

FOREWORD BY THE NATIONAL COMMISSIONER OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE

In terms of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 the South African Police Service's Annual Report for the 2004/2005 financial year is hereby presented to the honourable members of Parliament and to the community we serve.

During the financial year under review the capacity of the South African Police Service was increased by the recruitment of additional personnel to enhance the visibility of the SAPS in our communities, thus strengthening our crime prevention initiatives. Our aim is to have a personnel strength of 165 850 by the end of March 2008 and we are presently meeting our targets by means of a vigorous recruitment and training programme. The enlistment of additional personnel is being complemented by a simultaneous expansion of our vehicle fleet, equipment supplies and IT infrastructure.

There were many achievements and successes by the men and women in blue during the period under review and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our loyal, dedicated members for their sterling efforts.

During April 2004 the country's third democratic election was held and our security forces successfully ensured that the process was conducted in a safe environment conducive to free and fair elections.

Policing history was made during 2004 in that five women police officials received their gold parachute wings after completing the strenuous eight month Special Task Force training course. I am satisfied that women in the SAPS have finally broken down all barriers and are taking up well-deserved positions in previously all-male policing environments.

Early in 2005 another first was achieved by the SAPS in that a group of South African Police Service members was deployed in Darfur, Sudan as part of the African Union's peacekeeping mission. The SAPS was honoured when one of our members was appointed as Commissioner of the Civilian Policing Component in Sudan and our team, comprising both men and women, are proudly flying South Africa's flag high in that country.

Since being appointed President of Interpol in October 2004, I have been in the privileged position of being able to ensure that South Africa, and indeed the African continent, is afforded similar privileges and resources as other countries in order to assist in combating both trans-national and global crime and terror trends.

The South African Police Service is proud of the achievements over the past financial year - and in the first decade of policing in a democracy - and will continue to serve the people of this country with respect.

National Commissioner Jackie Selebi

FOREWORD BY THE MINISTER FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY

This Annual Report of the South African Police Service is another attempt on our part to keep the people of South Africa informed about how the police have carried out their duty to serve and protect our people in the 2004/05 fiscal year. We can look back with satisfaction on what has been achieved especially in adequately equipping our operatives better to carry out their responsibilities.

Staff and their training at all levels and the use of modern technology to stay ahead of crime, top the list among the important areas in which our budget is used.

Our mandate involves the prevention, investigating and combating of crime in general in order to ensure the safety and security of everyone within our borders. But in doing so we need to be aware that our intention is also directed at what happens just outside our borders and in some instances internationally.

We have a good name as a young democracy and while we are proud of this, we need to be aware always that our good international standing can be and has been exploited by international criminals who would want to cleanse their dirt by using our good name.

Whenever the SAPS report on their activities, it behoves many of us to stop and consider the sacrifices made by the men and women in blue in their endeavours to create a safe and secure environment for all of us. Some of them have had to pay with their lives.

Let us remember also that a lot of their successes is a result of co-operation from communities who have come to realize that safety and security is everyone's business.

If some of the occurrences of the year under review are anything to go by, then the world has given our service and the way we do things, due commendation. One is referring here, among other things, to the election of National Commissioner, Jackie Selebi, as president of Interpol. Such recognition does not come lightly and the National Commissioner's achievement takes pride of place among our accolades during the 2004/05 fiscal year.

In the type of work we do, achievements beget more demanding challenges and we have to be on our toes always if we want to achieve the ideal of a safer and secure South Africa for all.

Minister for Safety & Security
CHARLES NQAKULA

INFORMATION ON THE MINISTRY FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY

In accordance with section 206(1) of the Constitution, 1996 (Act No 108 of 1996), the Minister for Safety and Security is responsible for policing in general, and is required to give account to Cabinet and Parliament on all matters relating to policing. An important feature of the Minister's responsibility is the determination of national policing policy and the provision of civilian oversight.

Institutions that report to the Minister for Safety and Security:

The South African Police Service

Purpose:

To create a safe and secure environment for all people in South Africa.

The Secretariat for Safety and Security

Purpose:

To provide support to the Minister in the execution of his duties.

The Independent Complaints Directorate

Purpose:

An independent police complaints body that investigates alleged misconduct of, or alleged offences committed by a member(s) of the SA Police Service.

Legislation

- The Firearms Control Act, 2000, was fully put into operation on 1 July 2004.

¾ The Protection of Constitutional Democracy Against Terrorist and Related Activities Act was put into operation on 20 May 2005.

Agreements

The Republic of South Africa during the reporting period concluded international agreements with the following countries/entities:

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| - Bulgaria | - Police Co-operation
(Signed on 2 December 2004) |
| - African Union | - Memorandum of Understanding contributing
SAPS monitors to the Civilian Police Component
of the African Union Mission in the Darfur region
of the Sudan
(Signed on 9 March 2005) |
| - Democratic Republic of the Congo | - Police Co-operation and assistance
(Signed on 29 April 2005) |

The Vision of the
SOUTH AFRICAN Police Service is to -

- create a safe and secure environment for all people in South Africa.

