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UIP Rewards Security Officers

Off the back of the crimes that took place in uMhlanga in the last few months, the uMhlanga Urban Improvement Precinct (UIP) is pleased to have been able to reward UIP security officers in the areas for proactive response that either stopped the crime before it happened or resulted in the arrest of the suspects.

The rewards were issued in relation to the following action:

1. The car guard at Durban View Park was rewarded for his efforts to chase away a man trying to accost a woman at her car. His actions meant that nothing was taken and nobody was harmed.
2. An UIP patrol officer on duty stopped suspects who were removing chairs from private properties along the Promenade. The suspects were arrested for the possession of stolen goods.
3. The car guard at the uMhlanga Centre alerted SAPS and the UIP to theft out of a motor vehicle. By noting down the car registration of the suspects' vehicle, SAPS traced them to Durban City Centre where the suspects were arrested and linked to other crimes.
4. UIP security officers responded to a woman screaming in Chartwell Drive after her home was broken into. The officers searched the area and found the suspect hiding in a bin with the stolen goods. He was arrested and linked to other crimes.

“In each instance, the rapid and pro-active response of the UIP security officers resulted in a positive end to the very negative scourge of crime and by rewarding these actions, we are showing the officers how valuable they are to the community,” said UIP project leader Brian Wright.

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UIP Security Officer Khaliphile Sikhupshwa receives his reward from operations manager Dewet Geldenhuys and Security Supervisor Alex Mbambo.

Note On The uMhlanga UIP

The uMhlanga Urban Improvement Precincts (UIPs) were established by the uMhlanga property owners to retain existing investment in uMhlanga; stimulate new investment; create economic opportunity; improve safety and quality of life, and respond to the challenge of environmental sustainability. In terms of structure, there are two UIPs or Special Ratings Areas (SRA) as they are official termed by the municipality namely, The uMhlanga Promenade UIP established in March 2003 and the Village UIP, established in July 2008. These UIPs, collectively known as the uMhlanga UIP represent 29 large erven. In addition to the two UIPs, there are a further two Associate Managed Areas namely the Southern Promenade Properties (SPP) – established 2004 and the Northern Promenade Properties (NPP) – established 2010. These areas represent approximately 42 large erven. The UIP partners with the eThekweni Municipality to ensure that this key node delivers an exceptional experience of public space. The UIP management team is constantly responding to the ever evolving needs of uMhlanga, whether it be service levels or special projects.

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