



**Knysna**

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## **Municipality works with SAPS toward a safer Knysna**

Six law enforcement officers from Knysna Municipality will be patrolling the streets of Knysna until midnight over this coming weekend. Acting Municipal Manager Dawid Adonis said this initiative was part of the municipality's efforts in creating a safer Knysna, continuing a culture of zero tolerance towards those involved in criminal activities.

"These six officers will be monitoring known hotspots in the CBD area and patrolling Main Road, Long- and Grey Street on foot," said Adonis. "They will assist with vagrant control and monitor noise complaints at Kathy Park and Die Parkie in Hornlee. They will also respond to complaints in Sedgfield and other sections of the greater Knysna area."

In a first attempt to have officers on duty until midnight, these officers will be on duty from 08h00 until 24h00 on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Complaints will be dispatched through the 24-hour operational centre at the fire station.

"Officers will also be on duty over the Easter long weekend," said Adonis. "But based on the success of this weekend's venture, the long-term vision is to have officers on duty every weekend. It must be said that these duties are inherently under the jurisdiction of the South African Police Service, but we must work together to make the CBD a safe environment for visitors and residents alike – to create an inspired, innovative, inclusive and safe Knysna."

Overtime will be monitored to ensure that the threshold of 40 hours per officer is not exceeded.

The operational centre can be reached at 044 302 6300 option 1.

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