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Welcome to the 2019 Year-End Blackheath CID Newsletter.

And so the end of 2019 is almost upon us. Once again we celebrated a year of advanced upgrades to local infrastructure. Blackheath is slowly but surely becoming a sought after Industrial Area and this is clearly reflected in the steady increase in property values over the last decade or so.

Local property has seen a remarkable increase in value and this has attracted a lot of new investment and has caused a general change in the type of industry that Blackheath is attracting. This will have the further effect of naturally increasing the values of properties in the local area as demand for land grows.

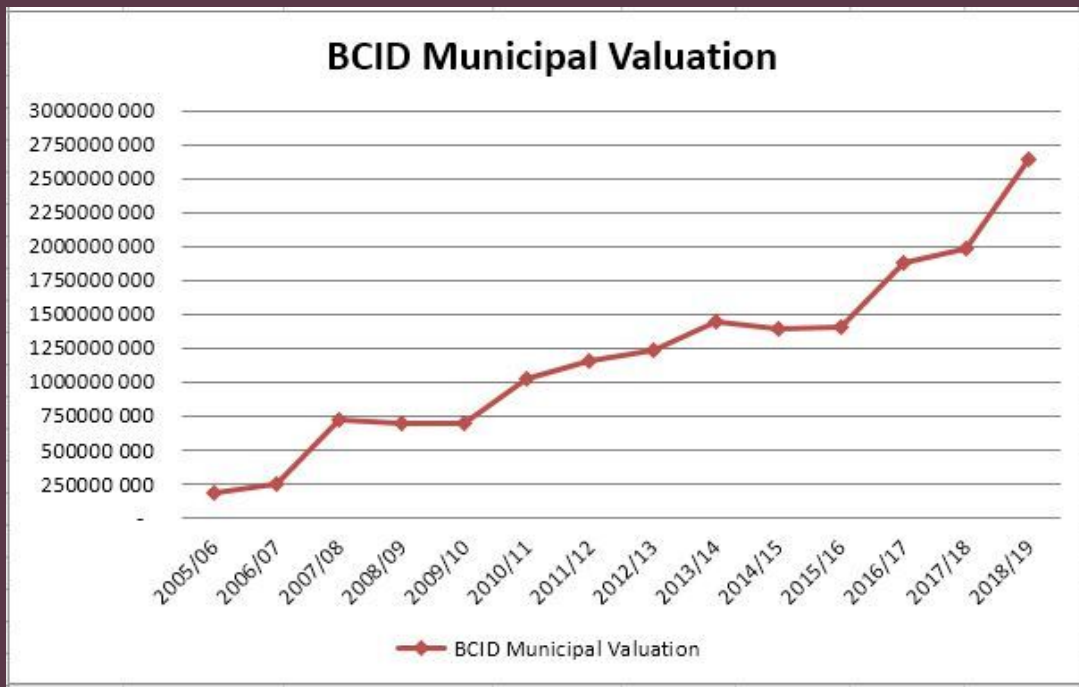
My final word for the year is that business owners and their responsible representatives take the necessary precautions between now and the New year to ensure that your property and staff are safe and further that your immovable assets are properly protected during the December shutdown period.

REMEMBER!!! IF YOU HANDLE CASH ON SITE YOU WILL BECOME A TARGET TO CRIME. We had an armed robbery last week where 6 armed males entered a business in Trafford Road and assaulted a female staff member all to leave site with only R1000 in cash.

SAPS and local Law Enforcement and our 24 Hour Security patrols provided by ST3 Security are on high alert between now and the 13th of December. Please do not handle cash at your premises, make alternative arrangements to receive payments.

The BCID team will continue to prioritise the upgrade of local infrastructure in the New Year and the ongoing maintenance of the current infrastructure whilst marketing Blackheath as a sought after and well positioned Industrial Node.

Wishing you all a safe and pleasant festive season with the warmest and best wishes for a prosperous 2020!



Security guidelines for the 2019 Shutdown period

Every year in December we send out an email to assist with planning for the Christmas Shutdown Period. We find that very often companies lack planning for this time when the Industrial area is pretty much deserted and the surrounding residential areas are well, fully populated, with everyone being on holiday.

This year, again, the Christmas shutdown period will run for an entire month from the 13th of December 2019 until the 13th of January 2020. This situation creates the perfect setting for opportunistic crime and criminals to operate within the area and we therefore need to ensure that our assets are safe. Also though, it is important to protect our homes, whether we are away or staying home during this time and then also to protect ourselves and our families and planning for this therefore is essential.

