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Greetings to our valued readers and our very own policemen and women. Welcome to the October edition of POLICE magazine. I know end of the year fatigue is taking its toll on many of us at this time, yet we must soldier

on to fulfill our duties and responsibilities for the year. To keep you going, take a break and read what we have for you this month.

The Constitution mandates the state to protect its citizens, ensure public safety, and uphold law and order. It is for this essential responsibility that Minister Senzo Mchunu and the South African Police Service (SAPS) Management have developed a strategy to eradicate crime. SAPS has entered into a cooperative agreement to work together with all three spheres of government, to bring down the high levels of crimes and ensure that all residents are safe.

As you read on, you will discover that the SAPS also signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Transnet, which is faced with the problem of theft and vandalism of its railway infrastructure. These crimes affect the parastatal in offering services to the underprivileged in the country. This partnership is a game changer as it will ensure that our communities are better served and safer. Read all about it on pages 3 and 4.

We are heading towards December, a busy month, and full of festivities. Some of us travel the length and breadth of this country, spending money and having fun times with our friends and families. Unfortunately these are also busy times for criminals, risking it all for get a quick buck from us. To curb such, Minister Mchunu launched his first ever 2024 National Safer Festive Season Campaign in Mamelodi. This was in collaboration with

the Tshwane Metro Police Department, Gauteng Crime Wardens, Community Policing Fora and stakeholders from private security companies. The campaign is aimed at heightening the fight against crime and safeguarding all citizens, their properties, businesses and holidaymakers visiting the country.

It is clear, with collaboration, we can serve and keep South Africa safer.

On a lighter note, the SAPS is on a move to fulfill Project 10 000, as we heed a call from President Cyril Ramaphosa to capacitate the men and women in blue. Ongoing efforts are being made to deter crime by strengthening the SAPS. As you continue flipping the pages from 7 to 12, you will enjoy the stories of the new recruits of constables that graduated from all over the country recently. We had Passing-Out Parades at Bisho SAPS Academy, Bishop Lavis SAPS Academy and Moloto SAPS Academy.

Recently the National Commissioner, General Fannie Masemola provided an update on countrywide operations, police successes and major takedowns at the media briefing held at Government Communication and Information Systems in Tshwane. Unpack more about these updates on pages 21 and 22.

Also in this edition we observe National Prayer Day, an annual ceremony held in honour of fallen heroes and heroines of the South African Police Service, who lost their lives on duty. The Day is also held to seek wisdom and daily protection from God as our members encounter dangerous situations on a daily basis. We invite you, as our readers to please keep our police in your daily prayers.

We hope you will enjoy this packed edition. Until next time, God bless you.

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MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL COMMISSIONER OF THE SAPS,

GENERAL SF MASEMOLA

Salute to all members of the South African Police Service (SAPS). It is that time where we need to regroup and channel our energies for the busiest period of the year. A period where all hands will be on the deck towards ensuring that our Constitutional mandate is carried out with confidence and without any bottlenecks.

This period called the festive season, ladies and gentlemen nudges us to remember who we are to the inhabitants of the Republic. It reminds us of our Oath, Code of Conduct and the Mission and Vision of the organisation. Last month Minister Senzo Mchunu, Deputy Minister Cassel Mathale, Deputy Minister Polly Boshielo, Premier of Gauteng Panyaza Lesufi, Top Management of the SAPS and I launched the Safer Festive Season Campaign in Mamelodi, East of Tshwane.

The launch was a precursor to many other provincial launches that are being rolled out to protect and serve the citizenry. Since most people will be getting their bonuses, while some will be sharing their Stokvel savings and some using different vouchers they saved for various supermarkets and chain stores to purchase groceries for their beloved families, we must be on guard 24 hours to protect them.

We need to up the stakes and be more cautious against any acts of criminality that may target or dampen the mood of our citizens, who worked hard to save up for the festive season. We need to be more vigilant in places where transactions take place to avoid acting reactionary after the unthinkable has happened.

Fellow colleagues, let us take it upon ourselves to make our nation feel safe at all times. Let us make it our priority to create a safer environment where families, friends, colleagues and tourists socialize without worrying about crime because they know we are present in their midst.

Let us give our communities a five star treatment when they visit our police stations during and beyond the festive. Let us be patient when we open cases at police stations and stop from turning victims away because the crime did not happen or start in your police precinct. Your job is to protect and serve, not to negotiate demarcations.

Ladies and gentlemen, our objective can only be achievable when we work as a team and always make sure that our camaraderie surpasses the complicity of criminals. Our resolve to combat

crime should resonate with every one of us during this demanding and energy sapping period. This is possible only if we dedicate and commit all our resources to the course.

Allow me to make this humble plea and request to you - always be vigilant, wear your bullet-resistant vest, make sure your pepper spray and handcuffs are ready, your retention cord is intact, firearm is clean, your radio is in good working condition and your vehicles are roadworthy for any incident that may require your urgent attention.

Fellow colleagues, we must ensure that during this festive season we pay special attention to the following focus areas:

- Gender-Based Violence
- Combat trio crimes
- Working with Border Management Authority and the Department of Home Affairs to enhance border security
- Combat illicit trafficking, illicit mining, illicit and counterfeit goods
- Enforce firearms, liquor and second-hand goods legislation, including enforcing the Safety at Sports and Recreational Events Act (SASREA)
- Combat extortion
- Combat economic and infrastructure crimes
- Work with Metro Police and Traffic Police to enforce municipal by-laws and crack down on hijacked buildings and also enhance road safety
- Deploy more resources in murder hotspots areas to bring about stability in communities

If we diligently deal with the above focus areas, we would contain the scourge of crime and allow the inhabitants of the country a joyous crime free festive season.

As I put down my pen, let us not forget to also prioritise the safety of vulnerable groups and remember to break bread with those living below the breadline.

GOVERNMENT COMMITS TO COLLABORATE IN FIGHTING CRIME AT MUNICIPAL LEVEL

By Capt Kgabo Mashamaite

Photographs by WO Amos Ndlovu



Minister of Police, Mr Senzo Mchunu and Deputy Ministers, Mr Cassel Mathale and Ms Polly Boshielo, the National Police Commissioner, Gen Fannie Masemola with SAPS top management after the signing of cooperative agreements.

Recently, during the tabling of crime statistics, the South African Police Service (SAPS) Management led by the Minister of Police, Mr Senzo Mchunu developed a strategy to eradicate crime by entering into a cooperative agreement to work together with all three spheres of government, to bring down the high levels of crimes and ensure that all residents are safe.

The signing of the cooperative agreement with three Gauteng Metropolitan Municipalities took place between 8 and 10 October 2024, starting at the Tsakane Stadium in Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality, then Alexandra Stadium in the City of Joburg Municipality and later at the Masterpieces Moripe Stadium in the City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality. During this time, Minister of Police highlighted a greater need for cooperation with various stakeholders and bring high crime rate down in all Gauteng regions,

“Today’s Cooperation Agreement is a crucial step towards providing safe and a secure environment to our citizens, as it reflects the joint commitment of government, law enforcement agencies, and civil society to restore peace and stability to our communities. Recent crime statistics have shown that the three districts of the Gauteng Province are contributing significantly to crime in the country. Section 12 of our Constitution guarantees every citizen the right to freedom and security of the person, including the right to be free from all forms of violence, whether from public or private sources.

