

Street Committee Project

Chesterville



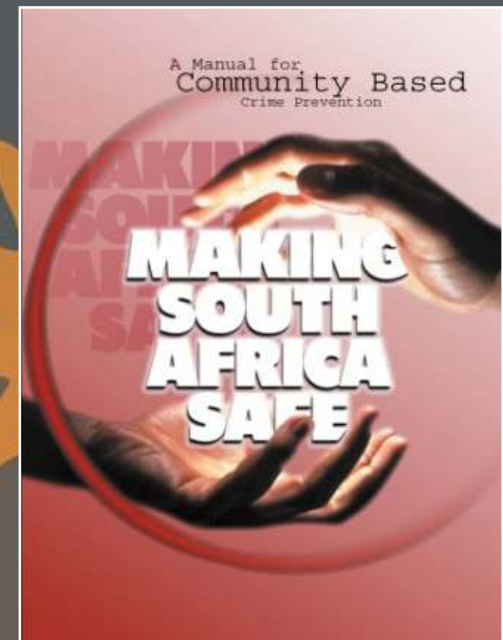
AIM

The primary aim of Street Committees is to help create a peaceful and productive environment by encouraging community members to take a greater interest in, and responsibility for, their community.




BACKGROUND

- Dinner (President Jacob Zuma)
- Decision to act (not criticize)
- Holistic Strategy based on “ *A Manual for Community Based Crime Prevention*” (NCPC, ISS, CSIR; 2000)
- Replicable model



MAIN FUNCTIONS OF STREET COMMITTEES

1. Reduce crime through:

- Promoting community participation & vigilance
 - Early identification, reporting & prevention of crimes
 - The provision of valuable information
 - Collective identification of suspects
 - Cooperation with police services & CPFs
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2. Other social interventions, such as:

- Prevention & resolution of domestic violence
- Social welfare issues e.g. orphans, disabled, elderly...
- Liaison with local business people
- Protection & empowerment of women & children
- Education & Sport
- Environment & Service Delivery



PROGRESS TO DATE (starting July 2008)

July/Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consultation & Planning• Legislative Review
Sep/Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guiding Principles & Training Materials<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Policies & Procedures Manual- Street Committee Constitution- Training Toolkit (e.g. how to run a Street Meeting, SC Elections & Community Meeting)- Street Committee Brochure
Nov/Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Training of 10 Facilitators (+ hot spot patrols Dec-Feb)• Pavilion Partnership<ul style="list-style-type: none">- peak periods (safety liaison officers)- petty offenders strategy

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PROGRESS TO DATE



5 April	• Community Meeting (Chesterville)
23 May	• Further Training & Stakeholder Meeting
June July August	• Roll-out (26 committees formed) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- street committee meetings per street/area- election of members at street level- database of members 
8,9 August	• Induction Training Weekend (DVD created) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 2 days, UKZN- 300 delegates

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INDUCTION TRAINING WEEKEND – Topics (8,9 Aug 2009)

- The approach to Community Safety
 - Structure, Roles & Responsibilities, Reporting
 - Child abuse, rape & domestic violence
 - Rape & forensics
 - Community Policing
 - Case Management
 - Domestic Violence
 - Drugs/Substance abuse
 - Human Trafficking
 - Orphans & vulnerable children
 - HIV & AIDS
 - The disabled
- A resource DVD of the entire 2 day induction was created.



Sep 09
to
Jan 2010

• Operational Street Committees

- Street Committee meetings (attending to cases)
- 2-way Radios
- Incident Report Forms & case logging (in progress)
- Next step: monthly reports (summary of cases)