DO NOT pay your staff in cash or pay staff cash bonuses this December! **DO NOT** handle cash on site this December if you can help it. Manage cash safely and avoid holding cash on site at all costs. Dangerous criminal elements are operating in the Cape Metro at this time and they want cash! You **WILL** become a victim of crime if you handle large amounts of cash at your premises without taking the necessary precautions. Please do not make yourself a victim of an armed robbery. Armed robberies are terrible life changing events that could leave deep emotional scars and even end in fatalities!

Attached are some guidelines that I send out annually to assist with planning and we hope that this year we all enjoy a safe and festive end of year break, happy in the knowledge that we have prepared ourselves well and that our assets are safe and accounted for, whilst the Blackheath Industrial Area is patrolled and kept safe by ADT and ST3 Security and various other Private Security Companies and the local divisions of Law Enforcement, as is the case

every year.

Remember to contact the BCID's Security Supplier, ST3 Security's Mr Riaan Oosthuizen for support with any Security issues on 021 905 3399 Or 086 000 BCID (2243) to make a report of any Security Risk within the Blackheath Industrial Area or contact me directly for any advice.

Security guidelines for alarm and key holder services when you are away from home / the office.

- Before we know it the holidays will be upon us and I appeal to you, prior to going away on holiday, to PLEASE ensure that your key holder information with your alarm response company is still relevant and correct!
- PLEASE ensure that your

key
holder
lives
nearby
and
that
they
are
willing
to
assist
in
your
absence.

It
is
no
use
having
a
member
of
your
family
who
lives
far
away,

as
the
role
of
a
key
holder
is
to
meet
the
Armed
Response
officer
at
the
business

/
residence
when
the
alarm
is
activated
to
enable
them
to
inspect
the

property
properly.
If
possible,
the
designated
key
holder
should
hold
keys
to
the
premises
as
well
as
the
alarm
keypad
code
so
that
they
can
give
the
armed
response
officer
access
to
the
premises
to
ensure
that
no
one
is
inside
and
if
necessary
the
key
holder
can
reset
the
alarm.

- Your
armed
response
supplier
can
include
"special

instructions"
onto
your
details
on
their
systems
for
specific
procedures.
This
may
include
Medical
aid
details,
allergies,
or
details
of
the
family
Doctor.

- You
are
also
reminded
to
update
employee
details
such
as
their
name
and
days
that
they
may
work.

IF YOU ARE AN ADT CLIENT UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION BY CONTACTING:
ADT's CIS Department on 086 12 12 300, Fax: 086 12 12 305 or E-mail:
cis.cpt.adtza@tycoint.com

IF YOU ARE AN ST3 SECURITY CLIENT:
Call ST3's Head Office on 021 905 3399 / 083 232 7126, Fax: 021 905 0122 or Email:
operations@st3group.co.za

Security Guidelines for Cash in Transit

**DO NOT TRANSPORT CASH AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR
AND DO NOT PAY CASH WAGES – YOU HAVE BEEN**

WARNED! – THIEVES OPERATE IN AND AROUND BANKS AND IN AND AROUND INDUSTRIAL AREAS AT THIS TIME OF YEAR AND ESPECIALLY ON FRIDAY THE 13th OF DECEMBER 2019!

IF YOU INSIST ON TRANSPORTING CASH OR ARE FORCED TO – please remember that:

Preparation - You are strongly advised to use a suitable vehicle fitted with steel cash box, radio communication and an alarm system. You may be required to do it with the firm's van or a company car.

Warning - The Police Crime Prevention Unit hereby advises you about certain precautions you should take to minimise the risks involved with this type of exercise.

Plan the route - if cash transit is to be a regular task, try to vary your route and timings. Use a different vehicle from time to time. Keep your plan secret. Consider the use of a safe. Plan for an alternate route - escape in case of attack.

The crucial moment - The high risk time occurs when ENTERING or LEAVING the vehicle with the money.

Before leaving the bank or office - check around the queue, inside and outside of the building for anyone loitering or for suspicious vehicles parked nearby.

If in DOUBT - stay inside until the route to the vehicle is clear.

At your destination - With the cash, remain inside the vehicle until you are satisfied that all is CLEAR.

The escort - if any, should leave the vehicle before the cash carrier, then both must enter the building as quickly as possible.

In case of a minor accident during the journey, don't leave the vehicle if you are involved in what appears to be a minor accident. Beware of a staged accident.

Cultivate and adopt suspicious attitudes - Don't speak to suspicious persons. Bear in mind that a malefactor could work under disguise. This trick has already been used in a number of occasions.

What you should do if you are being tailed once you are suspicious? - Slow down to allow the tailing vehicle to overtake or make a detour of your planned route to see if it stays behind you. If the vehicle keeps following you, drive directly to a place of safety. Note the vehicle registration and description and pass this information on to the Police immediately.

