

FREEDOM DAY MARCH

MEMORANDUM

TO:	STATION COMMISSIONER WALMER POLICE STATION
FROM:	DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE NELSON MANDELA BAY
SUBJECT:	MEMO: FREEDOM DAY MARCH
DATE:	SATURDAY, 27 APRIL 2019

Today we demand that our constitutional right to safety and security be protected and enforced in keeping with the fundamental right to freedom, which is enshrined in the constitution. Communities that do not experience safe streets can never feel free.

We stand with all victims of crime in Walmer Township, and in Nelson Mandela Bay as a whole, and express our heartfelt condolences to those who have lost family members, particularly their children.

We have gathered here today to express our outrage at the high rate of violent crime in Walmer Township, and in Nelson Mandela Bay in general, as well as to highlight the urgent need to reopen the Satellite Police Station in Walmer Township.

Residents of the Walmer Township, and other parts of the city, live in constant fear of the criminal element, and are ongoing victims of violent crime, including assassinations. This is a direct result of the lack of visible policing, and the lack of law and order enforcement in our community.

We are deeply saddened by the ongoing loss of life, and in particular the high rate of violent crime in Walmer Township, which includes murder, assault GBH, robberies, domestic violence and rape. We also express our concern with regard to the abuse of drugs and liquor, especially amongst the youth.

We call for more resources to be allocated to Walmer Police Station, so that the reopening of the satellite police station can take place. This satellite police station, when reopened, must operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

It also needs to be equipped with DNA and Rape testing kits and be staffed with female officers that can assist victims of sexual crimes and domestic violence.

The reopening of the satellite police station will make it more accessible for the community to report crime and for the SAPS to respond more rapidly.

We also call for increased visibility, particularly police patrols in Walmer Township.

We require feedback as to the timeframes involved for the reopening of the satellite police station and when it will be fully operational.

We will also require feedback as to what additional policing resources will be allocated to this area, pending the finalization of the reopening of the satellite police station.

We would also like to express our appreciation to those dedicated members of the SAPS, who go the extra mile to serve and protect us, and we encourage them to root out all corrupt elements so that we can have an honest and professional police service.

Yours Sincerely,

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Bobby Stevenson
Democratic Alliance Eastern Cape Deputy Provincial Leader