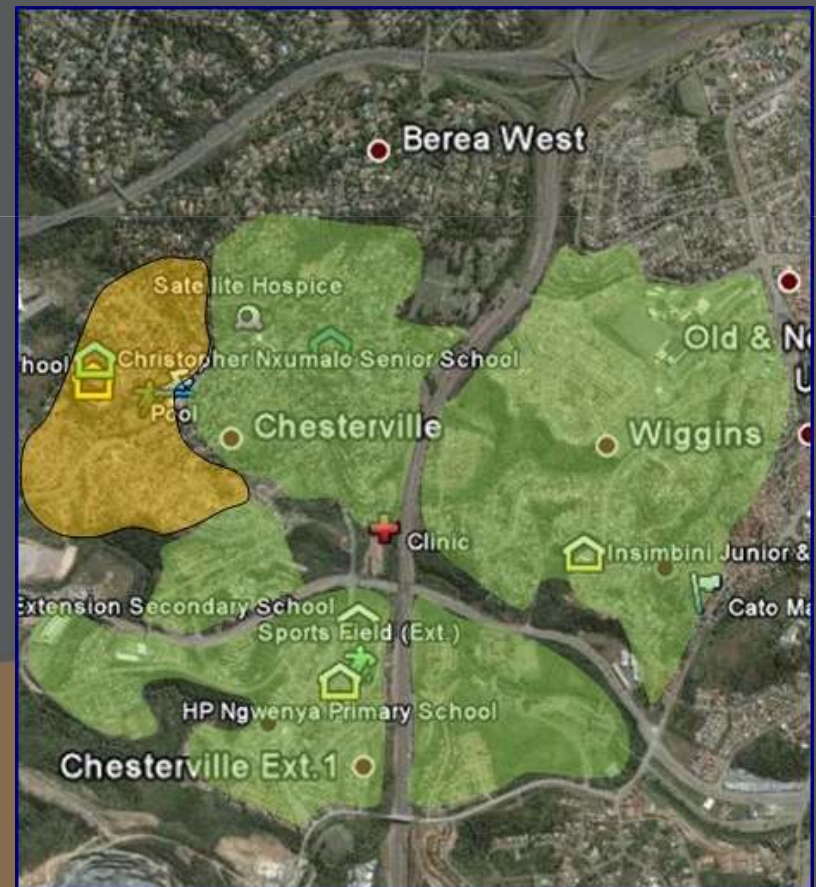


No formal Committees formed yet

Operational Committees

AREAS WHERE STREET COMMITTEES ARE OPERATIONAL:

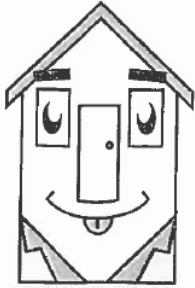
- Chesterville Extensions 1-3
- Roads 1, 3, 5, 8, 11, 12, 13/14, 15, 16, 17, 18 & 27
- Bonella
- Insimbini
- Incremental Phase 2
- Insimbini
- Masxha
- Fast Track
- Infill
- Ridgeview.



STREET COMMITTEE ROLL-OUT PROGRAMME (example)

SUNDAY	31-May-09	07-Jun-09	14-Jun-09	21-Jun-09	28-Jun-09
		Jamaica - Eringini 8H00	Incremental Phase 1	Fast track	Bonella - 8H00
		(Next to Mfukwe Tav.)	Time: 8H00	Time: 8H00	Insimbini -14H00
		Road 25 - A.M.E (17h00)	Incremental Phase 2	Masxha	Ridgeview - 17H00
		Ext. 2 - 14H00	Time: 12H00	14H00	(Yellow Houses)
			Ext 3 - Hall		
			Time: 14H00		
TUESDAY	02-Jun-09	09-Jun-09	16-Jun-09	23-Jun-09	30-Jun-09
	Road 27 - Eringini	Road3 - Creche	Road 15 Emelika	Ext 1 - Phase 1	Ridgeview
	Road 5 - Eringini	Road 8 -Epaki	Road 16 Eringini	- Phase 2	(Green Houses)
	Road 4 - Epaki	Road 11 -Eringini	Road 18 - Ngezansi		Time: 8H00
	Road 26 - Eringini	Road 13 -Obhuqwini	Road 18 - Ngaphezulu		Ridgeview
			Road 17		Big Houses
	Time : 17H30	Time: 17H30	Time: 17H30	Time: 17H30	Time: 14H00
THURSDAY	04-Jun-09	11-Jun-09	18-Jun-09	25-Jun-09	
	Road 6 - Eringini	Road 12	Road 1 - Ngezansi	Ext 1 - Phase 3	Emathinini
	Road 1 - Baptist	Road 14			
	Road 7 - Eringini			Time: 17H30	Time: 8H00
	Road 24 - Eringini	Time: 17H30			
	Time: 17H30				

