

The profile of the Acting National Commissioner,
Lt General Nhlanhla Sibusiso Mkhwanazi.

The Acting National Commissioner of Police, Lt General Nhlanhla Sibusiso Mkhwanazi (38) was born and bred in Edendale, in Pietermaritzburg - KwaZulu - Natal. He joined the South African Police Service (SAPS) in 1993. Lt General Mkhwanazi's initial deployment was in Public Order Policing where he managed the SAPS Public Order Police responsibilities. He was appointed to head the Special Task Force in 2005. His core responsibilities was to manage all assigned operations within and outside the Republic of South Africa, including:

- The counteracting of volatile hostage situation on Land, Sea and Air
- Providing of specialized high risk operational policing support in counteracting high profile contact crimes,
- Protection duties as well as the serving of high risk warrants and
- The performance of specialized search and recovery operations.

He was appointed as the Component head: Specialised Operations at a level of Major General on the 1 May 2011. His duties included managing the Air Wing, all specialized operations, Public Order Policing, Tactical Response Team, National Intervention Unit, Special Task Force, the Tracking Team, Mobile Operations, as well as Cross Border Operations.

Lt General Mkhwanazi holds a National Diploma and well as BTech Degree in policing.

Other qualifications include:

- A certificate in Executive Development Programme and Station Management Learning Programme obtained at the Africa Institute for Mentoring in 2006.
- A SAPS certificate in Operational Commanders Training obtained in 2003.
- A certificate in Supervisors Role in Counterterrorism Investigations obtained in 2003 at the U.S Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- A SAPS certificate in Officers Programme obtained in 2002.
- A certificate in Crisis Response Team Training obtained in 2001 at the Louisiana State University, USA.
- A SAPS certificate in Bomb Disposal in 2000.
- A certificate in Development Programme for High Performance Managers obtained in 1999 at the International Paul Tingley Management Services.
- A SAPS certificate in Class 4 Emergency Diving obtained in 1999.
- A SAPS certificate in Special Task Force Operators Training obtained in 1998.
- A SAPS certificate in Public Order Police Operations obtained in 1997.