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SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE

## NATIONAL COMMEMORATION DAY

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# PROGRAMME

*In remembrance of our heroes and heroines who died in the line of duty*

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## MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER OF POLICE

MINISTER NPT NHLEKO

The South African Police Service (SAPS) is tasked with the mandate to “prevent, combat and investigate crime, to maintain public order, to protect and secure the inhabitants of the Republic of South Africa and their property, and to uphold and enforce the law”.

In exercising these objectives, the SAPS working with other law enforcement agencies, gives meaning to outcome 3 of ensuring that all people in our country “are and feel safe”.

This mandate of the police, however, comes with a heavy price which is evinced in the daily killing of the very people who are supposed to protect the nation. But it does not have to be like that. The police need protection from the communities they serve.

The fact that we commemorate the memory of 40 of our colleagues who perished in exercising their duties, is a call to action to ensure that this anomaly does not continue.

New names have been etched on the SAPS memorial wall today, which is appropriately situated in the seat of Government – the Union Buildings. The memorial wall is a constant reminder that our men and women in blue who serve and protect, do so under extremely dangerous circumstances.

Being the most visible face of Government, the police naturally face a host of challenges but we need to respond appropriately to this threat to our security.

The 40 members who lost their lives on duty due to unnatural circumstances, includes those killed/ murdered, as well as those who died due to motor vehicle accidents and other circumstances in the 2015/2016 financial year.

The aforesaid figures indicate a decrease from the previous period. This shows that strategies to ensure the safety of the police, are beginning to bear fruits. We need to use all means, including partnering with the private sector, other government departments, civic bodies, unions and all those who claim loyalty to our country.

The back-to-basics safety plan, with proactive and reactive interventions, is starting to yield results. We need to ramp up community mobilisation and partnership, if we are to make more headway.

To the families of the 40 fallen police members, be comforted in knowing that their sacrifice was not in vain.

**May their souls rest in peace.**



## MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF POLICE

M.M SOTYU

The Department of Police, as led by the SAPS's executive, continues to vigorously implement Vision 2030, as espoused in the National Development Plan (NDP) by addressing one of the critical areas that must be realized by 2030: Development, empowerment and professionalizing of our human resources, the police officers.

Through the Farlam Commission's Project Management Office, that has been established by the Minister of Police, a special task team has been appointed to review and transform many of the SAPS's policies and National Instructions that used to be to the detriment of the working environment of the police officer.

The Ministerial SAPS's Transformation Task Team will advance its efforts to identify and implement the best practices to reduce and even prevent the violent and fatal attacks on our police officers. We cannot afford to lose our police officers through senseless and cowardice murders at such a high rate.

As the Ministry of Police, we reiterate that the safety of our police and our people has never been, nor will it ever be, the sole responsibility of Government. We therefore call upon our community sectors, stakeholders and role players to constantly strengthen their partnerships with the South African Police Service through mutual contact, dialogue and engagement.

The back-to-basics approach that the Department of Police has embarked upon, will be fruitless if becoming more professional, patriotic and passionate about their Constitutional mandate to safeguard and secure the inhabitants of South Africa, is not instilled in our police officers.

The SAPS's executive therefore calls upon the SAPS's top management to continue with the good work of delivering on its mandate in line with the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, along with the Manifesto and policies of Government.



**MESSAGE FROM THE  
ACTING NATIONAL COMMISSIONER  
OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE**  
LIEUTENANT GENERAL JK PHAHLANE

When spring arrives each year, bringing with it warmth and the symbolic renewal of life, the South African Police Service (SAPS), as a family, remembers our heroes and heroines who lost their lives in the line of duty. This day of commemoration remains one of the most important on the SAPS's calendar.

Today we remember and honour the selflessness of our late police members and we reflect on their contribution to the safety of all in South Africa. Every day, police members put their lives at risk for the people of this country and they do so with patriotism, pride and dignity. This should not only resonate with us at these commemoration events, but should be remembered daily, by all South Africans.

On behalf of the SAPS, allow me to thank the families of those who we remember on this Commemoration Day. Thank you for supporting your sons, daughters, mothers and fathers while they served in the SAPS. The organisation is weaker without them and we too mourn their passing deeply. Find comfort and solace in the knowledge that we will uphold their legacy by continuing, with more vigour, where they left off.

In the 2015/2016 financial year, the killing of police members and the deaths of our personnel on duty was again cause for deep concern. We are continuously going Back-to-Basics to ensure that both employer and employees alike remain ever vigilant to risks and threats and that decisive measures are taken to keep our human resources as safe as possible, in spite of the demanding circumstances associated with policing.

The lives of police employees matter; not a single police member should lose his or her life while serving the people of this country. Fallen heroes and heroines, rest in peace. You will always be in our minds and hearts.

The SAPS, together with the South African Police Service Education Trust, will continue to support and assist the families of our fallen heroes and heroines. We share their loss and pain and remain committed to never letting their memories fade.