Protecting the elderly

- Cover up expensive looking

jewellery
when
going
out
alone
to
the
market,
the
medical
practitioner
or
to
the
chemist.

- Beware
of
pickpockets
during
pay
days
(pension).
- Avoid
short
cuts
whilst
going
to
the
bank
or
returning
home.
- Never
accept
a
lift
from
a
stranger
or
from
people
you
have
just
met.
- If
in
danger
scream
to
draw
attention
for
help.
- It
is

always
advisable
to
be
accompanied
whilst
going
out
to
the
hospitals,
banks
or
the
post
offices.

- If
you
are
alone
at
home,
never
open
to
a
stranger.
Talk
to
him
through
the
window.
- Check
the
credentials
of
any
stranger
before
you
open
the
door
fully.
Ask
to
see
the
identity
card.
- Keep
a
friendly
relationship
with
your
neighbours.

They
will
be
the
first
persons
to
help
in
case
of
need.

- Never
keep
large
sum
of
money
in
your
house.
Cash
is
safer
in
banks
and
in
post
office
accounts.
Protecting
your
children
- To
be
Safe.
Teach
children
that
everyone
has
rights;
no-
one
should
take
away
their
right
to
be
safe.
- To
protect
their
own
bodies

-
Children
need
to
know
that
their
body
belongs
to
them.
They
must
say
NO
to
whosoever
touches
particularly
the
private
part.

- To
Say
NO

-
Children
have
to
say
NO
to
any
one
if
that
person
tries
to
harm
them.

- To
get
help
against
bullies

-
Tell
children
to
enlist
the
help
of
friends
or
an
adult

in
cases
of
real
physical
danger.

- Keeping
them
safe
is
the
most
important
consideration

-
Tell
children
not
to
fight
to
protect
their
belongings
against
bullies.

- To
tell
-
Reassure
your
children
that
no
matter
what
happens,
you
will
not
be
angry
with
them
and
that
you
want
them
to
tell
you
of
any
incident.

- To
be
believed

- Children need to be believed and supported, especially in cases of sexual assault as children very rarely lie about it.

- To not keep secret

- Teach children that some secrets should NEVER be kept, no matter if they promised not to tell. Child molesters often say that a kiss or touch is "our secret". To not talk

to
strangers

-

Teach
children
to
ignore
any
stranger.

They
do
not
have
to
be
rude,
they
can
pretend
not
to
hear

-

walk
quickly
or
run
away.

To
break
rules.
Tell
children
that
they
have
your
permission

to
break
all
rules
to
protect
themselves
and
to
stay
safe.

Safety tips for teenagers

Be sure that your parents always know where you are and how to contact you.

* If possible go out accompanied by friends and return home with them.

* If you do go out alone, arrange transport to and from where you are going, with a relative, friend or taxi and confirm arrangement for your return journey before you set off.

Don't accept the offer of a lift from someone you have just met. If any one calls don't let him/her into the house.

Ask telephone callers to ring back; don't tell them you are alone. It helps to keep a list of emergency numbers in case of problems. Wherever you are be aware of how to make an emergency call and the quickest way out.

After an aggressive attack

- Go to a place where you will feel more secure.
- Inform a friend, a doctor or the Police.
- The sooner the case is reported, the better it will be for the early arrest of the aggressor.
- Don't wash yourself or change your clothing prior to an examination by

the
Police
Medical
Officer.

- Don't forget you are only the VICTIM. DO NOT FEEL GUILTY for what may have happened. Your help to track down the attacker is imperative, before he relapses. Your Home
- The fence outside is the first line of defence.
- The front of the house is to be visible to passers-by so that any

burglar
cannot
work
unseen.

- Thorny hedges at the boundary are an additional deterrent.
- Lock ladders inside the garage or shed to prevent a thief from using them.
- Don't hide your house keys under the door mat or in a flower pot. A thief will look there first.
- Never leave a garage or garden shed unlocked, especially if it

has
a
connecting
door
to
the
house.

- Don't advertise your absence by leaving lights on outside of the house during the day. Rather use a time switch to turn the light on and off.
- Visible burglar alarms make burglars think twice.
- Front-door to be fitted with a dead lock - Mortise lock.
- Use a door viewer to

identify
the
caller
before
opening
the
door.

- Put
the
door
chain
on
before
you
open
to
a
stranger.

- Do
not
leave
keys
in
the
door
lock.

- Small
windows,
skylights
or
bathroom
fanlights
might
need
locks.

It
is
possible
for
the
thief
to
wriggle
through
any
gap
larger
than
a
human
head.

Reinforce
the
windows
and
other
openings
with

burglar
proofing.
Always
lock
up
your
home
before
leaving.



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