

SAFETY AND SECURITY TALK AT ROCCI NETWORKING SESSION – 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2009

THANK YOU LADIES AND GENTLEMEN FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE SOME OF ROCCI'S INITIATIVES WITH REGARD TO THIS VERY EMOTIVE TOPIC.

SOMEWHERE ALONG THE LINE CRIME HAS TOUCHED YOU OR YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN A VICTIM OF CRIME.

THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT WE ARE AT WAR WITH THE CRIMINALS AND THE TIME FOR REACTIVE RESPONSES HAS PAST.

IF WE ARE TO WIN THE BATTLE AGAINST CRIME AND CRIMINALITY WE NEED TO BECOME PROACTIVE.

SO DO THE SECURITY COMPANIES LOOKING AFTER YOUR ASSETS AND THE SAP.

BE MINDFUL THAT I SAID YOUR ASSETS – BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT YOUR HOUSE IS; THAT WHAT YOUR BUSINESS IS TO YOU; THAT WHAT YOUR VEHICLE IS AND NOT LEAST OF ALL YOUR LIFE.

PROACTIVE POLICING AND SECURITY REQUIRES A GREATER EFFORT THAT JUST WAITING FOR THE SECURITY COMPANY AND POLICE TO RESPOND.

WE ALL NEED TO BECOME INVOLVED WITH OUR LOCAL POLICE STATIONS AND COMMUNITY POLICING FORUMS, NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCHES AND BLOCK WATCHES. LAST SATURDAY THERE WAS A JOINT OPERATION BETWEEN THE POLICE, RESIDENTS AND SECURITY COMPANY IN THE FLORIDA NORTHCLIFF QUELLERINA BERGBRON PRECINCTS THAT COMMENCED AT 09H30 IN THE MORNING AT THE SUPERSPAR IN BERGBRON – WHEREIN JOINT ROAD BLOCKS AND STOP AND SEARCH OPERATIONS WERE CARRIED OUT.

IT IS VITAL THAT YOU GIVE SOME TIME TO THIS ASPECT OF COMMUNITY POLICING WHICH IS THE FIRST STEP IN PROACTIVE POLICING – BECAUSE THE COMMUNITY IS THE 1<sup>ST</sup> LEG OF 'EYES AND EARS' THAT THE POLICE SO DESPERATELY DEPEND ON.

WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS REGULAR AND FREQUENT COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE SECURITY COMPANIES AND YOUR POLICE COMMISSIONER.

TO THIS EXTENT – I KNOW OF THE HONEYDEW POLICE STATION, FAIRLANDS ROSEBANK AND NOW FLORIDA THAT HAVE AT LEAST A FORTNIGHTLY MEETING WITH THE KEY ROLE PLAYERS. IN THE CASE OF FLORIDA WE HAVE ADT; FSS; CHUBB AND PROTEA COIN THAT HAVE RESPONDED TO OUR INVITATION TO JOIN FORCES WITH THE LOCAL POLICE STATION.

HERE SUCCESSES ARE SHARED ; CHALLENGES ARE TABLED AND A CONTACT MATRIX IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING PUT IN PLACE TO THE MUTAL BENEFIT OF ALL PARTIES SO THAT AN INCIDENT IS REPORTED IMMEDIATELY AND THAT THERE IS A COLLECTIVE ASSAULT ON THE CRIMINAL ELEMENT.

WHAT THE END GOAL IN PROACTIVE SECURITY AND POLICING IS...IS TO INTRODUCE CITY IMPROVEMENT AND URBAN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS WHICH WILL INCLUDE RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

NEGOTIATIONS ARE IN PROGRESS RIGHT NOW WITH THE REGION C COUNCIL FOR AN APPROVAL FOR IMPLEMENTATION AFTER WHICH SECTION 21 COMPANIES WOULD BE SET UP WITH COUNCIL AND RATEPAYERS / BUSINESSES BEING POINT MEMBERS OF THIS COMPANY TO ADMINISTER THE FUNDS IN A WAY THAT THEY DEEM FIT.

SHOULD THIS BE SUCCESSFUL – A % LEVY ON YOUR EXISTING RATES WOULD BE LEVIED WHICH WILL ALLOW FOR A REGULAR AND CONSTANT INCOME TO MAKE PROVISION FOR CCTV CAMERAS; WATCH TOWERS; ADDITIONAL PATROLS ; BETTER IMPROVED LIGHTING ; CLEARING OF BUSHES AND SHRUBS THAT GIVE PROTECTION TO THE CRIMINAL ELEMENT.

ANOTHER ONE OF ROCCI'S INITIATIVES IS TO UPSKILL THE MEMBERS OF THE HONEYDEW CLUSTER WITH SOFT SKILLS TO IMPROVE SERVICE DELIVERY. COURSES WILL INCLUDE LEADERS 4 CHANGE; LEADERSHIP; EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE AND FREE TO WIN BUT TO NAME JUST A FEW OF THOSE CRITICAL ONES. THIS WILL APPLY TO ALL LEVELS RANGING FROM CONSTABLES TO OFFICERS. HEREIN LIES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ONE OF THE LOCAL BUSINESSES TO CONTACT ROCCI TO SEE HOW THEY CAN GET INVOLVED SHOULD THEY WISH TO ENHANCE THEIR CORPORATE REPUTATION THROUGH THEIR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY PROGRAMME.

LASTLY WE ARE GOING INTO THE HOLIDAY SEASON WHERE MANY OF YOU WOULD BE TAKING LEAVE AND SOME EVEN GOING ON HOLIDAY.

TWO PUBLICATIONS ISSUED BY SACCI CAN BE FOUND ON THE ROCCI WEBSITE :

- (A) CRIME PREVENTION INITIATIVE AT SHOPPING CENTRES DURING THE UPCOMING SEASON
- (B) ANTI – HIJACKING AWARENESS TIPS.

ENSURE THAT THE POLICE AND THE SECURITY COMPANIES ARE INFORMED OF YOUR ABSENCE. ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO SOMEONE CLOSE TO GIVE SECURITY COMPANIES AND THE POLICE ACCESS TO YOUR PREMISES IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.

THANK YOU