“Furthermore, the Constitution mandates the state to protect its citizens, ensure public safety, and uphold law and order. It is this fundamental obligation that brings us together today to renew our focus on the safety of every South African and the protection of their rights. The province accounts for 8.3% of murder cases reported to the police, sexual offences at 20,6%, 11.5% rape and 23,6 of sexual assault cases during April and June 2024. We will



Minister of Police Senzo Mchunu leading the SAPS Top Management in signing of a cooperative agreement with various stakeholders on an ongoing efforts to address crime in Tsakane Sports Stadium, Ekurhuleni on 08 October 2024.



Deputy Minister of Police, Mr Cassel Mathale signing the cooperative agreement at the City of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality leg held at the Tsakane Sports Stadium.



Deputy Minister of Police, Ms Polly Boshieo signing the cooperative agreement and committing the national government efforts in collaborating with various stakeholders on an ongoing efforts to address crime in the Gauteng Province.

reclaim the spaces that have been overrun by criminals and do away with the lawlessness that threatens our people,” expressed Minister Mchunu.

Have you ever wondered what the following police stations: Johannesburg Central, Roodepoort, Honeydew, Sandton, Hillbrow (Johannesburg District); Tembisa, Kempton Park, Ivory Park (Ekurhuleni District) and Brooklyn, Sunnyside, Temba, Mamelodi East (Tshwane District) have in common? Except for the fact that they are located within the Gauteng Province?

The above-mentioned police stations are among the top 30 stations to record the highest number of 17 community reported serious crimes and contact crimes cases during the first quarter of 2024/2025 financial year as released by the Minister of Police, Mr Senzo Mchunu.

It was revealed that the Johannesburg Central, ranked number five nationally with 17 reported serious offences, registered 1818 cases and at least 865 contact crime cases, and is ranked number 4 in the contact crime category. Roodepoort at number six with 1745 community reported serious crimes, 701 contact crimes. Honeydew, ranked number seven with 1743 serious crimes. Sandton ranked 17 with 1512 serious crimes cases. Hillbrow ranked number 24 and registered 1394 in the 17 community reported serious crimes, while ranked 15 in contact crimes and registering 713 cases in that category at the Johannesburg District. Tembisa ranked 18 and having registered 1501 cases with 17 community reported serious crimes and ranking number seven in the contact crimes and registered 825 in the category. Kempton Park ranked 26 and has registered 1386 cases of 17 community reported serious crimes and the Ivory Park Police Station ranked number 13 in the top 30 contact crime stations and has recorded 730 cases in the Ekurhuleni District. The Brooklyn Police Station is ranked number nine and has registered 1701 of 17 community reported serious crimes cases. Sunnyside ranked number 22 in the top 30 community reported serious crimes stations and having registered 1414 cases. Temba ranked number 22 and has registered 632 contact crime cases and Mamelodi East from the Tshwane District ranked number 24 with 629 contact crimes cases registered at the station from April to June 2024.

Outlining the purpose of the agreement, the National Police Commissioner, Gen Fannie Masemola said the cooperative agreement formalises the working relationship between the SAPS representing the national government, the provincial government and all the metropolitan government which represents a concerted effort by all spheres of government to jointly address crime challenges plaguing our communities. The collaboration must ensure that the search and tracing of suspects and wanted criminals who are evading criminal prosecution must be hunted down and taken down. The collaboration is about the sharing of technology and resources to move the country forward, to exchange information and best practices in policing, strengthening and sharpening our response to combat serious and violent crime.

“The exchange of information will also serve as an early warning system to sensitise the law enforcement agencies on a crime that is being planned or committed and the suspects involved. This will go a long way in assisting us to make this province safer. Also, the exchange of information of new crime trends will ultimately ensure that we are one step ahead of criminals. We cannot and we will not allow gangs to rule this province or in any other part of our beautiful country. This strategic collaboration must ensure resources and capacity is aligned to the problems and challenges our people face. This collaboration will translate in all the law enforcement agencies working under one command centre and the sole purpose being uniting against criminals at the district level,” affirmed Gen Masemola.

The Gauteng Province Acting Premier Jacob Mamabolo said the agreement will strengthen the capacity of the state to provide a comprehensive safety and security by bringing all spheres of government together and effectively eradicating crime at the local level.

The Executive Mayor of City of Ekurhuleni, Councillor Nkosindiphile Xhakaza said the cooperation will result in effective planning and ensuring that policing strategies are applied to effectively eradicate crime in the city. Councillor Xhakaza further committed to increase resources to assist crime fighting efforts in the district and avail a budget to train more metro police intake to add more boots on the ground.



SAPS top management with various stakeholders after the signing of cooperative agreements for the ongoing efforts to address crime through community engagements.

Acting Executive Mayor of the City of Joburg, Councillor Jack Sekwaila said that the signing of the cooperative agreement was long overdue to help the city to reclaim its streets from criminals who continue to terrorise the residents, robbing, killing and raping them without any fear of arrest.

City of Tshwane Executive Mayor, Dr Nasiphi Moya said the significant milestone will be integrating and sharing resources to address a number of challenges the city has been grappling with, such as the tampering of essential infrastructure, hijacking of buildings, illegal connection of water and electricity, drug trafficking as well as contact crime among others.

The signing of cooperative agreements is an ongoing efforts to address crime through community engagements under the theme: **“Enhancing Partnerships with Citizens for Safer Communities”**. It started in the Western Cape, then Eastern Cape and now Gauteng.

Among the signatories who pledged to collaborate in the fight against crime included the Minister of Police, Mr Senzo Mchunu, Deputy Ministers; Mr Cassel Mathale and Ms Polly Boshielo, the National Police Commissioner, Gen Fannie Masemola, Gauteng Provincial Commissioner, Lt Gen Thommy Mthombeni, District Commissioners of Ekurhuleni, Johannesburg and Tshwane, Gauteng Premier Panyaza Lesufi who later delegated MEC Jacob Mamabolo, representatives from the Chairperson for the Gauteng Provincial Community Police Boards, business sector, faith-based organisations, City Managers of City of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality and the Executive Mayor, City of Joburg Metropolitan Municipality Executive Mayor and the City Manager, City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality Executive Mayor and the City Manager, Head of Department Community Safety, MMC for Development Planning and Real Estate (City of Ekurhuleni) and the MMC for Safety (City of Joburg) among others.



A pledge signed by three spheres of government and various stakeholders during a marathon of signing of cooperative agreements in the City of Tshwane, City of Ekurhuleni as well as the City of Joburg Metropolitan Municipalities from 08 to 10 October 2024.

SAPS AND TRANSNET SIGN A MOU TO FIGHT FREIGHT-RELATED CRIMES

By WO Percy Sepaela

Photographs by WO Amos Ndlovu



National Commissioner of Police, Gen Masemola and Acting Chief Executive: Transnet Port Terminals, Adv Phillips sealing the deal, following the MoU signing.

The South African Police Service (SAPS) and Transnet have consolidated their 17 year-old relationship to create a safer railway network system during the landmark signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at the Transnet School of Rail in Esselen Park, Gauteng recently.

This comes as Transnet is faced with the problem of theft and vandalism of its railway infrastructure, which not only costs the organisation billion of rands but also affects the parastatal to offer services to the poorest of the poor in the country. "We are confident that with this continued collaboration we will be able to ensure that our communities are better served and will be safer. This partnership is a game changer because the vandalism of Transnet infrastructure compromises our communities," said Mr Sibongiseni Khathi, Acting Chief Executive of Transnet Pipelines.

