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CPF members must toe the line

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CPF members listen attentively to the presentation



Fikile Buthelezi of the Department of Community Safety and Liaison emphasises a point

Community Policing Forum members are there to support, inform and encourage the police - not to make arrests or expose themselves to danger on patrols. That was the blunt message from Fikile Buthelezi of the Department of Community Safety and Liaison when she addressed a CPF

induction workshop at the Richards Bay Police Station on Thursday. She urged members to be familiar with the workings, resources and commanders at their SAP stations, so as to be a ready resource for the community. 'Don't wait until the problem arises before equipping yourself

with facts, names and phone numbers. 'Build relationships, share information, report crime and plan projects that will assist in fighting crime. 'Above all, don't make your CPF meeting a police-bashing exercise,' said Buthelezi. She warned members not to expect preferential treatment from the police nor to exploit their position for personal or political advantage.

Buthelezi also said CPF members should hold police accountable and insist that department heads and the Station Commander attend every CPF meeting.
