WARRANT

By the President of the Republic of South Africa by which the "South African Police Service Gold Cross for Bravery" is instituted

To all to whom these presents shall come:

Greetings!

Whereas it is deemed desirable to recognize signal acts of valour displayed by members of the South African Police Service who, in the discharge of their functions or in protecting or saving property or life, have lost or genuinely imperilled their own lives:

And whereas it is deemed expedient to honour such members in a fitting manner:

Now, therefore, by virtue of the powers granted to me to institute honours in accordance with the provisions of Section 84(2) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 (Act No. 108 of 1996), read together with Section 44 (2) of the South African Police Service Act, 1995 (Act No. 68 of 1995), I hereby repeal the institution of the decoration the "South African Police Cross for Bravery (Gold)" as set out in the Warrant, dated 17 May 1989, as promulgated in Government Gazette No. 11969, dated 21 June 1989, and the Rules thereto without prejudice to anything lawfully done under such warrant: Provided that all persons on whom the decoration has been conferred, may retain and wear it;

And now, therefore, by virtue of the powers granted to me to institute honours in accordance with the provisions of Section 84(2) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 (Act No. 108 of 1996), read together with Section 44 (2) of the South African Police Service Act, 1995 (Act No." 68 of 1995), I do hereby institute a new decoration in recognition of acts of outstanding and exceptional bravery by members of the South African Police Service, and further ordain that the following Rules as may be made under this Warrant, shall govern the award of the decoration:

1. PRECEDENCE:

The decoration shall take precedence over any other decoration or medal which may be awarded exclusively to members of the South African Police Service, and also holds the position in the national precedence list as determined by the Presidency from time to time.
2. DESCRIPTION:

The South African Police Service Gold Cross for Bravery shall be of 9 carat gold, with blue, green and red enamel. The decoration shall be in the form of a cross paty, 40 mm in diameter, quadrate of rays between the arms, issuant there from two swords in saltire. On the obverse, a representation of the badge of the South African Police Service, sans wording proper. The reverse shall depict the National Coat of Arms of the Republic of South Africa, with the words "VIRTUTIS FORTUNA COMES' as circumscription above it. The decoration shall be pendent from a plain suspender affixed to the upper arm by means of a demi-secretary bird displayed, with a protea flower charged on the breast.

3. RIBBON:

The South African Police Service Gold Cross for Bravery shall be pendent from a ribbon, 32 mm wide, with seven vertical gold, blue, gold, red, gold, blue and gold stripes respectively 4 mm, 4 mm, 5 mm, 6 mm, 5 mm, 4 mm and 4 mm wide, in that sequence from left to right.

4. BAR:

The bar to the decoration which may be awarded in terms of Rule 5 shall be of gold, 35 mm in length and 6 mm wide, embossed in the centre with a clasp in the form of a cross paty. In respect of each bar awarded, a gold clasp answering to the foregoing description, shall be issued.

5. CONFERMENT REQUIREMENTS:

The South African Police Service Gold Cross for Bravery may be awarded to a member of the South African Police Service who has distinguished himself or herself by performing an outstanding deed of bravery in extremely dangerous circumstances.

6. CONFERMENT REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO A BAR:

A bar may be awarded to any member to whom the decoration has already been awarded and who, subsequent to such award and while still serving as a member of the South African Police Service, has again distinguished himself or herself in the manner described in Rule 5. In respect of every such additional distinction, an additional bar may be awarded: Provided that a gold bar shall be awarded only to a member who is already in possession of the decoration. Otherwise an appropriate decoration shall be awarded and not a bar.

7. CONFERMENT, FORFEITURE OR RESTORATION OF DECORATION:

The decoration, as well as the bar in respect thereof, shall be awarded by the Minister for Safety and Security of the Republic of South Africa on the
recommendation of the National Commissioner of the South African Police Service, and may also be cancelled, annulled, declared forfeited or restored by the Minister for Safety and Security of the Republic of South Africa on the recommendation of the National Commissioner of the South African Police Service, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by the Regulations.

8. POSTHUMOUS AWARD:
The decoration, as well as the bar in respect thereof, may be awarded posthumously.

9. ENGRAVING/STAMPING OF A SERIAL NUMBER:
On the reverse of each decoration awarded shall be stamped/engraved a serial number that is linked to the Persal number of the recipient.

10. PUBLICATION IN NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION LIST AND RECORDING IN REGISTER:
The names of the members to whom the decoration or bar is awarded, shall be published in a national distribution list and shall, together with such particulars as the National Commissioner of the South African Police Service may deem fit, be recorded in a register kept in his or her office.

11. The decoration shall be worn on the left breast, and a bar in respect thereof shall be affixed to the ribbon. When the decoration is not worn, only the ribbon in respect thereof shall be worn on the left breast, and where a bar has been awarded, the clasp shall be affixed to the ribbon as an indication of the award of such bar.

12. The award of the decoration or bar shall not entitle the recipient to any individual precedence, but shall allow him or her to add the letters "PCFG", the abbreviation for "PRAEFECTURAE CRUX FORTITUDINIS (GOLD)" after his or her name.

13. A reproduction of the decoration in miniature, half the size of the decoration, may be worn on fitting occasions.

14. A sealed model of the decoration, as well as the bar and ribbon in respect thereof and of the miniature reproduction thereof, shall be kept in safe custody in the office of the National Commissioner of the South African Police Service or in such other place as the President of the Republic of South Africa may determine.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Pretoria on this Fourth day of May of the year Two thousand and Four.
(signed)  
T. MBeki  
President  

By Order of the President-in-Council:  

(signed)  
C. NQAKULA  
Minister of the Cabinet.

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