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EDITORIAL



The winter school holidays have come and gone, leaving behind cherished memories for many of our SAPS members who had the opportunity to spend precious time with their children. As the school bells ring again, our sons and daughters

return to their classrooms, while we as law enforcement officers return to our daily calling, the relentless fight against crime and our unwavering duty to serve and protect the people of South Africa.

The first major event on the July calendar was the presentation of the Ministry of Police's Budget Vote in Parliament, Cape Town, on 4 July 2025. This year, the South African Police Service received an allocation of R120.890 billion for the 2025/26 financial year. The largest share of this allocation will be directed towards bolstering the visible policing environment, strengthening detective capacity, and investing in critical priorities such as police station infrastructure and technological advancement. These are strategic investments aimed at making our policing more effective and responsive. I encourage you to turn to our special feature inside this edition for a detailed breakdown of how this budget will impact both SAPS members and the communities we serve.

During the month of July, SAPS also made significant strides in curbing the proliferation of illegal firearms in our communities. In Vanderbijlpark, a total of 12 499 firearms were destroyed, in a firearm destruction led by the National Commissioner of Police, General Fannie Masemola; a critical step in removing deadly weapons from circulation.

This is outlined in Section 149(2)(a) of the Firearms Control Act, 60 of 2000, any firearm or ammunition forfeited

to the State must be destroyed within six months of forfeiture, or after all possible appeals have been noted. This decisive action underscores our commitment to a safer South Africa. More on this important initiative can be found on page 6.

The month of July also marked the launch of Operation Shanela Two, which continues to have a tangible impact on crime prevention and detection across the country.

This intensified operation is delivering visible results and reaffirms that focused, intelligence-driven policing is the way forward.

In another significant moment this month, Deputy Minister Boshielo conferred 35 badges to members of the National Intervention Unit, recognising their bravery, skill, and commitment to high-risk policing operations.

July also carries a special place in our hearts because of Mandela Day. This year, Deputy Minister Cassel Mathale spent his 67 minutes at Boitumelo Children's Home in Block X West, painting and restoring dignity to a space that cares for some of our most vulnerable children. It is a reminder that service is not only about crime prevention, but also about uplifting our communities.

This edition also features our Wanted and Missing Persons page, a powerful tool in the fight against crime. We urge readers to share any information that may assist in locating the wanted suspects. Your tip-off could save a life or help bring justice to a family.

As you turn these pages, I hope you find stories that inform, inspire, and reaffirm why we wear the badge with pride. The Police Magazine is not just a publication; it is a reflection of our shared journey in building a safer, stronger, and united South Africa.

Enjoy the July edition, and remember, every act of service, big or small, brings us closer to the country we all deserve.

Maj Gen Nonkululeko Phokane

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MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL COMMISSIONER OF THE SAPS, GENERAL SF MASEMOLA

As we mark Mandela Day this July, I am reminded of Madiba's enduring call to the nation to dedicate 67 minutes to making a difference. For members of the South African Police Service, those minutes extend into hours, days, and years of unwavering service. Whether on the frontlines or behind the scenes, your contribution to nation building is not limited to one day in the calendar, it is a lifelong commitment to protect and serve. Let us approach this spirit of service not only through community initiatives, but in every arrest made, every victim assisted, and every crime prevented.

I call on each member to remain focused on the work of policing, uphold discipline, avoid distractions, and refuse to participate in smear campaigns that tarnish the image of our organisation. Serve the community with pride, fly the SAPS flag high, deliver on our constitutional mandate, and elevate our operational independence. Our duty is to remain anchored in integrity and results.

We welcome the recent pronouncement by His Excellency, President Cyril Ramaphosa, establishing a Commission of Inquiry. The SAPS pledges its full cooperation with the process as part of our commitment to transparency and accountability. We also extend our appreciation to Mr Gwede Mantashe for his brief but impactful stewardship as Acting Minister of Police, and pledge our unwavering support to the current Acting Minister of Police, Professor Firoz Cachalia. Together, we will continue to pursue the policing priorities set out in our Five-Year Strategic Plan.

This month's key calendar events included the Budget Vote presentation to the National Assembly on 4 July 2025 and to the National Council of Provinces on 17 July 2025. The allocated budget of R120.890 billion is a critical instrument to address operational

demands and combat crime, targeting priority crime trends across all nine provinces, with a special focus on the 30 + 5 high-crime stations identified for intensified interventions.