## THE FALLEN

**By Siphiwe Mahlangu**

They were humans at heart and  
Fearless cadres of the people,  
That never cowered the scourge of crime.  
They were selfless combatants of the masses,  
That braved summer rains and winter colds  
Fighting against lawlessness.

They fell on the beat,  
For defending the weak.

They have fallen on their posts,  
For protecting the vulnerable and

Paid an ultimate price,  
For standing firm against criminality.

We applaud these gallant fighters of our community.  
We honour these heroes and heroines of our society.  
We pay tribute to these men and women of brevity.  
We salute these sons and daughters of our nation and  
Extend our profound gratitude to their families,  
For encouraging them to be loyal to the course!

# PROGRAMME

***General Salute: Acknowledged by the Minister of Police***

***Scripture and Prayer***

***Welcoming address by the Acting National Commissioner of the South African Police Service***

***Musical item***

***Tribute to the deceased***

An announcement is made that the tribute will take place.  
The Last Post is sounded and the National Flag lowered to half mast.

***Two Minutes of silence***

The reveille is sounded and the National Flag hoisted, after which all present take their seats.

***March off by the guard of honour***

***Wreath-laying ceremony***

The Minister of Police lays wreaths on behalf of the Department of Police and the Acting National Commissioner lays wreaths on behalf of the South African Police Service (SAPS). The next of kin of the deceased as listed in the programme, as well as other guests, lay their wreaths. They are accompanied by members of the Employee Health and Wellness (EHW) Division of the SAPS.

***Address by the Minister of Police***

***Vote of thanks by the Deputy Minister of Police***

***National Anthem***

All present stand and sing the National Anthem led by the band of the SAPS.

***Fly past: Air Wing - SAPS***

## ROLL OF HONOUR 2015/2016

2015-04-01 - 2016-03-31

PERSAL NO	RANK	SURNAME AND INITIALS	DATE OF DEATH
0413396-0	Warrant Officer	Bouwer MJ	2016-01-14
0536669-1	Sergeant	Goodwin MACS	2016-01-20
0923217-6	Warrant Officer	Seloga BJ	2016-01-23
0515780-3	Warrant Officer	Nyandeni SS	2016-01-28
0602428-9	Warrant Officer	Kumkuren L	2016-01-29
0917139-8	Warrant Officer	Gumede BT	2016-01-29
7174657-9	Constable	Lekala MM	2016-03-02
0440866-7	Warrant Officer	Reyneke M	2016-03-18
0613972-8	Warrant Officer	Mhlongo VH	2016-03-27
2060267-7	Constable	Mbuli HN	2015-04-07
0536626-7	Sergeant	Mkhize FCS	2015-04-09
7018851-3	Constable	Mbele SH	2015-04-30
7056432-9	Constable	Jaca MW	2015-04-30
7063850-1	Constable	Majoka ZW	2015-04-30
7045346-2	Constable	Baloyi JT	2015-05-20
167167-7	Major	Moetlo MT	2015-06-03
0511640-6	Warrant Officer	Ngwane J	2015-06-05
7043891-9	Constable	Ntoyaphi M	2015-06-14
7052578-1	Constable	Dlamini BM	2015-07-02
0640583-5	Warrant Officer	Ndlovu SE	2015-07-11



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PERSAL NO	RANK	SURNAME AND INITIALS	DATE OF DEATH
2147568-7	Constable	Hlongwane SJ	2015-07-18
0454699-7	Warrant Officer	Holz PJB	2015-07-29
2156141-9	Constable	Buthelezi NE	2015-07-29
7165544-1	Constable	Hlabisa SAC	2015-07-31
7166807-1	Constable	Seolwane LJ	2015-07-31
7174530-1	Constable	Muhlarhi NN	2015-08-06
0513308-4	Warrant Officer	Mosekwane BM	2015-08-22
2120109-9	Constable	Moswang EF	2015-09-05
7029154-3	Sergeant	Sowambi X	2015-09-06
0633896-8	Warrant Officer	Mchizama S	2015-09-08
7044832-9	Constable	Maluleke BS	2015-09-08
7024449-9	Sergeant	Moyana VA	2015-09-22
0481582-3	Warrant Officer	Mabada ZT	2015-11-02
7087475-1	Constable	Mokotedi JS	2015-11-04
0533977-4	Sergeant	Ralinala AS	2015-11-13
0470334-1	Warrant Officer	Ramsaroop NS	2015-11-14
0490921-6	Warrant Officer	Mdletshe JZ	2015-11-16
7131734-1	Constable	Sesing MD	2015-11-22
0601464-0	Warrant Officer	Ramsakkan A	2015-11-23
7199519-6	Constable	Manyanga SN	2015-12-23

# POLICE TOO ARE HUMAN

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## Police officers are as human as all of us

### Analysis

SANT PAPA MOLAKENG

IN PRINCIPLE, more by experience, I can't stand police, but cops outnumber my friends and it's not easy being my friend.

