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Mr F. Cachalia, MP
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Dear Mr Cachalia

INVITATION TO JOIN AFRIFORUM'S NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH PATROL

On behalf of AfriForum's neighbourhood watch structures, it is my honour to formally extend an invitation to you to join us on an operational community safety and neighbourhood watch patrol at a date and time convenient to your office.

We believe cooperation between the SAPS and community structures is essential in fighting crime and we welcome your commitment to a "whole of government, whole of society approach" in this regard.

Since establishing our first neighbourhood watch in 2012, AfriForum's community safety division has grown into a national network comprising 177 neighbourhood watch structures across South Africa. This growth reflects both the urgent need for safer communities and the commitment of citizens to organise themselves in a lawful, disciplined and structured manner.

Our volunteers do not operate as informal groups. They function within clearly defined legal parameters, adhere to strict codes of conduct, and work in support of the mandate of the South African Police Service (SAPS). Over the years, AfriForum has developed structured training programmes with progressive levels to ensure professionalism, accountability and operational effectiveness.

These include:

- Foundational training covering legal frameworks, observation skills, communication protocols and incident reporting
- Leadership and command-level training for sector heads and operational coordinators
- Continuous refresher training to maintain standards and discipline across all structures

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We believe it would be of great value for you to witness firsthand:

- the organisational structure and communication systems utilised during patrols;
- the professional standards and discipline maintained by our volunteers;
- the structured, visible deterrence model implemented in communities; and
- the constructive role that organised neighbourhood watches can play as a force multiplier in support of SAPS.

Our experience consistently demonstrates that where cooperation exists between neighbourhood watches and local SAPS members, crime prevention efforts are strengthened, information-sharing improves, and community trust in law enforcement is enhanced. Structured partnerships between AfriForum's neighbourhood watches and SAPS represent a net positive for community stability and public safety.

This invitation is extended in a spirit of constructive engagement and partnership. AfriForum does not seek to replace law enforcement, but rather to demonstrate how organised civic participation can reinforce the constitutional mandate of SAPS to prevent, combat and investigate crime.

We would be honoured to host you on patrol, introduce you to our members, and provide a practical demonstration of our operational model. Your presence would send a strong message that lawful, organised community safety initiatives are recognised and valued at national leadership level.

We remain available to coordinate directly with your office to arrange suitable logistics and security considerations.

We look forward to your favourable response.

Yours sincerely



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