Visible Policing, receiving the largest share of the allocation, remains the face of our service, the men and women in blue who engage directly with communities, deter criminal activity, and maintain public order. Detective Services, representing nearly 20% of the Vote, will benefit from targeted improvements to working conditions and resources, recognising that thorough investigations form the backbone of successful prosecutions. Investments in technology and crime intelligence capabilities will be accelerated to ensure proactive crime prevention and smarter policing. The Directorate for Priority Crime Investigations (DPCI) receives a dedicated R150 million to intensify its fight against organised crime, corruption, and other priority offences.

The Compensation of Employees category accounts for over 80% of the total Vote, reflecting our investment in the human capital that drives policing. Over the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF), this will grow at an average of 5.5%, while operational items such as goods and capital investments will see a more modest 3.6% growth.

As we advance through the second half of the year, I urge every member to go beyond the call of duty — to create safer communities, restore public trust, and build the business confidence our economy needs. Together, let us stand as guardians of peace, protectors of the vulnerable, and champions of justice. The nation is watching; let us not only meet their expectations but exceed them.

I THANK YOU!!!

SAPS BUDGET VOTE 2025/26

BUILDING A SAFER SOUTH AFRICA THROUGH STRATEGIC POLICING INVESTMENT

By Captain Renier Lamprecht



Minister of Police, Mr Senzo Mchunu delivering the 2025/26 Budget Vote in Parliament in Cape Town.

The Ministry of Police presented its 2025/26 Budget Vote with one resounding message: South Africa's fight against crime must be intelligent, ethical, coordinated and rooted in the principles of the Constitution. With a combined focus on visible policing, professionalisation, oversight, infrastructure and policy reform. The speeches by Minister Senzo Mchunu and Deputy Ministers Dr Polly Boshielo and Cassel Mathale reflected a unified, whole-of-society approach to reclaiming public safety.

"There can be no development without safety, and no safety without an efficient police service," stated Minister Mchunu in his opening address.

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STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND BUDGET OVERVIEW

Minister Mchunu detailed nine key policing priorities including reducing the murder rate, illegal firearms, drug networks, gang violence, gender-based violence and femicide (GBV&F), illegal mining and corruption. He emphasised that this will be supported by the adoption of advanced technology, improved crime intelligence, enhanced forensics, fleet upgrades and investment in police infrastructure.

The budget includes:

- R219.2 million for G20 Summit security in November 2025.
- R400 million for the 2026 Local Government Elections.
- R34.8 million related to an additional Deputy Minister.
- R150 million shifted to the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (DPCI) for its work with the Joint Initiative on Crime and Corruption.



Deputy Minister Cassel Mathale and Deputy Minister (Dr) Polly Boshielo assured South Africans that a safer South Africa is possible, but it will not be achieved by the police alone. It needs everyone to work together.

Visible Policing remains the dominant investment, absorbing over 53% of the budget while Detective Services receive nearly 20%. Over 80% is allocated to personnel compensation, with 5,500 new trainees to be enlisted in January 2026.

"This budget is about improved policing, that is, new approaches, enhanced methods of policing, intensified effectiveness and improved efficiencies," said the Minister.

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND FEMICIDE (GBV&F)

Across the Ministry, the fight against GBV&F remains a central pillar. Minister Mchunu confirmed a budget of R1.6 billion dedicated to:

- R1.5 billion for FCS Units.
- R40 million for youth and vulnerable group campaigns.
- R50 million to provinces to strengthen GBV&F responses.

Deputy Minister Dr Polly Boshielo highlighted IPID's oversight role in police conduct, particularly related to GBV&F.

"In the 2024/25 financial year, 92 cases of rape were finalised, with 21 departmental and 11 criminal convictions secured," she noted.

IPID will also upgrade its Case Management System to improve the categorisation and oversight of GBV&F cases, and train more investigators to strengthen GBV&F case handling within SAPS.

“This budget is about improved policing, that is, new approaches, enhanced methods of policing, intensified effectiveness and improved efficiencies**”**

IPID: OVERSIGHT THROUGH ACTION

Dr Boshielo outlined six priorities for IPID in 2025/26:

1. Reducing backlog cases with assistance from retired investigators, supported by a R844.5 million budget over three years.
2. GBV&F prioritisation through specialised training.
3. Establishment of a Forensic Investigation Unit with new roles including Cyber Forensic Experts and Financial Data Analysts.
4. Launch of a 24/7 Call Centre to improve public access to oversight mechanisms.
5. Upgrade of the Case Management System to improve monitoring and data security.
6. Investigator training through MOUs with SIU, ACFE and the National School of Government.