He continued to explain that the theft of fuel from their pipelines was a serious problem which they are addressing. "In this instance, we have been able to reduce the incidents of fuel theft by 50% and we remain resolute in our commitment together with

the SAPS to do more," he said.

Mr Khathi criticised the collision of SAPS members with criminal syndicates and that the courts were not being amenable to speedily finalise such cases.

Acting Chief Executive: Transnet Port Terminals, Adv Michelle Phillips, said the signing of the MoU was a significant step in the right direction to ensure a safer railway network environment. "This represents a critical step in safeguarding our country's infrastructure because this scourge touches the lives of ordinary citizens daily. The impact compromises the poorest of the poor where the unemployment rate stands at 33%. Our partnership with the SAPS has already yielded significant successes. One notable example is the dedicated support that SAPS provided to Transnet pipelines, where specialised resources helped us combat the theft and damage to our fuel infrastructure.

"With the combined efforts of SAPS, Transnet and the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA), we saw tangible results, including



SAPS members following the proceedings during the ceremony.

convictions for those responsible for these crimes. This is a shining example of what we can achieve through collaboration, adaptation and a multidisciplinary approach,” stated Adv Phillips.

She added that it was essential to recognise the impact of securing a reliable railway environment as it extends to communities, industries and international partners to promote economic stability across the region.

The National Commissioner of the Police, Gen Fannie Masemola said the high levels of crime associated with Transnet network infrastructure was tantamount to economic sabotage and that there was a need to create an integrated crime-combating strategy to address this problem. “It is important to note that crime-free railway environment is conducive for economic growth, due to inter alia, reliable rail infrastructure and investment in the economy,” said Gen Masemola.

He said the protection of essential infrastructure was a priority for the SAPS and this collaboration will enable better coordination of resources between SAPS and the parastatal. Gen Masemola further reported that since the year started, there has been a total of 17 reported cases of fuel theft at Transnet pipelines, 11 of these in Gauteng, five in KwaZulu-Natal and one in Mpumalanga.



Delegates listening to presentations during the MoU signing.

MINISTER MCHUNU LAUNCHES HIS FIRST SAFER FESTIVE SEASON IN MAMELODI

By Capt Stephen Maluleka

Photographs by Capt Ndanduleni Nyambeni



Members of the SAPS on parade during the Safer Festive Season Campaign launch in Mamelodi, Pretoria.

In light of the imminent festive season, the Minister of Police, Mr Senzo Mchunu put his ducks in a row ahead of the busiest season of the year. He launched the 2024 National Safer Festive Season Campaign in Mamelodi with other law enforcement agencies such as the Tshwane Metro Police Department, Gauteng Crime Wardens, Community Policing Fora and stakeholders from private security companies who formed part of the collaboration in the fight against crime.

The Minister was flanked by his two Deputy Ministers, Mr Cassel Mathale and Ms Polly Boshieho with the South African Police Service (SAPS) National Commissioner, General Fannie Masemola, Gauteng Premier, Mr Panyaza Lesufi. Other SAPS' top brass in attendance were Deputy National Commissioner for Crime Detection, Lieutenant General Shadrack Sibiya, Deputy National Commissioner for Policing, Lieutenant General, Tebello Mosikili, Acting Deputy National Commissioner Support Services, Lineo Nkhua and Provincial Commissioner of Gauteng, Tommy Mthombeni, Tshwane District Commissioner, Major General Samuel Thine, SAPS senior management and other senior managers from the stakeholders.

The National Safer Festive Season Campaign is an annual exercise by the SAPS aimed at heightening the fight against crime and safeguarding all citizens, their properties, businesses and holidaymakers visiting the country. During this period, the police ensure that every corner of the country including residential areas, roads, taxi ranks, malls, train stations, airports, harbours, border posts, holiday destinations, picnic spots and events are

painted in blue to bolster safety and security throughout the festive season and beyond.

Delivering the keynote address, Minister Mchunu said the SAPS is ready to confront threats of crime head on. He went on to send a strong message to criminals that they should know that SAPS' collaboration with other law enforcement agencies will be more alert and vigilant than ever before. Minister added that he is proud to have signed Cooperation Agreements with five of the largest Metropolitan Municipalities as part of a strategic move to increase police officers and law enforcement officers on the ground.

"You will see increased police visibility throughout the country, with more boots on the ground to counter serious and violent crimes. From urban centres to rural areas, our officers will be working tirelessly to maintain peace and order. In addition to this national launch, there will be provincial launches of the Safer Festive Season Campaigns to ensure a coordinated approach to security," reassured Minister Mchunu.

Minister also warned motorists to be careful on the roads to avoid speeding and showing off, to alleviate road fatalities and enjoy the festive season for what it is. He also told criminals who are going to try their luck during the festive not to even try since they will deal with them accordingly. "We will face you pound for pound," Minister said.

Gauteng Premier Panyaza Lesufi also weighed in by strongly condemning crime and vowed to confront it. "We are coming here



Deputy Minister Cassel Mathale, Gauteng Premier Panyaza Lesufi, Minister Senzo Mchunu and General Fannie Masemola at the launch of the 2024 Safer Festive Season Campaign in Mamelodi.

in Mamelodi to send one strong message as all law enforcement agencies in our country that we are not only tired of crime but we are ready to tackle it head-on," stressed Lesufi.

He added that the provincial law enforcers are not going to compete with the SAPS but are going to combine their resources under a single command of the police. He also donated three helicopters to help fight carjacking in Gauteng. "I am proud that the government I have the honour to lead have handed over three new helicopters to the police. So that carjacking and kidnapping must come to an end in our province," said the Premier.

Lesufi further said provincial government is also putting up 18 000 Close Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras in all townships of Gauteng and three new Command Centres to monitor the cameras. He further indicated that they have introduced the e-panic button on smart phones as part of fighting crime and 35 drones to help in hunting criminals in the province.

General Fannie Masemola told the citizenry that the campaign will run from 11 October 2024 to 31 January 2025. "We will continue with intensifying our campaign for heightened police visibility across the country. Citizens can expect to see law enforcement visibility in their communities disrupting criminal activities that may want to pose a threat to law abiding citizens," said General Masemola.

He added that they will be stamping out the authority of the State during the festive season and beyond.

General Masemola shared the following nine focus areas of the Safer Festive Season operations with the citizens:

- Gender-Based Violence
- Combat trio crimes
- Working with Border Management Authority and the Department of Home Affairs to enhance border security
- Combat illicit trafficking, illicit mining, illicit and counterfeit goods
- Enforce firearms, liquor and second hand goods legislation, including enforcing the Safety at Sports and Recreational Events Act (SASREA)
- Combat extortion
- Combat economic and infrastructure crimes
- Work with Metro Police and Traffic Police to enforce municipal by-laws and crack down on hijacked buildings and also enhance Road Safety
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NEW CONSTABLES SET TO STRENGTHEN EFFORTS TO DETER CRIME

By WO Amos Ndlovu



Constables showcasing their physical training.

A new cadre of dedicated police officers stood on parade at various South African Police Service (SAPS) academies, ready to strengthen police capacity to combat crime, address emerging crime trends, and tackle surges of longstanding crimes. These new officers represent the first batch of the 2024 Project 10 000 police recruitment drive, an initiative prompted by a call from His Excellency, President Cyril Ramaphosa to capacitate the SAPS.

