

## **DIRECTIVE BY THE GAUTENG PROVINCIAL COMMUNITY POLICING BOARD CONCERNING YOUTH DESKS IN GAUTENG PROVINCE.**

The Board meeting dated 05.08.2015 re-visited the Crime Prevention Youth Desks in Gauteng and took a decision to remind all stakeholders of the following:

Gauteng Provincial Community Policing Board, have agreed and set out certain clarifications concerning the operation of Youth Desks in Gauteng Province linked to Community Policing and Community Safety structures and these are set out below.

1. In terms of Section 18 (1) of the Police Act No 68 of 1995 Read with the provisions of Section 215 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and the interim Regulations provide that the only legislated bodies that are charged with community policing relations are Community Policing Forums and Boards.
2. As such all Youth Desk formations have always fallen under and continue to fall under their respective Community Policing Forums at Police station precinct level and also at Cluster or Provincial level and must abide by all the terms and conditions of such constitutions including but not restricted to the Code of Conduct, Disciplinary Code and corporate governance requirements.
3. All Youth desks report to their respective Community Policing Forums, are to obey instruction given to them by their Community Policing precinct Forums and are also subject to the financial accountability and audit requirements of Community Policing Forum Constitutions, all their financial dealings such as fundraising, banking, disbursements and expenses are to be conducted under the auspices and authority of their respective Community Policing Forums and audited accordingly.
4. All Youth desks shall be undergoing an audit of their compliances including Meeting Minutes, projects, personnel, compliances and their action plans with a view to proceeding to an election cycle.
5. Some Youth desks have ceased to operate, others have become dysfunctional and its is desirous to address all these matters by re invigorating and re directing Youth desks Province wide as well as work shopping such Youth desks with the new GCPB Constitution.
6. By way of clarity, no Youth Desk representatives have been "deployed" by the Department of Community Safety at Station, Cluster or Provincial level.
7. The Promotion of Safety (Social Crime Prevention) Unit of the Department of Community Safety shall, in consultation with the South African Police Service and Community Policing Forums, coordinate youth projects and activities from time to time. All Youth Desks shall abide by direction and instruction given from such consultations provided these have been properly consulted with and communicated to Station Police precinct , Cluster Community Policing Structures also Provincial Board.
8. The Gauteng Department of Community Safety and the Gauteng Provincial Community Policing Board have commenced a process of reviewing all aspects of Youth desk operations with a view to streamlining and improving operations to make such interactions between the Youth Desk and South African Police Service to mobilize anti-crime activities with the relevant parties.

Dated 14 August 2015

Gauteng Provincial Community Policing Board- GPCPB  
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