"It is imperative that police misconduct and criminality become a thing of the past. IPID must exercise its legislative mandate without fear, favour or prejudice," said Dr Boshielo.

CSPS: POLICY, REFORM AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL STRATEGY

Deputy Minister Cassel Mathale expanded the conversation to the Civilian Secretariat for Police Service, the Ministry's policy and legislative wing. He reaffirmed the department's leadership in developing the Integrated Crime and Violence Prevention Strategy (ICVPS), approved by Cabinet, as a national framework for whole-of-government and whole-of-society crime prevention.

"The ICVPS remains one of the apex strategic interventions to reduce violence and crime," said Mathale.

A National Working Committee has been established to report on implementation progress to Cabinet and FOSAD.

Key policy interventions for 2025/26 include:

- Implementation of the National Policing Policy (NPP), approved on 14 May 2025.
- Finalisation of the Policy on Familial DNA Searches (FDS).
- Enhanced monitoring of Forensic Science Laboratories, to improve case resolution.
- Introduction of the South African Police Amendment Bill and the Firearms Control Amendment Bill in Parliament.

COMMUNITY SAFETY, MONITORING AND PARTNERSHIPS

The CSPS will continue to monitor SAPS compliance with the Domestic Violence Act, conduct oversight visits to the top 30 GBV-prone stations and lead court watching briefs to identify case withdrawal trends. Awareness campaigns will also be expanded through collaboration with faith-based and educational institutions.

In a drive to strengthen police-community relations, assessments will be conducted on Community Safety Forums (CSFs) and Community Policing Forums (CPFs) with training workshops planned for CPF members in high-crime areas.

"The Ministry of Police has entered into partnerships with provinces and municipalities to enhance police performance," Deputy Minister Mathale explained.

To date cooperation agreements have been signed with Eastern Cape, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal and Western Cape, including their respective metros.

The CSPS budget for 2025/26 stands at R172.245 million, reflecting a R16.281 million increase from 2024/25. This includes additional compensation for newly appointed Deputy Directors-General and a reviewed micro-organisational structure designed to increase departmental capacity.

TOWARD A SAFER FUTURE

All the Ministers echoed a shared commitment to restoring confidence in policing through professionalism, accountability and strategic investment.

“We do want to take this opportunity to thank the hardworking men and women in blue who risk their lives on a daily basis in service of the citizens of the Republic of South Africa,” said Minister Mchunu.

“We remain steadfast in our commitment to combat crime and the well-being and development of our personnel,” added Dr Boshielo.

“This is a significant policy shift in the South African policing landscape,” concluded Deputy Minister Mathale.

The 2025/26 Budget Vote lays the groundwork for a police service that is not only equipped and visible but just, people-focused and constitutionally grounded.

COMMITMENT, ACCOUNTABILITY AND ACTION ON THE GROUND

In his closing remarks, after all the Members of Parliament gave their remarks, Minister Mchunu delivered an impassioned reflection on the realities of policing and the importance of public trust.

“We must be honest, many of the men and women in blue are absolutely committed, it’s a delight to see them in action. They exist and in fact, they are in the majority. More than the ones that we are complaining about.”

The Minister also addressed the urgency of strengthening investigative and forensic capacity. He confirmed the re-enlistment of 200 experienced detectives and the upcoming advertisement of 85 DPCI posts, with 175 more to follow. In addition, 250 trainees currently in training will be placed within the DPCI upon completion.

On the critical issue of forensic backlogs, Minister Mchunu announced that the temporary DNA processing lab in KZN will become functional before the end of the year. He also noted that negotiations with the CSIR are in their final stages with the aim of expanding forensic service capacity.

“One corrupt officer destroys everything the SAPS stands for. We remain very committed to dealing with those elements that want to continue being corrupt and we won’t tolerate it,” he affirmed.

Reflecting on the broader impact of the budget, the Minister reinforced the importance of delivering results where it matters most - on the ground.

“This budget is about making an effort, to be effective and impactful on the ground, among the people. People will only be convinced they are safe when they see action, when they see police, when they see culprits being dealt with. That’s what we’re prepared for. It will be tough, but we’re going there.

“We honour our commitments. We are not going to fail South Africa in any way.” Minister Mchunu concluded with a firm assurance.



Members of Parliament gave their remarks on the 2025/26 SAPS Budget Vote.

FIREARM DESTRUCTION MELTS AWAY 12499 FIREARMS

By Lt Col Stephen Maluleka

Photographs WO Amos Ndlovu



A Firearm Compliance Officer holding a home-made firearm recovered from the streets of South Africa.

