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# Business Against Crime South Africa and Honeydew Police Station Opens New Facility



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**Date 14 November 2008, Johannesburg** – Today the MEC for Community Safety, Mr Firoz Cachalia, officially opened a new facility at the Honeydew police station.

The new facility (covering 288 square meters) comprises the new Client Service Centre, the Crime Office and the Honeydew Operational Co-ordinating Centre through which effective and efficient services to the community will be delivered. The Johannesburg Metropolitan Police Department and the private security industry will have desks at the centre in order to communicate with relevant stakeholders. This new facility, together with state-of-art technology provided by the SAPS, will enable the Honeydew Police and local stakeholders to respond effectively to the crime challenges within the area.

This new facility and associated partnership is the outcome of the joint efforts of Business Against Crime South Africa, the South African Police Services, the business sector and the local community over the past year. The initial focus is to reduce the Trio-Crimes with an emphasis on residential and business robberies, as well as hijackings in the area.

The initiative originated from the view that effective policing requires effective partnerships between business and the community, as well as with other members of the Criminal Justice System (i.e. the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development, the National Prosecuting Authority and Correctional Services). The Honeydew partnership aims to improve crime prevention, raise public confidence in the effectiveness of law enforcement, and increase detection, arrest and prosecution rates. A sustainable and replicable model arising from the initiative is likely to be institutionalised by other police stations on the strength yielded through this established partnership.

Through the facilitation of Business Against Crime South Africa, donations and sponsorships from the business community in the Honeydew area, and beyond, enabled the Police Station to be upgraded. In particular, Roadwing donated ten containers which were transformed into a modern and comfortable working environment. These form the basis of the new facilities. In addition, the gardens were landscaped to create an inviting and inspiring environment for visitors.

Business Against Crime South Africa's Deputy CEO, Dr Graham Wright, said that the operations and partnership initiative that had been created would greatly support the police's ability to fight crime. He commended all the companies that had expressed their willingness to participate in this innovative solution to address the challenge of crime in the community.

The initiative forms part of the Government / business partnership which seeks to reduce the incidence of the Trio-Crimes (Business, Residential and Vehicle Robberies) and proactively achieve a Step Change in the fight against crime.

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