn NHW
- Mountview NHW
- Yzerfontein NHW
- Klein Parys NHW
- Tennantville NHW
- Tambo Village NHW
- Highway Mountainside NHW
- Fisantekraal NHW
- Iliso NHW
- Elandsbay NHW
- Khusela Abahlali NHW
- Perlemoenbaai NHW
- Tambo Village Women Patrollers NHW

Visit <https://nhw.westerncape.gov.za/> to request accreditation for your NHW.

NHWs MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES DURING THE COVID-19 LOCKDOWN

NHWs from different locations in the province namely Tulbagh Neighbourhood Watch (TBNHW) and Abbotsdale Neighbourhood Watch (ANHW) responded to the call of the community and set up feeding schemes during the lockdown. Here are some images received from the

TULBAGH NHW



ABBOTSDALE NHW



FAQs

This feature aims to address questions you may have about the running and operations of your respective NHWs.

Can NHW structures still patrol due to the COVID-19 outbreak?

Yes, according to the COVID-19 prevention measures it is recommended that people avoid close contact (1-2 meters) with any person when in public and we therefore suggest that NHWs take this into consideration when on patrol.

May NHW members carry guns?

South Africa has specific gun-ownership laws and these must also be followed by NHWs.

Do NHWs have to take orders from CPFs?

NHWs enjoy the same rights as all citizens. They need to carry out their functions strictly within the law. Remember, we need to understand CPFs' precise mandate, which is oversight and good relations.

What are CPFs' powers regarding NHWs?

CPFs play an essential role in conducting oversight over the police in terms of the Police Act. They monitor the police and assist the police to foster healthy relationships with communities. This also means that CPFs need to nurture healthy relationships between NHWs and the police. NHWs and CPFs both share the same vision – healthy and safe neighbourhoods.

5 Golden Rules of Good Hygiene

- 1 Wash hands often
- 2 Don't touch your face
- 3 Keep physical distance
- 4 Cover your cough
- 5 Sick? Stay home

Coronavirus hotlines

0800 029 999 or 021 928 4102 or 0800 111 132



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