The SAPS led by the National Commissioner, General Fannie Masemola destroyed 12499 firearms that were recovered through acts of crime while some were genuinely surrendered, forfeited by their rightful owners or next-of-kin. Getting rid of illegal and unlicensed firearms remains key while ensuring that the populace is and feel safe at all times. This was revealed at the South African Police Service (SAPS) firearm destruction that took place in Gauteng.

About 20 clip boxes filled with different types of firearms such as rifles, shotguns, pistols were disposed at one of the industrial areas in Vanderbijlpark. The destruction of these firearms is mandated by various legal frameworks, including Section 149(2) (a) of the Firearms Control Act, 60 of 2000, which stipulates that any firearm or ammunition forfeited to the State must be destroyed within six months of forfeiture or after all possible appeals have been noted.

This was the first destruction in the 2025/2026 financial year while the last destruction was in February this year where 16049 were destroyed. In the past five years, the SAPS destroyed 291 993 firearms which could have been in the wrong hands terrorizing the communities of South Africa. The economic hub of the country, Gauteng province brought in 5099 followed by Western Cape with 2333, KwaZulu-Natal 1574 while the Eastern Cape brought in 1432 followed by 460 from the Free State. The Limpopo province brought 343 firearms, followed by 519 from Mpumalanga, North West contribute 417 with Northern Cape at the tail end contributing 322 firearms in the first destruction of the financial year 2025/2026.

General Masemola stated that this act is not symbolic; it is a strategic blow against the violence that threatens the nation's soul. The National Commissioner attributed the high number of firearms seizure to the inception of Operation Shanela. "Through Operation Shanela, we are seizing no less than 100 firearms in a week. In the last seven days, 106 firearms were seized in the previous week, 115 firearms were seized and the week before that 102 firearms were seized," highlighted General Fannie Masemola.

In the previous Crime Statistics for the last quarter of 2024/2025 it was revealed that most murders committed are as a result of crime let alone other serious crimes across the length and breadth of South Africa. Between January and March 2025, 2559 people lost their lives through a barrel of a firearm in the country. The Gauteng province led the pack with firearm murders while the least in the country was the Northern Cape.

Speaking at the media briefing in Vanderbijlpark, General Masemola further underscored the fact that firearms are the biggest contributors of murder. "With firearms being the biggest contributor of murders in the country, it is encouraging to note that 1586 illegal firearms have been removed off our streets in the last three months," said Gen Masemola.

Gen Masemola also gave an update and overview on Operation Shanela and the successes of the government led campaign of Gender Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF). He highlighted successes on arrests, sentences and recoveries. Meanwhile, the National Commissioner announced the appointment of the embattled Crime Intelligence Unit's Head, following the arrest of Divisional Commissioner for Crime Intelligence, Lieutenant General Khumalo. Describing Crime Intelligence as the cornerstone of the SAPS.

Masemola announced Major General Makgato who is the current Head of the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigations (DPCI) in the Western Cape as the Acting Head for Crime Intelligence. "He brings to this position a wealth of experience and knowledge in the intelligence and detective space with 36 years' service in both environments.

He holds a BTech Degree in Policing as well as a National Diploma in Police Administration. We have full confidence in Major General Makgato, and we trust that his leadership will enhance efficiency and maintain stability with crime intelligence," He added.



National Commissioner of Police, General Fannie Masemola holding a seized rifle to be destroyed at the first 2025/2026 firearm destruction in Vanderbijlpark in Gauteng.

OFFICIAL NATIONAL LAUNCH OF OPERATION SHANELA II

By Col Linda van den Berg

Photographs by Capt Renier Lamprecht



The National Commissioner of SAPS, General Fanie Masemola; Deputy National Commissioner for Policing, Lt Gen Tebello Mosikili; Provincial Commissioner for Western Cape, Lt Gen (Adv.) Thembisile Patekile; Deputy Provincial Commissioner, Maj Gen Luyanda Damoyi and Col André Traut at the launch of Operation SHANELA II.

The National Commissioner of the South African Police Service, General Fannie Masemola officially launched Operation SHANELA II before an integrated parade of law enforcement officers in Cape Town on 26 June 2025. This is a nationwide operation targeting serious and violent crimes in crime hotspots across the nine provinces. The launch also saw similar parades simultaneously taking place in other high crime provinces namely Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal and Eastern Cape.

Operation SHANELA II commenced at the beginning of this financial year and is aimed at enhancing operational efficiency. This will be achieved through employing advanced strategies, technologies and deployment of additional resources in directly responding to the crime trends and patterns based on the fourth quarter crime statistics.



