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Community patrollers out in numbers this festive season

The Gauteng Department of Community Safety applauds the active role played by community patrollers in the fight against crime in the different policing precincts this festive season.

As a force multiplier to assist combat crime during the festive season, the department has deployed about **2372** community patrollers in various hazardous locations including taxi ranks, recreational parks and malls. These patrollers are deployed alongside police officers to increase policing visibility.

Since the beginning of the festive season they have been instrumental in the recovery of stolen vehicles, identification of wanted suspects and ensuring safety of pedestrians in the identified hazardous locations. In one incident last week in Florida Park, Roodepoort they assisted in foiling a rape incident. The suspect was arrested and will be appearing in court soon.

In Tshwane, Mamelodi, a community patroller assisted in the recovery of a stolen goods whilst in Ekurhuleni a wanted suspect who robs people coming in and out of the Mall was arrested.

“Given the rate of criminal activities around this season, our patroller programme becomes a useful factor in working with the police to fight crime. The Gauteng Department of Community Safety, therefore welcomes and commends the role that community police forums are playing in our communities. Community Policing Forums are important structures in the crime fighting initiatives within the province. These achievements and many others also demonstrate that the Department’s call for active citizenry in the fight against crime is bearing fruits.

Community Police Forums and Community Patrollers are important components towards realization of the safety of all residents in the province. These structures embody the province’s aspirations and are in fact constituted by the best amongst our neighbourhoods. The Department’s continued support to the patroller movement is a

clear indication of the collective commitment to create a safer environment for Gauteng citizens.' says departmental spokesperson, Ofentse Morwane.

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