Gauteng Youth Crime Prevention Desks

Youth Crime Prevention Desks were launched in 1994.

As Offenders

Almost a third (29.9%) of sentenced offenders are youth, half are incarcerated for committing violent and aggressive crimes.

As Victims

2 of 5 young people (41.4%) between the ages of 12 and 22 years have experienced some form of crime.

Working Together

Joint Partnership

Representatives from police and safety work hand in hand with youth.

- Department of Community Safety (DoCS)
- South African Police Service (SAPS)
- Community Police Forums (CPF)
- Youth volunteers, ages 15 to 35
- Office of the Premier Youth Units
- Non-governmental Organisations
- Government Departments

Youth Crime Prevention Desk members co-ordinate youth safety activities and projects at police station level. These include:

- SPORTS AGAINST CRIME
- PRISON TALKS
- SCHOOL TALKS AND DEBATES
- SCHOOL SAFETY DESKS
- MOTIVATIONAL TALKS
- SUBSTANCE ABUSE CAMPAIGNS
- ROAD SHOWS ON SAFETY
- SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROJECTS
- CHILD PROTECTION
- HOUSE NUMBERING PROGRAMME
- CRIME AWARENESS THROUGH PUBLIC MEETINGS
- COMMUNITY SAFETY AUDITS
- DOOR TO DOOR CAMPAIGNS
- SECTOR CAMPAIGNS

Youth led initiatives raise awareness and dialogue on crime and crime prevention.

A space for communication between SAPS and youth networks in communities to identify problems and responses.

Youth gain hard and soft skills in social crime prevention, conflict resolution, event management, communications.

Youth become positive role models for their peers.

Children & Youth

Experience extreme trauma from witnessing violence.

Children & young people 41.4% between the ages of 12 and 22 years have experienced some form of crime.

Over half of South Africans aged 15 to 24 are jobless; unemployment is closely linked with crime.

Children & youth between the ages of 5 and 15 are twice as likely as adults to experience violent crime.

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