An integrated parade of law enforcement officers in Cape Town.

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When addressing members on parade at the launch, General Masemola urged members to track and trace all wanted criminals (for murder, rape and other serious and violent crimes) and lock them behind bars. "Anyone who threatens the safety of communities and threatens the safety of police officers must be dealt with accordingly," said the National Commissioner of the SAPS.

Operation SHANELA II was conceived as an operational response to deal with serious and violent crimes afflicting communities in identified hotspots throughout the country.

After receiving operational directives and marching orders, the integrated forces embarked on a number of high density targeted operational activities at identified hotspots across the country with specific focus on:

- * Murder – including Gang and Taxi Related
- * Car Hi-jacking
- * Truck Hi-jacking
- * Illegal Firearms
- * Drug Related Crime
- * GBVF.

DEPUTY MINISTER BOSHIELO CONFERS 35 BADGES TO NIU MEMBERS

By Lt Col Stephen Maluleka

Photographs by Capt Ndanduleni Nyambeni



Deputy Minister Boshielo inspecting the parade at the NIU event at Tshwane Academy recently.

The Deputy Minister of Police, Dr Polly Boshielo flanked by the National Commissioner, Fannie Masemola conferred 35 badges to the National Intervention Unit (NIU) Operators following a rigorous and tough training they underwent. The completion of the training is part of the organisation's programme to strengthen specialised units responsible for low, medium, and high-risk missions in pursuit of national peace and stability.

Welcoming the platoon of 35 operators at the SAPS Tshwane Academy recently, Deputy Minister Dr Polly Boshielo extolled them for completing the training, through hard work, dedication and determination. "To the new Operators today, congratulations on this remarkable achievement. You have answered the noble call to serve and protect the people of this country and for that, you deserve our deepest respect and gratitude," Deputy Minister said.

She told them that the badge is more than a symbol but a solemn promise. "The badge that you will henceforth wear is more than a symbol – it is a solemn promise. A promise to uphold the values of integrity, vigilance and selfless service."

Dr Boshielo went on to remind the graduates that wearing a badge is the beginning of shouldering the crime solutions and making sure the inhabitants are and feel safe at all times. She emphasised that the 11 months training they underwent was not in vain but to protect and serve the populace.

"The badge you wear today is not a reward, it is a responsibility. It represents trust. The trust of your commanders, our communities and our nation. From this moment on, you are the first line of response when peace is threatened – whether by armed criminals or high-risk operations where failure is not option," she asserted.

Deputy Minister Boshielo urged them as NIU operators not to seek recognition but rather seek results, quiet victories make sure communities are safe, lives are saved and peace is restored. She added: "Let us go forward from today with humility, with honour and with an unshakable commitment to serve and protect the Republic of South Africa – no matter the threat, no matter the cost."

The Deputy Minister went on to express her gratitude to the families and loved ones alike for their patience, support and sacrifices during the absence of these operators while undergoing training. She further thanked the commanders and instructors for instilling discipline and imparting intelligence while inculcating a culture of working as a team, not in silos.

In her closing remarks, Deputy Minister encouraged patriotism and reminded them that they are the defenders of the South African public and they must always uphold the law and protect the citizenry. "Let us go forward from today with humility, with honour and with an unshakable commitment to serve and protect the Republic of South Africa – no matter the threat, no matter the cost," stressed the Dr Boshielo.

Her parting shot to the men and women whom their character, moral compass and mental strength were tested and pushed beyond the limits was to always remember the badge does not make the Operator; the Operator gives meaning to the badge.



Members on parade at the NIU badge conferring event held in Tshwane.



Deputy Minister of Police, Dr Polly Boshielo delivering a keynote address at the NIU event.

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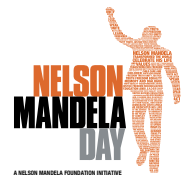
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FLASH NEWS

SCM COMMEMORATES MANDELA DAY AT BOITUMELO CHILDREN'S HOME

By Lt Col Stephen Maluleka

Photographs by Capt Ndanduleni Nyambeni



Deputy Minister Mathale painting Boitumelo Children's Home in Block X West of Soshanguve during Mandela Day on 18 July 2025.



Deputy Ministers Cassel Mathale (left) and Dickson Masemola (right) with founder of Boitumelo Children's Home, Ms Sophie Msiza (centre) during the commemoration of the Nelson Mandela Day in Soshanguve.