STREET COMMITTEE ELECTION RECORDS:



STREET MEETING ATTENDANCE REGISTER

Street: ROAD 8

Date: 30/06/09



Name	House No.	Contact Details	Signature
Pinky Linda	518	082 348 9174	<i>Pinky</i>
Miriam Xaba	521	N/A	<i>Xaba</i>
Thandeka Phungula	501	(031) 2641 906	<i>Phungula</i>
Thuli Mkhize	501	"	<i>Mkhize</i>
D Mbongwa	525	(031) 2641174	<i>Mbongwa</i>
Lindiwe HADEBE	496	074 2540 933	<i>HADEBE</i>
Mavis Mseteki	524	(031) 2640 660	<i>Mseteki</i>
TIG Mgadi	532	(031) 2640 583	<i>Mgadi</i>
Sabela	519	084 966 1940	<i>ABV</i>
Mrs F Kineri	530	N/A	<i>Kineri</i>
Mtshuzi Gumede	500	N/A	<i>X</i>
Mr Baba Gumede	500	N/A	<i>Gumede</i>
Mrs T Madonsela		N/A	<i>Madonsela</i>
Nokukhanya Mbongwa	525	031 2641174	<i>Mbongwa</i>



The Street Committee

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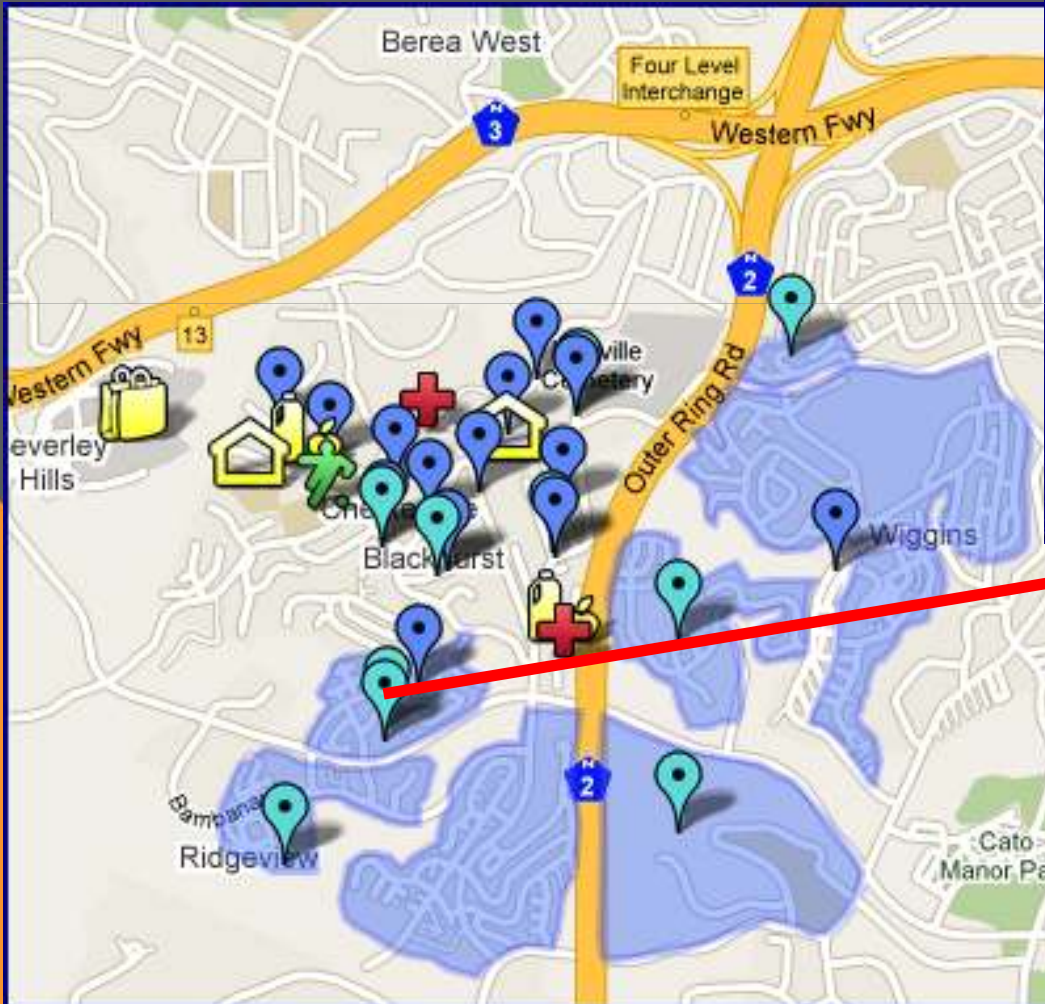
Committee Role	Name	House No.	Cell Number	Signature
CHAIRPERSON	LINDIWE HADEBE	496	074 2540 933	
	SABELO MTHEKWA	519	084 966 1940	
TREASURER	DOREEN MBONGWA	525	031-2641174	
	NOKUKHANYA MBONGWA	525	031-2641174	
SECRETARY	THANDEKA PHUNGULA	501	031-2641 906	
VICE	MRS F KINERI	530		
ORDINARY MEMBER	MRS S MADONSELA			
ORDINARY MEMBER	Mr. Baba, Gumede	500		
ORDINARY MEMBER				



