



HILTON COMMUNITY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH (HCNW)

HILTON'S SECURITY: A brief history, from 2006 to date (Aug 2021).

1. Individual households throughout Hilton and Winterskloof have for many years had private contracts with Alarm Monitoring & Armed Response security companies, to deal with crimes committed on their properties or in their homes, which is a very necessary, *re-active*, security system.
2. In **2006**, the more *pro-active* security system of Street Patrols, at that time called 'Bobbies-on-the-Beat' (BoB), was introduced in Winterskloof, funded by residents, due to the unacceptable crime rate.
3. In **2007**, due to the success of this initiative (80% reduction in crime), BoB were introduced in the four central Hilton areas of Mountain Homes, Leonards 1 & 2 and Olde Hilton. The security company Red Alert provided the services in all five areas at a fee, funded by committed residents, until **2014**.
4. In **2014** the contract in the four central Hilton areas was awarded to Berg Protection Services, until **2016**.
5. In **2014** the contract in Winterskloof was awarded to the Winterskloof Tactical Surveillance Unit (WTSU), which continues today.
6. In **2016** the contract in the four central Hilton areas was awarded to Knight Security Solutions (KSS), until August **2019**.
7. In **2014** in the four central Hilton areas the community-based Hilton Community Security Initiative (**HCSI**) was formed, financially supported by committed residents, to manage the street patrol initiative.
8. In **2016**, the existing community-based Winterskloof Sector Forum (**WSF**), established in 2014, was formally constituted to manage security initiatives in Winterskloof.
9. Street patrols were initially conducted in all five areas by security company personnel either on foot or on bicycles, then in vehicles. The name of 'Bobbies-on-the-Beat' was then changed to 'Hilton Street Hawks' (**HSH**) in the four central Hilton areas, with only vehicles being used for street patrols.
10. In mid-**2019**, the Umngeni Community Safety Initiative (**UCSI**), an independent non-profit organization, supported by the Umngeni LM, installed five community/business-funded Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) SNIPR camera gantries in Hilton. Camera gantries were also installed elsewhere within the Umngeni LM's area of jurisdiction (approx 22 gantries have been installed to date).
11. Later in **2019**, Firehawk installed three similar camera gantries in the rural area along Hilton College road.
This camera network forms yet another layer of security for Hilton.
12. In July **2019**, the Hilton Community Neighbourhood Watch (**HCNW**) was formed, consisting of volunteer members of the community working closely with, and being led by, the Hilton SAPS, to reduce crime. The Hilton Rapid Response (**HRR**) is HCNW's motorized response unit consisting of the Hilton SAPS supported by volunteer armed response security companies and active members of the community.
13. In August **2019**, the **HSH** patrols in the four central Hilton areas had to be terminated due to rising guarding costs, insufficient financial support and general apathy from households in these four areas. However, the WTSU still continues with successful operations in Winterskloof.



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14. The committed households who were still contributing to the HSH patrols were requested to continue their financial support towards Hilton's security, via the **HSH** Program of security infrastructure Projects, such as: Security fencing/barricading; grass & undergrowth cutting & clearing; area signage; street signage; surveillance equipment; some pot-hole repairs; face-recognition cameras; monthly Opex for four UCSI/ANPR camera gantries etc.
15. In mid-July **2021**, due to violent unrest in KZN, the Joint Operation Centre (**JOC**) was established. Membership of JOC essentially comprised the more than 250 Hilton residents who formed team and manned the seven entry points to Hilton. Most of these residents were then registered under Hilton SAPS' "Community in Blue" Patrollers concept.
16. All security initiatives in Hilton essentially fall under the auspices of the Hilton Community Police Forum (**HCPF**), which forms part of the national network of CPF's throughout South Africa.

The current Pro-active Hilton Safety & Security network is shown on the attached **organogram**.

Its success is based entirely on the **Hilton SAPS**, who for the first time in many years, now lead and drive the process supported, encouraged and appreciated by the Hilton community.

We help them to help us.

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