South Africa's first democratically elected president, the late Dr Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela said: "There can be no greater gift than that of giving one's time and energy to help others without expecting anything in return." These words resonated with the Division: Supply Chain Management (SCM) as they spent 67 minutes of Mandela Day selflessly giving back to community members through a charitable exercise at Boitumelo Children's Home in Block X West of Soshanguve.

The children's home was single-handedly established by Ms Sophie Msiza in the year 2000, following tough and abusive upbringing by her stepfather. "I started this centre from a personal experience of abuse by my stepfather after my mother passed on while I was 11. I attempted suicide three times but failed and then I realised God had a bigger plan with me, that's when I established this centre," explained Ms Msiza.

The centre caters for 47 abused, neglected and orphaned children from in and around Block X, while some are brought in by the local police and social workers. According to Ms Msiza, her challenges at the home are food and lease agreement with the Department of Social Development (DSD) to enable her to get funding and allowances from the department.

Speaking during the 67 minutes of commemorating Madiba's legacy, Deputy Minister (DM) of Police, Mr Cassel Mathale praised the SCM for playing an important role in keeping the spirit of Tata Madiba alive. "I would like to express my appreciation to Supply Chain for the good job that you are doing, thank you for this noble gesture."

Deputy Minister Mathale told the onlookers that Mandela Day is an important day on the global calendar of events. "As we remember this day we must do something good for our communities, do good wherever you are, when you are in the office do your work to the best of your abilities by serving others. If you are in the community

do good wherever you are and where you are staying," highlighted the DM.

He further implored the SCM members in assisting Ms Msiza in overcoming food challenges she is currently facing to ensure that the 47 children aged between four months to 18 years goes to bed full. "That's how we must remember Nelson Mandela by doing good, because these children are in need. We must come closer to these kids and make a meaningful contribution so that they can have a different way of looking at life," asserted DM Mathale.

Accompanying the DM was his counterpart from the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA), Deputy Minister Dickson Masemola who echoed this Mandela Day message. "We are here this morning to come and honour this great soul that once lived amongst us, he (Nelson Mandela) remains our inspiration, our father figure, not only to us the people of South Africa but to billions of people across the world," said DM Masemola.

Through Men for Change and Women's Network structures from the SCM, a donation of 30 mattresses, groceries, diapers, clothes and 250 five litre water bottles were handed to the home. These two structures further repainted the interior walls, fixed broken furniture, revived flower garden with new flowers, and gave the vegetable garden new lease on life while the rest of the "Champions" as they are called, prepared meals for the children. A champion from Women's Network and Public Relations Officer, Ms Zandile Matlou said this to children: "There is always hope, never give up, it does not matter what you are going through in life or where you are but do not lose hope."

The SCM were joined by the Hawks, Acudeo College, COGTA and ANC Youth League members who also brought goodies for the children. The founder of the home, Ms Msiza expressed her heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to the day's activities.

GCIS EXHIBITION BRINGS GOVERNMENT SERVICES CLOSER TO PEOPLE

By Lt Col Stephen Maluleka

The town of Giyani turned into a beehive of activities during the Government Communication and Information Systems (GCIS) exhibition held on the 27 June 2025 at the Giyani Civic Centre in the Greater Giyani Local Municipality. The aim of the initiative was to bring government services closer to the people they serve.

As an integral organ of government, the South African Police Service (SAPS) also formed part of taking its services to the people. Among these services, the SAPS assisted communities who flocked to the stall with certifying of documents and issuing of affidavits to people.

Hundreds of pamphlets on crime combating tips were also distributed while Broadcast and Publication, Marketing and Exhibition teams showcased their services, coupled with presentations to the impressed villagers who came in droves from neighbouring villages such as Kremetart, Mkhuhlu, Nkuri, Thomo, Mabunda and Dzumeri to mention a few.

The Directorate for Priority Crimes and Investigations (DPCI) commonly known as the Hawks also shared their expertise with communities on various aspects of their daily operations. Hlulani Chauke from Nkuri near Sofasonke was very excited and stunned at some of the services offered in the SAPS.

“I am very happy government has brought services to the villagers like us, but even shocked at some of the things done by the police. I never thought in my wildest dream that the SAPS has a unit for Film and Television. We really appreciate the experience, and we wish the exhibition could happen more often,” she said.

Other government departments, parastatals, non-profit organisations and private companies such as the Departments of Home Affairs, Water and Sanitation, Agriculture, Correctional Services, Social Development, Public Works and Infrastructure with the Greater Giyani Municipality, National Prosecuting Authority (NPA), Special Investigating Unit (SIU), ABSA bank, Road Accident Fund (RAF), Transnet and Sector and Education Authorities (SETAs) were also there to serve scores of communities in attendance.