STREET COMMITTEE MEMBERS DATABASE

ROAD/AREA	Description 1	Description 2	Date Formed	# present
Road 8			30/06/2009	
SURNAME	NAME	CONTACT NO.	PORTFOLIO	NOTES
HADEBE	LINDIWE	0742540933	CHAIRPERSON	
MTHETHWA	SABELO	0849661940	VICE CHAIRPERSON	
MBONGWA	DOREEN	031-2641174	TREASURER	
MBONGWA	NOKUKHANYA	031-2641174	SECRETARY	
PHUNGULA	THANDEKA	031-2641906	VICE SECRETARY	
KINERI	MRS		MEMBER	
MADONSELA	MRS		MEMBER	
GUMEDE	MR		MEMBER	

GOOGLE FACILITY



Extension 2 Street Committee - Incremental Phase 2

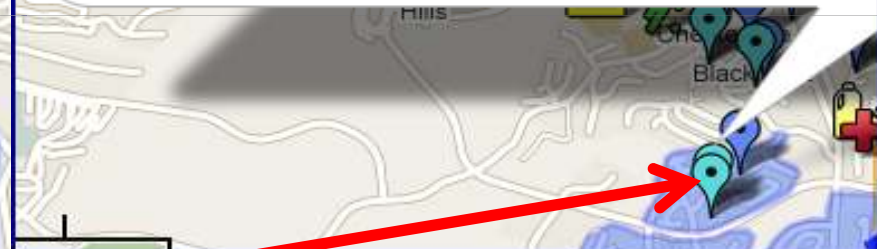
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Incremental Phase 2

ROAD/AREA	DESCRIPTION 1	DESCRIPTION 2	DATE
Incremental Phase 2			5/07/2009
SURNAME	NAME	CONTACT NO.	PORTFOLIO
SHELEMBE	ZODWA	0738803181	CHAIRMAN
MCHUNU	MR	0715017827	TREASURER
MHONGO	NONTO	0820413947	SECRETARY
LUTHULI	BUSISIWE	0739812203	
MAKHAYE	MR	0837123118	

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Street/Area Committee Incident Report Form

Please complete this form to report an incident within your street/area. You will be contacted by phone or e-mail if additional information is required. Response time will vary according to the number of complaints currently on file.

For more information call.....