On 4 October 2024, at the Bisho SAPS Academy, Deputy Minister of Police, Ms Polly Boshielo presided over the passing out ceremony of 778 newly qualified constables, who lined up in their commanding blue uniforms and attested to their eagerness to serve their country with pride.

Following her inspection of the parade, Deputy Minister Boshielo praised the young officers for their hard work and resilience. "Your decision to join the SAPS reflects a noble commitment to creating a safe and secure environment for all people in South Africa. By coming forward when we called for young people to join our organisation, you have displayed your willingness to subject yourselves to the discipline and hard work that comes with being a member of the SAPS," said the Deputy Minister.



Bisho SAPS Academy released 778 newly qualified constables during the passing out ceremony.

She further emphasised that by joining the SAPS, the officers have accepted the responsibility to serve the citizens of the country and that they join a cadre of exceptional SAPS members dedicated to safeguarding the residents of South Africa, upholding the rule of law and executing the tasks mandated by Section 205 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa.



Deputy Minister Boshielo shared a smile, witnessing the parade conducted by new constables.

These new Constables underwent the shortened six months Introductory Police Development Learning Programme because they have relevant qualifications in the field of Law, Policing and Criminology. They went through the intensive training and formed part of a larger group of trainees who were also passing out in other separate parades across the country

Similar parades unfolded in other SAPS academies including Mankwe, in the North West, Moloto in Mpumalanga, Mthatha, Graff-Reinet, also in the Eastern Cape and Bishop Lavis, in the Western Cape. Moreover, two other passing out parades will follow on 18 October in Philippi and Oudtshoorn, both in the Western Cape.

The Constables showcased their training through a series of impressive drills, demonstrating not only their physical capabilities but also their teamwork.. The accuracy with which they executed each display showed the diligent training they had undergone, which instills confidence in their future roles as law enforcement officers. Their training is part of our government's efforts to strengthen the SAPS and enhance police visibility in all communities as we move swiftly to advance crime-fighting initiatives.



The training of new constables is part of the government's efforts to strengthen the SAPS.

NEWLY INDUCTED POLICE TRAINEES VOW TO SERVE AND PROTECT THE COUNTRY

By Mgcobo Ngxukumeshe



Happy newly inducted constables, celebrating their hard earned placement in SAPS.

Flamboyant, articulate and young Const Lucas Booi has vowed to make a considerable impact to South African Police Service (SAPS) in its mandate to serve and protect the people of the country against the marauding criminals. He said this shortly after he had read the SAPS Code of Conduct during the Passing-Out Parade at SAPS Academy - Bishop Lavis.

The event was held on 04 October 2024, under the command of Western Cape Provincial Commissioner, Lt Gen Thembisile Patekile who was with Deputy Provincial Commissioner for Support Services, Maj Gen Preston Voskuil.

More than 110 police graduates have successfully completed their six months training at Bishop Lavis Academy. The trainees were the first batch of intake in 2024, which is part of Project 10 000 police recruitment drive. The second batch of trainees will pass out in December 2024.

The 23-year old Const Booi was chosen to read the Police Code of Conduct during the Passing Out Ceremony in full glare of the members and top police management in the Western Cape.

He said he believed that the code of conduct was a good idea



Families and friends were there to witness and celebrate this memorable day with the new constables.

to guide members on how to behave as police members and conduct themselves beyond reproach, without looking at the conduct as printed in black and white.



Over 110 police graduates successfully completed six months training at Bishop Lavis Academy.

In addition, he said he was happy that he had completed his training as the police. He was ready to begin his police career with a bang by serving and protecting the nation and vulnerable communities.

One of the new female police recruit, Const Prudence Sekepane (25), from Northern Cape said she was looking forward to make a big difference and fight the gender based violence crimes in the communities. She said she always wanted to join the police in order to be able to help women and children who fall victims every day in the country.

Const Lundi Siwela said extortion was becoming a daily headache, not only to the people who are at the receiving end of it, but it is also a big challenge to the police as more members are needed to fight against all the extortionists who bring misery to those who are trying put food on the table. He said he wanted to see to it that extortion is severely dealt with.

Making his keynote address, Provincial Commissioner, Lt Gen Thembisile Patekile was quick to tell the new trainees that they have chosen a noble career and as they begin a journey in policing they should always be armed with the prescripts of the Code of Conduct.

“Today we are celebrating the achievement you have made, after you have been called and invited when this organisation was looking for fit and proper individuals to come to serve and protect

the citizens of the country. By coming forward you have displayed high level of commitment to help the country to fight the criminals in the sky, the seas and land. And with that in mind you have to put the people first. The country is waiting for the role you have to play and the inhabitants of the country are looking at you to guard day and night.

“Our organisation is striving towards achieving a goal of a ratio of 1 police officer to serve 220 people in the country which will take time. We still have to work harder to recruit more members to get where we want to be. To prevent emerging crime trends in South Africa, you will be deployed to specialised units and other components in the police that are there to fight all forms of crime, especially with the festive season fast approaching us. I am convinced that here at Bishop Lavis College, you have been empowered. So go out there and wear the police uniform with pride and dignity,” said Lt Gen Patekile.

Western Cape Deputy Commissioner, Maj Gen Preston Voskuil congratulated the new Constables. He told the trainees that they come at a time when crime levels were becoming a concern to all the citizens. He said he was hopeful that the trainees were ready to go and serve the communities with honour and dignity and have mastered the street survival and a technique of how to handle a firearm and tactical policing approach.

PROJECT 10 000 IN FULL SWING TO FIGHT CRIME IN SA

By Capt Stephen Maluleka

Photographs by Capt Ndanduleni Nyambeni



New Constables showcasing other talents during displays in Moloto.

In a bid to alleviate unemployment through combating the scourge of crime by the President Cyril Ramaphosa, the South African Police Service (SAPS) heeded his call by training and introducing 198 new police Constables to the nation. This new breed of police officers are the first batch of 2024 Project 10 000 which is aimed at intensifying the fight against crime in the country. This took place on 04 October 2024 at a Passing Out Parade at SAPS Moloto Academy in Gauteng recently.

The new police constables received training in Basic Police Development Learning Programme (BPDLP) and also underwent among others; rigorous training in law, focusing on Criminal Procedure Act, the SAPS Act and other related legislation like the Constitution within the context of policing.

As things stand in terms of police ratio against the population, the current number is 1:423 which is too much for a recommended number by the United Nations of 1:220. This is a clear indication that more police officers should be recruited to close the gap and bolster the initiatives of combating crime in the communities.

Delivering the welcoming note, Deputy Provincial Commissioner of Gauteng, Major General Mathapelo Peters indicated that the trainees were equipped with critical skills for the Client Service Centre (CSC) and crime detection, statement taking, crime prevention and investigation across the spectrum. She added:

“One other learning area the trainees were exposed to is street survival and the use of firearm.”

Giving a keynote speech, the Head of Curriculum Development and Standards from Division: Human Resource Development, Major General Leon Gossmann motivated the men clad in blue ceremonial regalia that 40 years ago, he was standing on parade as a new Constable, and he made a vow that he will serve his community until the bitter end.

“Your decision to join the South African Police Service reflects a noble commitment to creating a safe and secure environment for all people in South Africa. By coming forward when we called for young people to join this organisation, you have displayed willingness to subject yourselves to the discipline and hard work that comes with being a member of the South African Police Service,” said Major General Gossmann.