Have had three police pals, only two survive. The deaths of the two overrode their careers. I can't achieve the same, they are human, they have lives my buddies, two from childhood, one for the past 10 years.

On pointed by their deaths, are are their families and communities.

When police get murdered on duty, it may plily be said they weren't competent in training. But they are family and they have kids and his. When they die, they leave behind their beloved, some their dependants.

It's not until your close police associate passes away that it strikes home that they are human after all - more than old statistics of the South African Police Service 'vitals'.

I ensure those cop jobs, perhaps to communicate with their families, if not to highlight that cops aren't vengeful assassins on missions.

At heart they are human like all of us. One, Nkhosho Clement Radebe - whom I had known since 1979 as a neighbour and primary schoolmate whose father shared a surname with my mother - died on duty three years ago on Nelson Mandela's birthday.

Based in Grahamstown's North Port, he had travelled to Philadelphia to fetch or deliver a doctor to Philadelphia. On way back, they stopped at a garage, his car was hit and rolled over the car to top, something while Nkhosho remained inside.

He was dead dead then. Nkhosho was a born free fighter through the 1970s. When we were at school, when the family couldn't afford to pay for a school trip, I wrote a letter to pay for him.

After I had passed matric, Nkhosho applied for a job at the University of Witwatersrand, Nkhosho applied for a police officer's job.

Like countless blacks, he didn't want to be a police officer on such, it was just a job needed for survival. It made him a friend.



**PHOTOGRAPHED** Gift Zulu, a police officer, was a disciplined officer, but was a fanatic.

All his a handful of officers mean well, they want honest income through diligent service. Most are aware to corruption, they play by the book. My cop friends have such integrity over of duty.

I once asked Nkhosho, in just, if he offered bribes at South Africa, or elsewhere. "Never, I don't want to lose my job," he said.

Those men and women in blue can't help but die while if police crimes to speak, it's for survival. And why shouldn't be faced by jobs that were not up. General, there are those who cut corners or turn their palms to the ground, but aren't on all hands. It's a hard life for survival. Police are desperate for many of us to whom such to risk his or death from hunger, or survival from crimes.

At heart I know those up about Nkhosho. When I had visited him at his home, and I looked out from his porch, very few things said for his thought. I had taken things and he was afraid that, but I took his officers would bring him to look for his officers or even using them.

When I was in a 20-day strike camp at Hillcrest Hospital in 1991, Nkhosho came to see me.



**PHOTOGRAPHED** Gift Zulu, a police officer, was a disciplined officer, but was a fanatic.

of the ICU sleeping hours, my family later told me.

The second late cop, Gift Mogen Zulu - a neighbour who became a friend at Nkhosho's Extension, Swazini - met his Maker last weekend.

Gift was a jelly fellow, we called such other Mkhosi (freedom) to Zulu. Our children played at our respective homes, even three days after his death, his kids were at our house, playing, children to study's passing.

One day, when Gift was taking our kids to his new home in Pretoria, North, I found him. "Mkhosi, my friend for the life."

The response: "Mkhosi, even if I don't have money, I love you!"

Gift was aware of some pensions against police, but he didn't allow that in work, leaving that's what I like him.

I had been with him two Fridays ago, a couple of hours before his death. Why I had been with him is a paradox of my police reflections, some times when I'm in trouble, when it gets me, I turn to them, because, well, they are cops and can sort out anyone who messes with me. Or so I suspect. My response police in general individuals, like teachers and doctors, but more because cops have low average.

So Gift, drove me to sort out a pension, later who had been giving me the remainder with my job. I wanted to find it without paying a cent because he had not find it.

Depress, when we got there, Gift turned against me, told me that I shouldn't have taken the car to that lawyer because they problem needed a different face.

So I left. I had to pay the cop for whatever he had insured with, Gift maintained.

It was disappointingly callous, while I had expected the usual kind of bullying of the officer, he had let me go for not having caught his officer before taking the decision there.

Gift didn't abuse his police powers. While he was funny and a joker in the past, he was disciplined.

Not a disciplinarian like my other cop friend and former high schoolmate Surpriso Dinkano Khosho, Gift was a policeman trained under the apartheid regime, but then he was unusually Zulu, he didn't forget his Ntand'wenkosi (he was also called by the Mandela clan name). After retirement, he had been born in Swazini 44 years ago.

He preferred order, though he wasn't gentle. Sometimes he'd change his, and we wondered why a cop would be like that.

Gift's one-time wife, a graduate because in 1980 I had married him in a City Press advert or social.

Like many cops, Gift meant a lot to me, he was a community friend.

Their double-degree use of 'Johannesburg' (Gift died on duty; Gift died off duty). At a black town, he had a father and son, they shared. I have been slightly prejudiced - unlike my late cop friends who ended in those times.

So we share our model cops - not wonderful, fathers, children, fellow officers. And while there for the lifespan - of 'stressful' police career and personal relations - they judge with dedication and devotion all they like the best.

Their emotional deaths are a chilling tragedy. May they rest in eternally blessed place.

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