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Don't attend, don't complain

EDITOR - I am in agreement with Gary Smith of Botha's Hill who wrote "Apathy in Highway Area" (Highway Mail 11 December 2009).

I have noticed many residents in the Highway area complaining about the crime in the area, and that the Hillcrest SAPS station does not do anything about it. I also notice that these same people have never attended the Hillcrest Community Policing Forum, which is held once a month in the Hillcrest library hall.

If they did attend they would be able to hear from and ask questions of the senior officials from both Hillcrest SAPS and Gillitts Metro stations. Officials from both these stations give detailed stats from that month, with SAPS informing the attendees of the crimes in their neighbourhoods

down to street level, with the times to be aware of and the types of crimes, as well as new crime profiles.

I go to every one of the CPF meetings and have never seen more than about 20 people in attendance. Where are all the people that are so concerned about crime? The CPF only meets once a month on the last Wednesday of every month. I do not think that is too much to ask. The next meeting is on 27 January 2010. It is amazing the people that complain and whine the most are the same people least likely to participate. If anyone needs more information, please feel free to contact me.

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