



MPTCID Public Safety Report 2023/2024

The first half of the fiscal year has come with challenges that was fuelled by the increased load shedding schedule specifically during the winter months. It is evident in the increased number of property related incidents which went up by 14%, that also included cable theft and attempts of cable theft. Whilst a number of arrests were made and cables returned, the damages created to the infrastructure were still great.

The precinct has remained a priority for the City of Cape Town with a number of projects proposed in the last fiscal year began to be rolled out. One of the more exciting projects was that of the installation and implementation of the Metro CCTV control centre. With that came a staff compliment of Metro Police Officers deploying from our control room daily along with marked vehicles patrolling the perimeter. To create a greater presence Law Enforcement LEAP officers were also deployed from our offices to increase foot patrols in the precinct. The security cluster meetings have remained constant and have moved back to our offices. The synergy between the different security and state enforcement operators has reaped huge benefits leading to more proactive approaches with Metro Police being more active during the day with the support of Law Enforcement LEAP Programme and SAPS with Law Enforcement focusing on nighttime activities. With a 28.90% arrest rate for all incidents reported during the past year.

Criminal trends continue to change in attempts to circumvent our efforts to reduce crime, we however are committed to applying continued pressure on the criminal element to create a safer and thriving community. While the numbers of the incidents recorded may have marginally increased by only 2%, the positive sign is that we are now seen as the central point of contact for incident reporting and management.

The greatest risk for us unfortunately is the community we serve, whilst most other CID's criminal element is external and come from outer lying communities, our criminal element come directly from the community and surrounding communities. While we still believe that the community at large are victims themselves, the plague of substance abuse, drugs and gangsterism is the fuel for the precinct's challenges.

On a positive note, the number of incidents has only risen by 2% with property related crimes being showing the biggest increase of 14%. Contact crimes showed an 8% with drug and gang related incidents showing minimal increase of 1.9% and 0.3%, respectively. As mentioned previously the arrest rate of close to 30% shows an increase of 56% from the same time last year for arrests recorded in our precinct alone. Several other arrests related to incidents which took place within in the precinct have not been documented but with the use of the CCTV technology SAPS were able to identify and later arrest an undisclosed number of perpetrators.

Prior to the deployment of the METRO Police the City of Cape Town through the MURP Department provided additional security deployment was implemented from the festive period and continued for a brief period thereafter. They were also supported by the City's safety ambassador programme which gave the precinct much needed numbers. Their impact was a much-needed bolster to the precinct and had a positive impact on the reduction in the incidents in the precinct.



Our offices remain the control centre for all joint operations conducted in the precinct and our CCTV System along with our operational experience plays an integral part of the success of these operations. The Metro control centre is a powerful addition to the current systems focusing on areas not covered with our infrastructure allowing us to redistribute resources to other key areas. We remain instrumental in the implementation and execution of operations and a highly valued asset to our Enforcement counterparts.

Our Liaison Officer remains deployed and is key to maintaining cohesion between various role player both public and private.

While there is still much work to do, we remain positive and committed to achieving the goals and objectives of the MPTCID. We look forward to the new year and eagerly await the challenges it may bring.

Incident Types

	Number	Percentage 2022-2023	Percentage 2023-2024
Property Related	66	26,96	40,00
Violent/Contact Crimes	30	10,11	18,18
Vehicle Crimes	18	9,55	10,90
Drug Related	4	0,56	2,42
Gang Related	6	3,37	3,63
Theft/Shop Lifting	11	5,05	6,66
Other	30	31,46	18,18