General Gossmann emphasised to the new police officers that by joining the SAPS they have accepted the responsibility to serve the citizens of the country. He went on praising them. “I commend each one of you for successfully completing the six months of Introductory Police Development Programme and for embodying the moral values enshrined in the South African Police Service’ Code of Conduct. This Code place its honour at the pinnacle of



Major General Leon Gossmann delivering a keynote speech during the Passing Out Parade at the Moloto SAPS Academy in Gauteng.

a police officer's character and your commitment to abide by the principle is commendable," hailed Major General Gossmann.

He hinted that more similar parades were unfolding simultaneously in Bhisho, and Graaff-Reinet in the Eastern Cape and Mankweng in the North West and Bishop Lavis in the Western Cape respectively.

Speaking to Police Magazine, a 25-year-old Constable Sakhile Kepeyi from Ngcobo in the Eastern Cape said he always wanted to become a police officer from a tender age. "Policing is a calling for me, I have always wanted to become a police officer since I was a toddler, hence I have a Policing Degree from UNISA,". The new Constable has been posted at Jeppe Police Station in Johannesburg, Gauteng.

In closing, General Gossmann urged the new Constables to be more vigilant and tactful at all times since criminals have become increasingly aggressive. "Your safety to the police service is paramount, remember the street survival, firearm use and tactical policing skills you have acquired during your training, you are

going to need them.

"I am informed that you have gained substantive insight with the legislation that covers policing and being a police officer. I therefore employ you, to execute your duties within the confines of the law, resist any attempt to engage in corrupt or unethical conduct. Wear your uniform with pride and dignity and adhere to the SAPS' Code of Conduct."

These Constables will be deployed to various police stations and specialised units within the SAPS, which includes: Family Violence, Child Protection, and Sexual Offences (FCS) unit, Public Order Policing (POP) and Visible Policing (Vispol).

ARE YOU EQUIPPED TO PROVIDE OR RECEIVE THE RIGHT EMOTIONAL SUPPORT WHEN IT COMES TO CANCER?

Compiled by Lt Col Kleingeld



Cancer is not just a physical battle; it is an emotional and psychological one as well. Although an employee is not legally required to inform their employer of their diagnosis, sharing the information to access support could be a good idea, especially during treatment and recovery.

Offering emotional support in the workplace can make a significant difference in how an employee copes with their diagnosis and treatment as it significantly impacts an employee's mental health and overall well-being. Supportive colleagues and commanders can help reduce stress, anxiety, and feelings of isolation that often accompany a cancer diagnosis. A compassionate work environment can also improve job satisfaction and productivity.

Following are strategies for providing meaningful emotional support, fostering a sense of community, and helping colleagues navigate the emotional complexities of cancer.

1. Building Empathy in the Workplace - Empathy is the cornerstone of emotional support. It involves understanding and sharing the feelings of another person. In the workplace, this means recognizing the emotional challenges your colleague may be facing and offering support without judgment. Building a culture of empathy can involve attending the Colleague Sensitivity Programme that facilitates open discussion and encourages a supportive team dynamic.

2. Practical Ways to Offer Emotional Support - There are several practical ways to offer emotional support to a colleague with cancer:

- **Regular Check-ins:** Commanders can schedule regular one-on-one meetings to see how an employee is doing. These check-ins should be private and focused on the employee's well-being rather than solely on work performance.

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- **Active Listening:** Allow an employee to express their feelings and concerns without interruption or judgment.
- **Offer Flexibility:** Understand that an employee's emotional state may fluctuate. Offering flexibility in work hours or responsibilities can help them manage their workload while dealing with emotional stress.
- **Encourage Professional Help:** While colleagues can offer support, it is also important to encourage the use of professional mental health resources that provide counselling and support such as the Component Employee Health and Wellness and Social Work Services in particular.

3. Supporting a Colleague Through Treatment - Treatment for cancer can be emotionally draining. Chemotherapy, radiation, and surgery can cause physical and mental fatigue, anxiety, and depression. It is important to acknowledge these challenges and offer specific support, such as:

- **Time Off for Appointments** which can reduce stress.
- **Temporarily Reducing Workload** that can help the employee focus on their health without feeling overwhelmed.
- **Encouraging a workplace culture where the employee can feel safe** to share experiences without fear of being treated differently.

HR and commanders play a critical role in providing emotional support and should consequently be exposed to the Commanders Programme to be empowered to recognize the signs of emotional distress and know how to listen compassionately and refer the employee for counselling.

Team support can make a significant difference in how an employee with cancer feels about coming to work. Encouraging team members to be supportive, understanding, and accommodating can foster a positive environment. This might include team activities such as that provided by the presentation of the Colleague Sensitivity Programme that boosts morale and simply ensures that everyone is aware of the importance of being empathetic.

While offering support, it is important to avoid common pitfalls, such as:

- **Overstepping Boundaries** – in other words pressurizing a colleague to share more than what they feel comfortable sharing.
- **Assuming that** you know your colleague's needs instead of asking them how you can best support them.
- **Being Overly Optimistic** – by minimizing your colleague's experience.

Cancer recovery rates mean that people can return to work and be as economically active as they were before diagnosis. However, those around a cancer survivor should educate themselves about possible side effects of treatment, including pain, fatigue, nausea and more. Medical appointments will be

routine, or frequent, depending on the person.

Do equip yourselves to be empathetic and to be able to offer practical support. Do create a compassionate workplace as emotional support can make a meaningful difference in helping a colleague with cancer navigate their journey.

<https://i-brokers.com/cancer-in-workplace/>

<https://www.discovery.co.za/corporate/my-business-support-for-employees-with-cancer>

The SAPS's social workers render an occupational social work service with the following objectives:

- Enhancement of individual wellness (e.g. capacitating employees to deal with challenges in the best possible way)
- Enhancement of organisational wellness (e.g. ensuring that professional relations exist between employees, colleagues, teams and commanders)
- Ensuring dynamic work-life balance and productivity (focus on family vs work).

Should you want to attend the Commanders Programme or book a Colleague Sensitivity presentation or schedule an appointment with a professional, you are welcome to contact Social Work Services on 079 880 5966/ 012 393 5472 or liaise with any of the SAPS's Family and Relationship Desk members:

[Lt Col Kleingeld](#) on 012 393 5192 and Kleingeldc@saps.gov.za

[Capt MV Nkosi](#) on 012 393 5234 and NkosiViolet@saps.gov.za

[Capt LK Mahlase](#) on 012 393 5235 and MahlaseL2@saps.gov.za

[Capt S Komane](#) on 012 841 7202 and KomaneMS@saps.gov.za



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SAPS REACHES OUT TO THE IMPOVERISHED COMMUNITY OF ITERELENG

By WO Percy Sepaela

Photographs WO by Amos Ndlovu



Deputy National Police Commissioner, Lt Gen Tebello Mosikili with other men and women in blue planted seeds in a vegetable garden at Thuto Ke Lesedi Creche.

The Deputy National Police Commissioner, Lt Gen Tebello Mosikili has encouraged the community of Itereleng informal settlement just outside Laudium to increase efforts in protecting the vulnerable groups in their area, especially women, children and the elderly. She was addressing the community during a visit by the South African Police Service (SAPS) and the Gift of the Givers at a community engagement event, held on 30 August 2024

The event was held at the premises of Thuto Ke Lesedi Creche where Gift of the Givers – a known humanitarian

organisation was handing out food parcels, mattresses and learning materials to the kids at the creche and those from Jacaranda Primary School. Itereleng informal settlement, largely underdeveloped and visibly impoverished, turned into a hive of activity as SAPS hierarchy interacted with members of the community to listen to the concerns of community members and forging collaboration to fight the scourge of crime.

