

MISSIONVALE CRIME MARCH

MEMORANDUM

TO:	STATION COMMISSIONER ALGOA PARK POLICE STATION
FROM:	DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE
SUBJECT:	MEMO: MISSIONVALE CRIME MARCH
DATE:	WEDNESDAY, 14 AUGUST 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 Missionvale, and in Nelson Mandela Bay as a whole, and express our heartfelt condolences to those who have lost family members, particularly women and children.

We have gathered here today to express our outrage at the high rate of violent crime in Missionvale, as well as to highlight the urgent need to allocate more resources and staff to the Algoa Park Police Station.

Residents of Missionvale live in constant fear of the criminal element, and are ongoing victims of violent crime.

The Algoa Park Police Station has a shortage of officials and vehicles.

This leads to slow response times to call-outs and an inability to ensure that dockets are completed correctly.

The resulting lack of police visibility is the direct cause of an increase in drug dens and general criminality.

We are deeply saddened by the ongoing loss of life, and in particular the high rate of violent crime, 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 Algoa Park Police Station and increased visibility, particularly police patrols in Missionvale.

We will also require feedback as to what additional policing resources will be allocated to this area.

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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Andrew Whitfield MP
Democratic Alliance Shadow Minister of Police