A. DETAILS OF PERSON REPORTING THE INCIDENT

Full Name: _____

ID No: _____

Phone/Mobile: _____ E-Mail _____

Street Committee: _____ Position: _____

Street Address _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

B. INCIDENT DETAILS

B1. DETAILS OF VICTIM / AFFECTED PARTY

Full Name: _____

ID No: _____

Phone/Mobile: _____ E-Mail _____

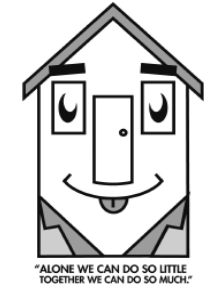
Street Address _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

B2. DATE & TIME OF INCIDENT

DATE/S OF INCIDENT:

TIME OF INCIDENT:



B3. INCIDENT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

<input type="checkbox"/> NEW CASE	<input type="checkbox"/> ONGOING CASE
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Type of Incident: _____

Location of Incident / Issue (address): _____

Nearest Community Landmark: _____

Have you reported the incident to: (please tick)

<input type="checkbox"/> STREET COMMITTEE	<input type="checkbox"/> SAPS	<input type="checkbox"/> METRO POLICE	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:
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Details (e.g. person reported to and/or SAPS case number): _____

In your own words please provide further details regarding the incident you are reporting:

Typical Street Committee Incident Flow Process

Step 1	Incident	An incident is experienced or witnessed by a reporting resident/s.
Step 2	Reporting	Resident reports the Incident to relevant authority (Crime-SAPS/Social-DSWD/Other). Where required a street committee member or central office member (CRA executive member) may accompany the resident to the relevant authority to offer support or guidance.
		The reporting resident completes a Street Committee Incident Report Form and hands it to their Street Committee Representative or to the CRA Central Office.
Step 3	Recording	The Incident Report may be handed to a Street Committee or directly to the CRA Central Office. If it is handed to a Street Committee Representative, the Street Committee Representative must bring the Incident Report Form to the CRA Central Office. The Central Office makes 3 copies and allocates and date stamped-sequential incident number for reference and filing purposes - yyyyymmdd000. Original is filed in the Central Office, Copy 1 for Street Committee filing, Copy 2 sent to Vukukhanye for filing, capturing and incorporation into monthly reporting; Copy 3 sent to reporting resident.
Step 4	Investigation & Monitoring	Ongoing Follow-Up by all concerned. Reporting Resident, CRA executive, responsible state department etc. Ongoing monitoring, assistance and participation as may be required during the investigation or case period. Monthly Status Report reflecting progress; outstanding, overdue (special intervention cases - cases 3 months old with no progress) and resolved cases. Monthly Status Report will be circulated to CRA, Vukukhanye and available in the CRA office for public access, and where appropriate copied to Street Committee Chairpersons.
Step 5	Resolution	Once the incident has been resolved the Reporting Resident, Central Office, Street Committee and Vukukhanye are advised of the resolution. The Resolution is then Captured into the CRA Central Office Incident File and also into the Vukukhanye Reporting system. Resolutions are included into monthly reporting.



Tackling crime street by street

COLLEEN DARDAGAN

RATHER than standing on the sidelines and criticising, South Africans should get more involved to change the lives of the thousands of poor and marginalised in KwaZulu-Natal for the better.

Durban businessman Terry Rosenberg told hundreds of business representatives at the Growth Coalition breakfast in Durban yesterday that following a conversation with President Jacob Zuma at his home last year, he decided to get involved rather than stand by and criticise the government's attempts to reduce crime.

"The president attended a dinner at my home together with a large group of business people from the province. We discussed many things - one of them being the escalating crime rate. He suggested the solution was the establishment of street committees. He said it worked to bring the apartheid regime down and he believed it could work to actively prevent crime. It was then that I decided to act and get involved."

As a result, a project team partnership between *Vitukhanye*, a community based NGO which had already been working with the Chesterville Residents Association for a number of years was formed to get the street committees up and running.