“As we are here at the Thuto Ke Lesedi creche we want to encourage mothers and other care-givers to

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Deputy National Commissioner, Lt Gen Mosikili, Lt Gen Senthumule and Lt Gen Mamotheti engaging with community members during the community outreach in Ilereleng.

make sure that when these children grow up they are upright citizens of the country and do not form part of the criminal community. This is the time we remind ourselves as women that we are mothers of this nation and the important role that women play in society as the bedrock of families,” said Lt Gen Mosikili. She added that we would have failed as society if children and young people would turn to crime and become victims of crime themselves. She pleaded with the communities to nurture these leaders of tomorrow.

She encouraged the principal of the creche, Ms Rahaba Likwualana, to properly tutor and nature these children as they are at a foundation phase. To prepare them to be responsible citizens. Addressing the community, Lt Gen Mosikili said it was important for the community to work with the police and the Community Policing Forum (CPF) to fight the scourge of crime in the area.

Ms J Pillay, the principal of Jacaranda Primary School said she was grateful for the gesture shown by SAPS

and the Gift of the Givers who provided food parcels to the 21 pupils who hail from poor and destitute families in their area. “Our collaboration will go a long way and we are incredibly fortunate to have such compassionate stakeholders as yourselves.”

A representative of the Gift of the Givers said they have been partnering with the SAPS for many social interventions and that they were committed to shape the lives of communities. He said it was the organisation’s responsibility and a calling to make a difference in society.

The day also saw the planting of a vegetable garden by SAPS officials and community members at the Thuto Ke Lesedi Creche by a non-profit organisation called Gardening For Life.

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CANCER SURVIVORS RECEIVE FOOD PARCELS

By WO Percy Sepaela

Photographs by WO Amos Ndlovu



One of the cancer survivors receiving a food parcel from the crime prevention associates in Mayfair, Johannesburg.

Fifteen cancer survivors received food parcels from the South African Police Service (SAPS) as an act of goodwill. This was during a cancer awareness campaign held in Mayfair, by the organisation's Strategic Management Component recently. The event saw the participation of members of the police from the Johannesburg Central cluster which includes stations such as Johannesburg Central, Hillbrow, Jeppe, Cleveland and Langlaagte Police Stations.

Speaking to Police Magazine, Col M Gounden told us that they started this charitable initiative because they realised it was essential for the police to work closely with the communities to make a difference in their lives. She said it was the brainchild of Strategic Management Component Head, Maj Gen L Rabbie and Section Head, Brig SA Pillay. The goodies were bought using contributions from

personnel in their component.

The event also saw campaigns aimed at dealing with the terrible scourge of gender-based violence and femicide (GBV+F) and the use of drugs especially among the youth in that policing precinct.

Retired Maj Gen Ronnie Rajin who was a Station Commander for Johannesburg Central Police Station and later on a Cluster Commander, said it is important for the SAPS to embark on social crime prevention initiatives to fight crime. He lauded the participation of communities and other law enforcement structures such as CPS', street watchers, business against crime, among others.

"We always ensure that at least we can have these initiatives every quarter to highlight the devastating impact of criminal activities in our communities. I may be

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Retired Maj Gen Ronnie handing out food parcels to cancer survivor Ms Clementine Jackson flanked by GBV brigade members.

retired but I feel duty-bound as a law enforcer to always avail myself and participate to also have a contribution in changing the lives of people. It is all our civic duty as law abiding citizens to ensure the safety of our people," Mr Rajin said.

Clementine Jackson (55), one of the 15 cancer survivors present at the event, told Police Magazine that she was diagnosed with cervical cancer in 2016 at stage four of the condition and doctors had only given her five years to live as it was at an advanced stage. Jackson today runs a Non-Profit organisation (NPO) called Uhambo Lwami Foundation and she is also a motivational speaker and a life coach.

"I want to educate women about cancer and encourage them to do regular check-ups so that this disease can be detected and treated while at an early stage," said Jackson, the mother of five.

She told us that some of the symptoms are lack of appetite, loss of hair, constant bleeding, loss of weight, abdominal pains and feeling excruciating pain during sexual intercourse.

She added that women must be encouraged to do pap smear every six months to detect and for removal of fibroids if they exist, because cancer can be concealed underneath fibroids. However, she added that men are also advised to do regular check-ups as cancer is one of the deadly diseases.

PRESIDENT RAMAPHOSA VISITS AAD 2024

By Captain Stephen Maluleka

Photographs by Amos Ndlovu



President Cyril Ramaphosa sharing a light moment with members of the media during a media briefing at the opening of AAD24.

The Commander-in-Chief of the South African Defence Force (SANDF), His Excellency Cyril Ramaphosa visited the Africa Aerospace and Defence 2024 (AAD 2024) held at the Air Force Base in Waterkloof, Pretoria. This five-day African experience was hosted on 18 - 22 September 2024,

The President, accompanied by the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, Angie Motshekga together with her Deputy Minister, General Bantu Holomisa visited various stalls from South Africa and those from abroad to see the types of technological products the world has to offer through exhibition..

Africa Aerospace Defence is a biennial event which combines both trade and exhibition, and it is the largest and only event in Africa which involves aerospace and

defence. Speaking to the media during the walk-about at the stalls, President Ramaphosa said: "I am really pleased with the SANDF for being able to put a wonderful show like this, where they bring together a number of air forces, but also a number of producers who come and showcase their work, missiles, bombs and their aircrafts."

He added that it is good to see the beautiful work displayed through exhibition. He was mainly impressed to see South Africa showcasing their own. "What is also good is for us to showcase our own creations as Denel and also showcase that we have technological capability," said President Ramaphosa.

Denel is a State-owned commercial driven company and strategic partner for innovative defence, security and related technology solutions.



SAPS' specialised units arresting a suspect for carjacking during a simulation on the last day of the AAD24.

During the briefing, the President assured the nation that Denel is on the rebuilding phase and very soon it will be back to its glory days. "Denel is coming back to its glory days, but it is good to see how their competitors are doing from other countries, and so it was really pleasing to be here to see all the creations and the innovations that are here," indicated the President.

He went on to cite that the country needs to strengthen its own defence force. "As we were going around the stalls, generals and ministers were saying we want this and that, but this expo gives them an idea of the technological advancements in the world and what we can also seek to acquire as a country," concluded the Commander-in-Chief of the SANDF.

The South African Police Service also played a pivotal role in ensuring that it dishes out memorable displays through its products and services from various sections of the organisation. Members in blue were hard at it enlightening other exhibitors and members of the public alike about other "bizarre" services the SAPS provides.

On the last day of the Expo various pilots from the SANDF, SAPS and others from the private sector and abroad took to the skies to display their flying prowess and agility which dropped many jaws and left the audience amazed.

The event created an atmosphere which saw families appreciating and cheering for the talent displayed in the African skies.

Members of the public were further treated to a beautiful spectacle when they experienced simulations from the Special Task Force, National Intervention Unit, Air Wing, Highway Patrol and Tracker. They showcased their expertise through collaboration by cornering criminals on the streets of South Africa.

Some of the sections that were at the show includes but not limited to; Corporate Communication and Liaison, Accident Combating Services, Forensic Services, Public Order Policing, the Hawks, Mounted, K9, Crime Stop, Air Wing, National Intervention, Special Task Force, Highway Patrol, Water Policing and Diving Services and Rescue, Technology Management Services and Veterinary Services.

