



GEORGE Police Station - Community Police Forum

George CPF 2018/2019 – Crime Statistics

With the release of the National Crime Stats for the 2018/2019 Financial Year the Western Cape Province has featured for all the wrong reasons, that being its rise in crime within what is generally viewed as one of, if not the safest province, in which to live, invest, do business and as a premier vacation destination for both local and international visitors.

It is however important as the community within the George Police Station Precinct, that we focus on the effect that the crime has had on our community directly.

Starting with the positives, nationally the George Police Station has not featured within the category of the top 30 most affected police stations by crime within the Country.

Provincially the George Police Station Precinct has only featured in the category of top 10 police stations (out of a 179 stations) affected by crime under three categories.

- Property Related Crimes/Crimes under non-residential premises.
- Driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs.
- Contact sexual offences.

Notable decreases were experienced in the following crime categories for the financial year;

- Sexual Offences from 121 to 92 cases. (-24.0%)
- Rape from 76 to 53 cases. (-30.3%)
- Burglary at residential premises from 580 to 498 cases. (-14.1%)
- Drug related crimes from 932 to 464 cases. (-50.2%)

- It is important to note that if a crime is reported regardless whether it is withdrawn for whatever reason it remains on the national data base as a crime.



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On the flip side of the coin;

Notable increases were experienced in the following crime categories for the financial year;

- Murder from 9 to 14 cases. (+55.6%)
- Robbery with aggravated circumstances from 74 to 101 cases. (+36.5%)
- Commercial crime from 256 to 342 cases. (+33.6%)
- Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs from 312 to 341 cases. (+9.3%)

It is important as the George Police Station Precinct Community that we all commit to fight not only crime but also the root cause of crime within our precinct. It is also vitally important to acknowledge the positive position we find ourselves in with in the Province and the reasons thereof.

Without ignoring the various shortcomings it is important to identify and thank those who have assisted in our successes, George SAPS, the George Municipality, the Provincial Traffic Department, the Department of Community Safety Community Police Forum, Neighbourhood Watches, the George Business Chamber, Private Security Companies, all voluntary community based organisations and individuals that give their unquestionable devotion and dedication, as force multipliers, within the fields of safety and security and the overall fight against social decay that can lead to a failure of a controlled environment.

The crime stats have also shown that over the course of the rest of the financial year we need to ensure, the restructuring of policies and the implementation of programmes within the SAPS, and more importantly the George Municipalities Protection Services including the implementation and execution of its Municipal Bylaws. Without this intervention George will be susceptible to a destructive level of urban decay, a phenomenon these days that is widely accepted as the norm in South Africa.

Wishing all "God's Blessings" for the 2019/20 financial year and the fight against crime.

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United against crime

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