"This last weekend we had a training and induction weekend for the street committees where 300 delegates

from the community attended lectures and sessions given by representatives from the children's court, forensic pathologists, HIV specialists, childline, prosecutors and community policing forum initiatives."

Rosenberg said that while the project was not yet perfect and the process had not been smooth, he believed a blueprint had been established which could be duplicated in other communities in the country.

Support manuals

"We decided in the beginning to have a holistic strategy which included a school partnership project, a bursary scheme for school children, and sport opportunities for as many youngsters as possible, as well as a one-stop crisis centre.

"All these projects involved thorough planning, execution and methodology which have resulted in comprehensive support manuals - we now have a toolkit which other communities can use to set up their own crime prevention project," Rosenberg said.

He said that what pleased him most was the sports programme - more than 300 children were now playing sport every afternoon in the Chesterville community.

"That means they are not on the streets but actively involved in eight different sporting codes every afternoon. Furthermore, the pass rate at the local Chesterville High School has risen from 49 percent in 2007 to

70 percent at the end of last year. I am not saying we had anything to do with that, but I believe we are beginning to see things change in the lives of the children in the community. To date we have established 26 street committees in Chesterville," said Rosenberg.

Quoting recent statistics that reflect an alarming increase in the number of prisoners serving life sentences, Rosenberg called on local business to get involved.

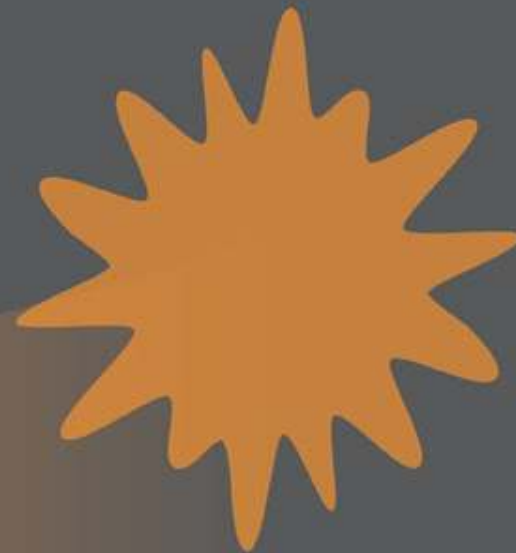
"Ten years ago only a few hundred prisoners were serving life sentences; today there are over 8 000 in our jails.

"About 27 percent of the prison population in South Africa is serving 10-15 years. When people have no jobs and no ability to earn they turn to crime. I know we can't do everything, but we have to do something. The formation of street committees is just one piece of the jigsaw puzzle."

The next step, he said, was to form public-private partnerships.

"We want to form a partnership where we try and work with the government. What we have established now is something which could be described as a crime prevention franchise which can be rolled out in other communities. Soon we will be holding a meeting where we will unpack what we've managed to establish thus far and then try and set up a partnership with the government."

For further information, please contact Joan Young on 031 266 2288.



Viva Vukukhanye in Chesterville

Street committees work to fight crime

SIPHAMANDLA MBEWA

RESIDENTS living in the township of Chesterville, a stone's throw away from the Pavilion Shopping Centre, are taking a stance against crime in their community.

And they are doing it using apartheid-era structures that once helped the community recognise spies and threats to activists in the area.

These structures, or street committees, operated on a simple basis - each neighbour on each street would look out for one another.

The Chesterville Residents' Association (CRA) was formed in 1982 to fight against the apartheid regime and mobilise the community.

The word-of-mouth communications network was run through the street committees formed by the association.

The committees were able to identify *tshepo* (spies) who lived among them, and they also informed anti-apartheid activists when the regime's Special Branch operatives were looking to arrest and interrogate them.

During the era of street committees, nothing occurred in townships without the committees' knowledge. Because of that, the committees were effective in aiding the downfall of the National Party government.

After the apartheid era ended, the CRA had to come up with ways of dealing with new social challenges facing the community in the fledgling democracy.

Now the community is using the street committees to help fight crime and send out a message that no matter where

you live, working with the police collectively, you can do more to prevent criminals from operating.