SAPS STAMPS AUTHORITY ON CRIME

By Capt Keitumetse Mmushi

Photographs by Capt Ndanduleni Nyambeni



The National Commissioner of the SAPS, General Fannie Masemola delivering an update on countrywide operations, police success and major takedowns at GCIS.

During a media briefing at the Government Communication and Information Systems (GCIS) in Tshwane, the National Commissioner of the South African Police Service (SAPS), General Fannie Masemola said the SAPS continues to stamp its authority through increased police visibility, coordinated bold and decisive law enforcement operations and most importantly improved community participation in the fight against crime.

General Masemola provided an update on countrywide operations, police successes and major takedowns at the media briefing on 28 October 2024. This took place at the backdrop of mixed public reactions, following incidences of crime that shocked the nation and equally decisive police response that renewed public confidence on the work of the SAPS.

General Masemola was joined by the Deputy National Commissioner for Crime Detection, Lieutenant General Shadrack Sibiyi, the Acting Deputy National Commissioner for Support Services, Lieutenant General Lineo Nkhua, the Gauteng Provincial Commissioner, Lieutenant General Tommy Mthombeni, the Divisional Commissioner for Visible Policing and Operations, Lieutenant General Johanna Mamotheti and the Divisional Commissioner for Forensic and Detective Services, Lieutenant General Khosi Senthumule.

He said the overwhelming support and improved active citizenry displayed by South Africans from all walks of life in assisting the men and women in blue with information, tracking down wanted,

dangerous and brutal criminals is appreciated and commended.

“We have witnessed cooperation and the unity displayed in working closely with communities on various cases including the recent arrest of six suspects linked to the Lusikisiki mass shooting and the arrest of Phethe Simiao, a Mozambican national who has been arrested in connection with the rape and murder of six-year old Amantle Samane.

The National Commissioner provided an update on the following:

Gun Violence and Mass Shootings

The ongoing mass shootings in provinces like the Eastern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal, Gauteng and the Western Cape are a concern and requires the SAPS to ramp up efforts to put a stop to these shootings that are often perpetuated with illegal, unlicensed and high calibre firearms. These recent incidents have seen the SAPS constantly refining its crime combating strategies.

In most and if not all mass shootings – arrests have been made. For example, in the Eastern Cape, another mass murder claimed the lives of five family members, but within days since the commission of the crime, two suspects were arrested and the weapon believed to be used in the commission of the crime was seized

Police Seize More Than 100 Firearms During Weekly Operations

Through Operation Shanela, the SAPS has seized and confiscated no less than 100 illegal firearms through crime combatting operations on a weekly basis that are being utilised in serious and violent crimes across the country.

From April 2024 to date, police have seized more than 440 firearms during operations across the country. These include high calibre firearms that are used in these mass killings and armed robberies. Most of these firearms are seized in KwaZulu-Natal, the Western Cape, Gauteng and the Eastern Cape. The sources of some of these firearms have been identified and are being investigated.

97 CIT Suspects Arrested Between January 2024 and June 2024

The SAPS have a weekly plan in place to prevent and combat cash-in-transit related crimes, including cross pavement robberies – where guards would be targeted while collecting or dropping off money at retail stores or ATMs.



Deputy National Commissioner: Crime Detection, Lieutenant General Shadrack Sibiyi, the Gauteng Police Commissioner, Lieutenant General Tommy Mthombeni and the Divisional Commissioner: Visible Policing and Operations, Lieutenant General Johanna Mamotheti.

From January to June 2024, 97 wanted CIT suspects were arrested. 18 AK 47 automatic rifles have been seized during the same period and 35 vehicles used in these CITs were also seized.

More Boots on the Ground

In a bid to respond to the growing demand of more officers on the ground and greater access to policing services, more than 2800 newly trained police officers have been deployed to bolster crime combatting efforts at police stations and SAPS service points across the country in the past month.

More than 2000 police trainees are currently in police academies across the country. This unit is expected to graduate in December 2024 and will be unleashed in time.

Drugs and Drug Confiscations

Ongoing interception of drug traffickers, drug dealers and seizure of massive drug consignments across the country continues to serve as a deterrent to those involved in the illicit drug trade.

The 14 drug traffickers intercepted at OR Tambo International Airport in a period of three months is a sign that the SAPS is stepping in the right direction in dealing decisively with transnational organised crime syndicates.

These include a 21-year old South African female drug trafficker, a 30-year old Namibian female drug trafficker and a 43-year old Paraguay male drug trafficker, a Nigerian male drug trafficker who had also concealed cocaine in airline headphones is also amongst those whose case is before the Kempton Park Magistrates court.

Illicit Mining Dealt a Blow through Operation Vala Umgodi

Government's response to prevent and combat illicit mining

activities across the country is proving to be highly effective. Through Operation Vala Umgodi, members of the SAPS, South African National Defence Force (SANDF), other law enforcement agencies and government departments such as the Department of Home Affairs (DHA) and the Department of Minerals Resources and Energy (DMR) - 13 691 suspects have been arrested since its inception in December 2023.

Detectives and Convictions

Crime Intelligence operatives, detectives and forensic science experts in collaboration with uniformed police officers have also put in the work to place perpetrators of crime behind bars for lengthy periods.

Despite capacity challenges that are receiving the necessary attention through the training of more detectives within the ranks and the re-enlistment of former police officers, the detectives have always shown commitment in carrying out their mandate of bringing perpetrators to justice.

Gender-Based-Violence and Femicide Cases Convictions

On GBVF and Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Investigations (FCS) related crimes such as sexual offences - More than 1000 perpetrators were convicted to time in prison, from 01 April to 31 September 2024.

Launch of National Extortion Hotline – 0800 911 011

The fight against extortion related crimes is being intensified and there is now a National Extortion Hotline number to ensure cases of this nature are prioritised.

The number is 0800 911 011 and the SAPS hopes it will be put to good use so that together a stop can be put to incidents of extortion throughout the country.

PRAYER FOR MEN AND WOMEN IN BLUE

By Capt Keitumetse Mmushi

Photographs by WO Amos Ndlovu



The programme of the Day included a candle lighting ceremony for various prayer points.

"I would like to plead with leaders of faith-based organisations, the congregation and the public in general to please pray for the police. We ask you to normalise praying for police continuously because our field of work is a risky one, and definitely not for the faint-hearted."

These words were delivered by the Deputy National Commissioner: Crime Detection, Lieutenant General Shadrack Sibiya on behalf of the National Commissioner, General Fannie Masemola at the National Prayer Day held on 18 October 2024 at the St Alban's Cathedral in Tshwane.

The National Prayer Day is an annual ceremony held in honour of the fallen heroes and heroines of the South African Police Service (SAPS), who unfortunately lost their lives whilst performing their duty. The Day is also held to seek wisdom and daily protection from God.

Themed: **Our Ever Present God**, the service was led with the Word from the book of Isaiah 41:10 which reads: "Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will uphold you with my victorious hand,"

Delivering the keynote address, Lt Gen Sibiya told members gathered that policing is not an easy vocation because when others run away at the sound of gunfire and threat of violence, police go directly towards danger. They avert any possible loss of life, and they lay their own lives in serving their country.



The Tshwane Academy Worship Team lifting praises to God in song.



