

Stand together for a safer community

Communities across South Africa are encouraged to support law enforcement agencies and other security role players.

"This partnership approach to crime fighting," says Fidelity ADT, has shown huge success in the fight against crime.

"We work closely with many neighbourhood watches and community organizations. When the public works hand-in-hand with their local security companies and the police, there is always a positive difference and generally a much safer community," says Fidelity ADT's district community development manager, Rian Buys.

"Police and private security companies simply cannot be everywhere all the time and depend on communities 'eyes and ears' to help them

deploy their resources in the most effective way possible. Residents can play roles in their neighbourhood by being observant of their surroundings, and inform the SAPS or security firms when they see something out of place," he said.

He said potential safety threats ought to be raised with neighbours.

"This includes broken fences, opened gates and possessions left unattended. The same goes for children or vulnerable members of your community.

"By caring for their safety, you can make a difference. If there isn't a community safety group active in your area, it should be formed," said Buys. He said an integrated approach works well.

"Seek advice from other groups in various suburbs.



"The establishment of neighbourhood watches is helping to fight crime. I urge everyone who wants to work

towards a crime-free suburb to attend CPF meetings so your voices can be heard. By attending community

meetings, reading emails and voting when called to do so, you can show support for those who have stepped

up and are working towards a security solution for you and your loved ones," concluded Buys.