Jabu Mkhize, deputy chairman of the CRA, said the community was taking a firm stance against the roots of crime.

An NGO, Vukukhanye, was created, and donors helped to build a community care centre, a clinic, and a creche for disabled children.

But Mkhize and the community realised there wasn't much for young people to do, and the lure of a life of crime was ever present.

Now a sports programme is in place, with more than 300 children playing sport every afternoon.

Revive

Mkhize said Durban businessman Terry Rosenberg headed the call to revive street committees, and he funded the projects undertaken by the CRA through Vukukhanye.

Since last year, Vukukhanye has initiated a school partnership project, a bursary scheme for children, and sport opportunities for as many youngsters as possible, as well as a one-stop crisis centre.

The CRA has also partnered with the Pavilion Shopping Centre to root out activities by criminals from the township.

Mkhize, who was trained by the United Democratic Front in the 1980s, said their objective as a body that governed street committees was to ensure that all the services were delivered to the community. "The street committees have created a neighbourhood that rejects crime with the help of 300 volunteers from Chesterville," he said.



GETTING THINGS DONE: Siphiso Qwabe, project manager of the Chesterville Residents' Association, with Jabu Mkhize, deputy chairman of the association, in front of a clinic and community care centre that was built by the association. The formation of a street committee, Vukukhanye, in the community is helping to take a proactive approach to dealing with crime and other social issues in Chesterville.

Rosenberg told hundreds of business representatives at the Growth Coalition breakfast in Durban last week after a conversation with President Jacob Zuma at his home last year, he had decided to get involved, rather than stand by and criticise the government's attempts

to reduce crime.

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weekend for the street committees was held recently, where 100 delegates from the community attended lectures and sessions given by representatives from the children's court, forensic pathologists, HTV specialists, Childline prosecutors and community policing forum

initiatives, said Rosenberg.

"The residents' association, in partnership with Vukukhanye, continued to help the community, but they could not take any action against criminals who were terrorising the community until last year when leaders such as

Thabo Mbeki, Zuma and Charles Ngakula made calls for street committees to be revived in the country's townships."

Rosenberg was hopeful that what was emerging in Chesterville could serve as a blueprint that could be duplicated in other communities.

So impressive had been the work done by the street committees that the pass rate at the Chesterville High School had risen from 41 percent in 2007 to 78 percent at the end of last year, he said.

There were now 26 street committees in Chesterville.

Each committee had comprehensive support manuals which other communities could use to set up their own crime prevention project, Rosenberg said.

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"Soon we will hold a meeting where we will unpeck what we've managed to establish thus far and then try to set up a partnership with the government."

Mkhize said each section in the township was led by a chairperson of the committee.

"I must emphasise that street committees are not vigilantes, as many people think.

"We work closely with the police. We do not take the law into our own hands but pass on information to the police."

Vukukhanye was recently instrumental in getting a convict after a seven-year-old child was raped.

"Evidence given by the members of the community in a court of law was vital in this case," said Mkhize.

For further information on Vukukhanye and the street committee initiative, phone Joan Young at 031 285 2281.

CASE EXAMPLES

SERIOUS & VIOLENT CRIME		
Type of Crime	Detail	Outcome
Rape	Community appealed bale	Re-arrest of suspect
Murder	Thieves murdered accomplice	Arrest of 2 perpetrators
Theft from MV	Information provided to SAPS	2 wanted criminals arrested
Muggings	Cooperation with SAPS &	SC members giving evidence
Drugs	Drugs & stolen goods found	Arrest of 4 suspects
Drug Syndicates	Information to authorities	




OTHER CRIME

Type of Crime	Detail	Outcome
Illegal electricity connections	Reported to Ethekewini & SAPS	Resolved
Public indecency & littering	Road 18 SC intervened to clean up park	Resolved
Illegal sale of bond homes	Ext 1 SC	Reported to authorities
Sale of pirated & stolen goods	Ext 1 SC	Reported to authorities