The Mission of the
SOUTH AFRICAN Police Service –

- prevent anything that may threaten the safety or security of any community;
- investigate any crimes that threaten the safety and security of any community;
- ensure criminals are brought to justice; and
- participate in efforts to address the root causes of crime.

The Values of the
SOUTH AFRICAN Police Service are to –

- protect everyone's rights and to be impartial, respectful, open and accountable to the community;
- use the powers given to us in responsible way;
- provide a responsible, effective and high-quality service with honesty and integrity;
- evaluate our service continuously and make every effort to improve on it;
- use our resources in the best way possible;
- develop the skills of all members through equal opportunity; and
- ¾ cooperate with the community, all levels of Government and other role-players.

Core Objectives based on Constitutional and other legislative and functional mandates

The Constitutional mandate of the Department for Safety and Security and the South African Police Service (SAPS) is reflected in Section 205 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 (Act No 108 of 1996). The Objects of Policing as per Section 205 are to –

- prevent, combat and investigate crime;
- maintain public order;
- protect and secure the inhabitants of the Republic and their property; and
- to uphold and enforce the law.

The fundamental role that the Department is required to fulfil is clearly defined by the Objects of Policing. These Objects of Policing constitute the Core Objectives of the Department, and inform the strategic and operational activities of the organisation.

The mandate of the Department and the SAPS is also defined by a number of other South African statutes, all of which are subordinate to the Constitution, but which collectively determine the authority of the SAPS.

The following key statutes constitute the primary legislative mandate of the SAPS:

- The Police Service Act, 1995 (Act No 68 of 1995)
- Criminal Procedure Act, 1977 (Ac No 51 of 1977)
- Domestic Violence Act, 1998 (Act No 116 of 1998)
- Extradition Act, 1962 (Act No 67 of 1962)

- Financial Intelligence Centre Act, 2001 (Act No 38 of 2001)
- Firearms Control Act, 2000 (Act No 60 of 2000)
- Firearms Control Amendment Act, 2003 (Act No 43 of 2003)
- Immigration Act, 2002 (Act No 13 of 2002)
- Interception and Monitoring Prohibition Act, 1992 (Act No 127 of 1992)
- Internal Security Act, 1982 (Act No 74 of 1982)
- National Conventional Arms Control Act, 2002 (Act No 41 of 2002)
- National Prosecuting Authority Act, 1998 (Act No 32 of 1998)
- Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, 2004 (Act No 12 of 2004)
- Prevention of Organised Crime Act, 1998 (Act No 121 of 1998)
- Promotion of Access to Information Act, 2000 (Act No 2 of 2000)
- Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, 2000 (Act No 3 of 2000)
- Protected Disclosures Act, 2000 (Act No 26 of 2000)
- Protection of Constitutional Democracy Against Terrorist and Related Activities Act, 2004 (Act No 33 of 2004)
- Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No 1 of 1999)
- Regulation of Interception of Communications and Provision of Communication-related Information Act, 2002 (Act No 70 of 2002)
- Second Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1992 (Act No 126 of 1992)
- Sexual Offence Act, 1957 (Act No 23 of 1957)
- Public Service Regulations, 2001.
- Treasury Guidelines, 2005.

Code of Conduct

We, as Police Officials of the South African Police Service commit ourselves to the creation of a safe and secure environment for all the people in South Africa by-

- participating in endeavours to address the root causes of crime in the community;
- preventing action which may threaten the safety or security of any community; and
- investigating criminal conduct which has endangered the safety or security of the community
- and bringing the perpetrators thereof to justice.

In realization of the aforesaid commitment, we shall at all times –

- uphold the Constitution and the law;
- be guided by the needs of the community;
- give full recognition to the needs of the South African Police Service as employer; and co-operate with the community, government at every level and all other related role-players.

In order to achieve a safe and secure environment for all the people of South Africa we undertake to –

- with integrity, render a responsible and effective service of high quality which is accessible to every person and continuously strive towards improving this service;
- utilize all the available resources responsibly, efficiently and cost effectively to maximize their use;

- develop our own skills and participate in the development of our fellow members to ensure equal opportunities for all;
- contribute to the reconstruction and development of, and reconciliation in our country;
- uphold and protect the fundamental rights of every person;
- act impartially, courteously, honestly, respectfully, transparently and in an accountable manner
- exercise the powers conferred upon us in a responsible and controlled manner; and
- work actively towards preventing any form of corruption and to bring the perpetrators thereof to justice.

NATIONAL PROFILE OF THE SA POLICE SERVICE

PROVINCES:	9
POLICE AREAS:	43
POLICE STATIONS:	1126
PERSONNEL STRENGTH:	148 970 (31 MARCH 2005)
Police Act Personnel:	115 595
Public Service Act Personnel:	33 375
RSA POPULATION:	46 586 607 (Mid-year estimate 2004)
RSA LAND SURFACE (sq km):	1 219 090 sq km
POLICE POPULATION RATIO:	1:403