



## **PROJECT SA SAFETY AND SECURITY**

### **PART 3**



Yellow High-lighted areas: Plastic View and Cemetery View

Red: Dangerous roads for motorists and cyclists

Orange: Previous incidents



This project focuses on two informal settlements, namely Plastic View and Cemetery View, both situated in Pretoria East within the heart of middle class and upper-class suburbs. The adjacent suburbs of Moreletapark, Woodhill Golf Estate, and Mooikloof Gardens are situated around these two informal settlements.

The area has become infamous and again made the news, with a recent attack on a group of cyclists riding close to the informal settlement. Since 2009, this informal settlement has made the news regularly for various reasons including gangsterism, deadly fires as well as xenophobic attacks. Tension between Basuto, Zimbabwean and Mozambican residents have led to attacks on small informal businesses in this area as well as deliberate criminal attacks aimed at other ethnic groups.

The illegal sale of liquor is rife within the two informal settlements despite the SAPS as well as local security companies often conducting raids on the illegal traders. During these raids, liquor is regularly confiscated as well as drugs and marijuana.

The shebeens and consequent sale of liquor have led to other criminal incidents such as kidnapping, rape and the murder of women as early as July this year. During this incident, 4 suspects arrived at a shebeen to buy beer. They later robbed the shebeen at gunpoint, sexually assaulted one of the ladies present and thereafter murdered the owner, aged 43. They also raped a 3rd victim and took her away on foot. The body of this woman was subsequently discovered within the Plastic View area.

Similar incidents of murder have occurred which are reportedly linked to two people killed in 2016. Although some of these violent crimes occur within the boundaries of Plastic View, local residents from the adjacent suburbs also suffer from house break-ins, theft, robberies and attacks on cyclists.

The Pretoria East Cemetery, which borders at the back of Woodlands Mall and the adjacent informal settlement of Cemetery View, is not safe for the public to visit the graves of their loved ones. The workers and staff of the Pretoria East Cemetery are also frequently victims of attacks and crime. Members of the public also constantly report that inhabitants of Plastic View loiter, socialise and drink amongst the graves. One man has even been observed taking a bath at the Cemetery.

The nearby Woodlands Mall is the closest shopping outlet to these residents and offers a convenient escape route for unsavoury types. An armed robbery at a jewellery store has been reported by this Mall, as well as incidents of theft and breaking into vehicles. There were numerous smash-and-grab incidents at the corners of Garsfontein and De Villebois Roads, and information obtained clearly shows that the culprits are residents from these two informal settlements.

Information and complaints have been received, indicating that certain residents in the Cemetery View informal settlement, are involved with animal abuse such as illegal dogfighting and illegal gambling/betting on dogfighting. Specialised Security Services is working closely with the SPCA to combat animal-cruelty and abuse in both informal settlements.

These two areas are mostly populated by immigrants from neighbouring countries. The majority of the residents are unemployed. The unemployment of these residents is the core factor responsible for the high crime and other illegal activities in the surrounding areas.

The public, cyclists, and motorists as well as residents in the surrounding suburbs, ought to be aware of the dangerous situation and crimes being committed.

- When cycling, think ahead and tell family or friends the route you will most likely be travelling and when they can expect you to return.
  - Always cycle in a group. It is important to recognize that there is a strength to be found in numbers.
  - Do not go on the road alone and rather find a regular partner able to keep up with your training schedule. This will be very important especially in the event of an emergency.
  - Carry a fully charged cell phone with you so you can request assistance in the event of an emergency.
  - Try to avoid taking valuable items with you.
  - If you do not want to take a cell phone with you, ensure that you have your personal details and emergency contact numbers on you personally, in a water-resistant bag.
  - Try to avoid travelling in deserted areas or at night-time.
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April 4, 2018

<https://rekordeast.co.za/165845/no-rest-for-the-dead-at-pta-east-cemetery/>

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Updated July 30, 2018, 3:40 p.m.

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Residents want action, following riots at the weekend in the east of the city.  
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September 20, 2019

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April 12, 2019

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New Plastic View construction halted – because of printing error

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August 27, 2019

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<https://rekordeast.co.za/186974/updatere relief-sought-cemetery-view-residents/>

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