SOCIAL ISSUES

Nature	Detail	Outcome
Family disputes over home ownership	Reported to family court Monitoring	
Fraudulent use of old age pension	Daughter using mothers pension	Resolved
Homeless pensioner	House burned down	Advocacy
OVCs	2 young HIV+ve children with grandmother	Reported to social worker
Child-headed households	14 & 16 year old brothers living alone	Monitoring & advocacy
Disabled	Disabled female, no grant	Wheelchair facilitated
Parenting	Dangerous practices	Parents advised
Needy families	SC identified families in need	65 Food parcels delivered



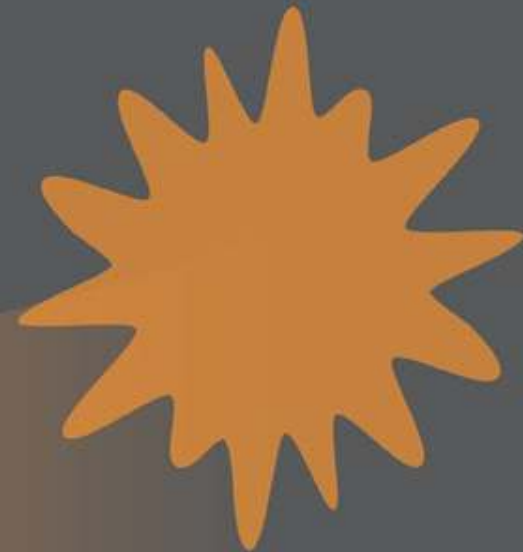
CURRENT / NEXT STEPS

- Further integration with SAPS & CPFS
- Implementation of Incident Report Forms & Monthly Reports
- Roll-out to remainder of Chesterville
- Community Court & Satellite Police Station (medium-long term)
- Develop a model for implementation in other communities



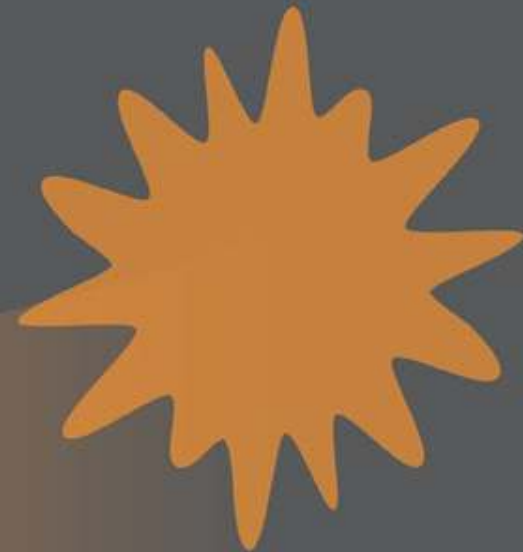
STRENGTHS

- Apolitical
- Strong, recognised civic leadership
- Support & advocacy for community
- Growing cooperation with SAPS, CPFs & government department
- Support from business

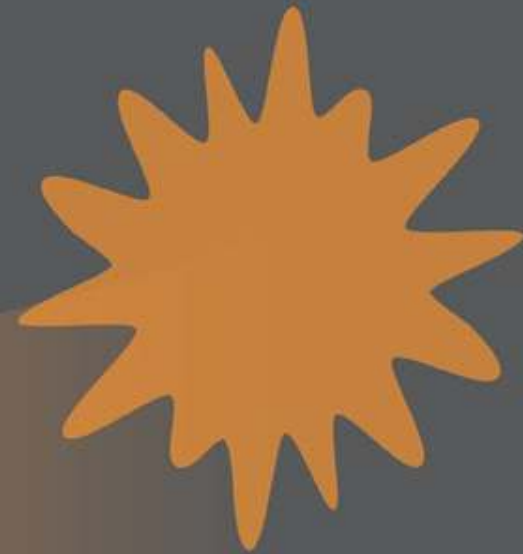


CHALLENGES

- Local politics
- Financial constraints (training, venue hire, printing & administration costs etc.)
- Communication
- Sustainability



QUESTIONS & INPUT



THANK YOU