Deputy National Commissioner: Crime Detection, Lt Gen Shadrack Sibiya, delivered the keynote address on behalf of the National Commissioner, General Fannie Masemola.

“We are living in times where some people seem to disregard humanity in its totality. The violence in our homes, in our communities and even in our schools is of great concern. These incidents heavily impact not only our communities but also on our police officers who are faced with many challenges in the daily execution of their duties,” he said.

Division: Visible Policing and Operations, Lieutenant General Maropeng Mamothe outlined the background of National Prayer Day said the SAPS is still struggling with the number of police officers being killed annually.



The Gauteng Provincial Commissioner, Lt Gen Tommy Mthombeni praying for the safety of police officers.



Lt Gen Maropeng Mamothe delivering the background on National Prayer Day.

“This is exactly the reason why we need prayers to give us more encouragement in whatever that we are going through. What I want to emphasise is that on the statistics we have as management, our concern is that of police officers who are killed while on duty, members involved in domestic violence as well as members killing their loved ones for insurance purposes.”

She went on to ask for prayers for strength and wisdom for all members of the SAPS, including the leadership of the SAPS.

“We pray that there are no obstacles in the execution of our duties and that all the decisions that we are going to be making will be blessed and guided by God. As we approach the festive season, we know that we will be dedicating our service to the community with God on our side. We believe that after this Prayer Day, something positive will happen. So let us police this festive season while being vigilant, protective of ourselves and those that we serve,” further stated Lt Gen Mamothe.

Those attending the service were entertained by the SAPS band and the SAPS Tshwane Academy Worship Team.

The programme contained a candle lighting ceremony for various prayer, points including:

- Extortion;
- Families of police officers
- Community relations
- Mental health
- Police safety

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KEABETSWE BIANCA DITODI

(16) Female
Last seen:
2024-10-10

The missing person left home without informing anyone where she was going and was not seen since. She was wearing a blue shirt, blue jeans and black school shoes.
Protea 4/10/2024

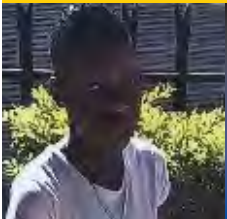
Investigating officer: Sgt NS Mhangani
Tel: 011 977 5511

VINCENTIA TSHIAMO SEOKOLO

(18) Female
Last seen:
2024-10-02

The complainant last talked to her daughter on 2024-10-02 and did not hear from her again.

Barberton 2/10/2024
Investigating Officer: Sgt PH Ndhlovu
Tel: 013 754 7501

DEVENEY LENICE JAMES

(19) Female
Last Seen :
2024-09-02

The missing person left home without informing anyone where she was going and was not seen since.

Hercules 1/9/2024
Investigating Officer: Sgt NC Mashegoane
Tel: 012 377 4100

MOLEBATSİ PAUL MOLEFE

(21) Male
Last Seen :
2024-09-10

The missing person left home without informing anyone where he was going and was not seen since. He was wearing a blue jacket, brown trousers and blue slippers.

Dawn Park 3/9/2024
Investigating Officer: Sgt ME Skepe
Tel: 011 248 1045

MUKUNDI TSHAKHANI

(22) Male
Last Seen:
2020-11-21

The missing person left home without informing anyone where he was going and was not seen since.

Pretoria Central 7/5/2024
Investigating Officer: Sgt FL Moatu
Tel: 012 353 4000

TORO MONGWAKETSE

(32) Male
Last seen:
2024-10-18

The missing person left home without informing anyone where he was going and was not seen since.

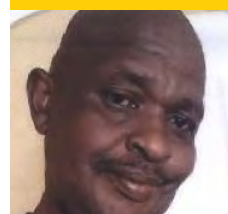
Ga-Rankuwa 6/10/2024
Investigating Officer: Const CP Sekwele
Tel: 012 797 8800

ERICK SIMPHIWE TSHABALALA

(43) Male
Last Seen:
2024-09-03

The missing person left home to go to Pretoria looking for work and was not seen since.

Tweefontein 1/10/2024
Investigating officer: WO PS Mtshweni
Tel: 013 947 6029

SEGOPOTSE CREDO PETER NKWANE

(50) Male
Last seen:
2024-08-18

The missing person left home without informing anyone where he was going and was not seen since.

Ga-Rankuwa 2/8/2024
Investigating Officer: WO ID Matlhabe
Tel: 012 797 8800

LEKGOWA JOSIAS MABUSELA

(55) Male
Last seen:
2024-10-08

The missing person left home without informing anyone where he was going and was not seen since. He was wearing brown trouser, a red t-shirt and a red cap.

Mamelodi East 12/10/2024
Investigating Officer: Const ME Phalamashweu
Tel: 012 808 8600

DIRK VAN WYK

(62) Male
Last seen:
2024-07-04

The missing person left home without informing anyone where he was going and was not seen since. He was wearing cream trousers and a grey jacket.

Sunrise 1/8/2024
Investigating Officer: WO SL Van Aswegen
Tel: 053 632 6106

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WANTED PERSONS

The South African Police Service requests urgent assistance from members of the public in tracing the following alleged perpetrators wanted in connection with various criminal offences committed countrywide.



THEFT

**FRANS KHAZAMULA
MAKHUBELA**

THIS MAN IS WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH THEFT
Middelburg Mpumalanga Cas 447/3/2015
Investigating Officer:
WO MF Mokwena
013 249 1440



FRAUD

**NELISWA ELIZABETH
NOFILITO TANTSI**

THIS WOMAN IS WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH FRAUD
Camridge Cas 66/12/2018
Investigating Officer:
WO G Smith
043 709 0677



FRAUD

EUGENE OLIVER

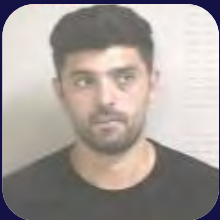
THIS MAN IS WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH FRAUD
Kleinvele Cas 25/11/2020
Investigating Officer:
Sgt TC Tenza
021 918 3860



ROBBERY

SIPHAMANDLA MZONDI

THIS MAN IS WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH ROBBERY
Wynberg 355/9/2015
Investigating Officer:
Sgt NS Sikota
021 799 1400



ASSAULT GBH

ERIC MATTHEW BURG

THIS MAN IS WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH ASSAULT GBH
Elsies River Cas 47/4/2016
Investigating Officer:
Sgt L Ngaka
021 684 2300



HOUSE ROBBERY

EDEMA HENRY ONOH

THIS MAN IS WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH ROBBERY
Pretoria Moot Cas 12/02/2015
Investigating Officer:
Sgt GN Sekgothe
012 353 5441



RAPE

TEFELO MOKOENA

THIS MAN IS WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH RAPE CASE
Sharpeville Cas 73/10/2017
Investigating Officer:
Sgt EM Morake
016 450 2647



FRAUD

ANDILE MSELEKU

THIS MAN IS WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH FRAUD
Alberton Cas 243/5/2020
Investigating Officer:
Sgt MF Moseki
011 865 7400



**DRIVING UNDER THE
INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL**
**THEMBINKOSI RICHMOND
SHABANGU**

THIS MAN IS WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL
Balfour 10/10/2017
Investigating Officer:
Sgt AK Mbonani
017 789 4433



RAPE AND ROBBERY
**NKABANE SYDNEY
PHOKANE**

THIS MAN IS WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH RAPE AND ROBBERY
Delmas Cas 88/8/2020
Investigating Officer:
Sgt EM Kgokane
013 655 5082

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