Ms Eunice Nkuna, Coordinator from the GCIS told communities that the event is held annually in different provinces across the country. “It

is our annual event where we call upon all government departments and government stakeholders such as non-governmental organisations and private companies. We do that as government to offer our services and share information with our communities of the identified area we have visited,” she cited.

She went on to add that the aim is to bring a one stop shop to the people while educating them about a spectrum of government and private services. She further urged young people never to throw in the towel but to keep looking for opportunities. “As we wrap up Youth Month we urge the youth not to lose hope but to keep faith that one day things will get better. We will continue to bring youth programmes that develops and empower them,” said Ms Nkuna.

Acting Mayor and Head of Infrastructure in the Greater Giyani Local Municipality, Councillor (Cllr) Thamsanqa Mabunda, expressed that they were impressed with what they saw as they were visiting different stalls and he indicated that the Municipality encouraged communities to come in numbers so that they can gain knowledge from the exhibitors. He further expressed his appreciation to all for participating in the exhibition. “We appreciate the initiative by the national government for bringing together all departments and all other stakeholders to share information and educate our people,” expressed Cllr Mabunda.



Hawks members handing out pamphlets to community members.



Members of the community queuing to get their documents certified at the exhibition in Giyani.



Some of the other government departments stalls who were exhibiting.

FUN DAY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR A CHARITABLE DRIVE

By Capt Kgabo Mashamaite



SAPS personnel testing themselves to the limit through the fun run during the Women's Network and Men For Change fun day aimed at raising funds during the 67 Minutes of Mandela Day charitable event at Die Rondawel in Pretoria North.



Female employees doing the relay at Die Rondawel in Pretoria North.



SAPS personnel embarking on aerobics during the Women's Network and Men For Change Fun Day aimed at raising funds for 67 Minutes of Mandela Day

SAPS Women's Network and Men for Change in the Head Office is always determined to bring positive change in the communities it serves. This was evident during the fundraising Fun Day event at Die Rondawel, Pretoria North on 11 July 2025.

The objective of the event was to raise funds for the 67 Minutes of Mandela Day for an identified project through sports and promoting a healthy lifestyle. Participants were encouraged to pay R30 as a registration fee and buy food from food stalls to assist Women's Network and Men For Change to realise their objective. Other SAPS employees embarked on recycling as fundraising alternative.

During a keynote address delivered by Maj Gen Joy Motubatsi on behalf of the Acting Deputy National Commissioner for Support Services, Lt Gen Lineo Nkhua, she explained that the event is not only about the fun run and walk, but to raise funds, raise hope, awareness and commitment to Madiba's values of service, selflessness and Ubuntu. These values are deeply aligned to the SAPS' mission to protect and serve with honesty, dignity, fairness and integrity.

"The SAPS is not only responsible for safety and the security of our communities but are also partners in social development. Mandela Day reminds us that safety and dignity go together and our efforts to build safer communities must be those of building stronger and more compassionate communities. Let us never underestimate the impact of our actions, no matter how small. By participating today, whether by running or walking, volunteering or donating, you are taking part in a movement that echoes Mandela's call to action. Let this event be a reminder that the SAPS is not just a uniform or a badge, but a heartbeat within our communities," said Maj Motubatsi.

Among the activities of the day included the 10 km run, 5 km run, 400 m run, 100 m run, relay, tug-of-war and aerobics. Food stalls selling various foodstuffs were also established as part of the fundraising initiative for Mandela Day.

ACTIVITIES	
100 m Males 1. Kgaswane K (HRD) 2. Nyathi SE (Forensic Services) 3. Ndungane S (ORS)	Relay (Females) 1. Leshika RK (Forensic Services) 2. Luthuli P (CR & CSM) 3. Mxote MS (Detective Services)
100 m Females 1. Ntame Y (Forensic Services) 2. Mothoa I (DPCI) 3. Musiwa (CRC)	Tug-of-War Males: Category A 1. TMS 2. SCM Category B 1. DPCI 2. Legal Service
400m Males 1. Ledwaba P (Detective Services) 2. Nyathi SE (Forensic Services) 3. Seroka TJ (Vispol & Ops)	Tug-of War: Females Category A 1. PSS 2. Forensic Services Category B 1. Legal Services 2. SCM Category C 1. DPCI 2. Legal Services
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FLASH NEWS

ADVANCING ETHICS AND STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY RELATIONS

By Col Manisagaree Gounden

Photographs by Ndanduleni Nyambeni

Recently, the team from the section: Strategy Development and Service Delivery Improvement Coordination led by the Section Head, Brigadier SA Pillay, successfully coordinated an outreach initiative aligned with the broader objectives of advancing ethical commitments and strengthening community relations within law enforcement. This initiative forms part of the Component's continued dedication to giving back, reflecting a values-driven approach to public service. The community outreach initiative aimed at promoting social responsibility and deepening community engagement.

As part of the initiative, old clothing items were collected and distributed to those in need, culminating in a heart-warming and successful outreach event held at Maxhoseng, an informal settlement located in the Marshalltown in Johannesburg.

Maxhoseng informal settlement is home to approximately 120 residents. Men, women, and children of all ages were identified for support, based on a proposal submitted by the Sector Manager, Sergeant Kekane.

Sergeant Kekane highlighted the vulnerability of the settlement and how it is frequently overlooked due to its small size and location. In spite of these conditions, the community has displayed remarkable resilience, warmth, and strength. The outreach was further supported by local stakeholders, including Mr. Mbedzi, Chairperson of the Community Policing Forum (CPF), along with a local pastor and bishop, who both offered prayers and words of encouragement that deeply moved those present.

The outreach effort was particularly meaningful as it coincided with the commemoration of Youth Month, honouring the legacy of the 1976 youth who stood for justice and change. The atmosphere on the day was vibrant and filled with a strong sense of unity. Children laughed and played, music brought life to the space, and community members gathered to receive the donations with heartfelt appreciation. Community patrollers turned out in full support, while uniformed police officers stood ready and alert, symbolising commitment and solidarity. The community's gratitude was palpable, making the event not only impactful but also a memorable example of collective humanity in action.

This community outreach programme forms part of a broader, ongoing commitment to fostering a culture of social responsibility and fulfilling moral and ethical obligations within law enforcement. The initiative actively targets informal settlements to provide much-needed support and personal engagement aimed at community upliftment. The event, skilfully coordinated on the ground by Sergeant Marape from the District's Social Crime Prevention Unit stands as a testament to what can be achieved when public servants act with compassion, collaboration, and commitment to uplift communities that are most in need.



Community members received warm donations during the SAPS led outreach initiative in Maxhoseng informal settlement.



SAPS officials and partners united during the Youth Month outreach to uplift the Maxhoseng community.



Residents of Maxhoseng choosing clothes from the packages that were collected and donated by the SAPS in Gauteng.



In the packages is some of the donated clothing items that were handed over to the residents of Maxhoseng to help them have clothes to wear during this chilly winter season.

FLASH NEWS

FUNDRAISING TO SUPPORT MARGINALISED MEMBERS OF SOCIETY

By WO Percy Sepaela

Photographs by Capt Ndanduleni Nyambeni

The Strategic Management Component commemorated Youth Month with a fund-raising event in Hatfield, Tshwane, on Friday the 13th, a date widely associated with varied superstitions in many western cultures. Funds are raised to support the component's yearly anthropological activities to make a difference in the lives of the marginalised and downtrodden members of society.

According to Col Manis Gounden, every year they have fundraising campaigns to raise money among themselves as employees within the Component to support various campaigns of the organisation.

"These are more community outreach programmes where we donate food parcels, clothing material and other social amenities to our different communities. That old jean and jacket that you no longer wear could mean a world to someone this winter. If you have any warm clothing to save, we would love for you to be part of this meaningful initiative," she said.

Speaking exclusively to Police Magazine, the Section Head for Strategy Development and Service Delivery Improvement (SDI) Coordination, Brig SA Pillay stated that the current youth are now faced with new challenges in this era as opposed to previous generations.

"The youth of today is facing different challenges such as unemployment, drugs and other substance abuse, gender-based violence (GBV), teenage pregnancies and many other social ills. It is our duty as elders to create fertile ground for the youth to succeed because they are the future of this country," said Brig Pillay.

She added that she takes pride in mentoring the youth in the workplace by creating a conducive environment for them to reach their full potential.

Senior Administration Clerk (SAC) Valencia Mariappen from the component's Strategy Development and Service Delivery Improvement (SDI) Coordination said she was grateful for the opportunity to work in the SAPS and that in the next five years she would like to see herself as more experienced and stable in her environment to add value to the organisation's strategic objectives.

"I come from a different environment in the SAPS and joining this component I have grown and become a completely different person. Much more mature, grounded and stable. I'm grateful for the opportunity to be here in the SAPS," she said while mentioning that she is 31 years-old and currently studying towards a degree in Policing.

Capt Goitseona Michelle Letsoalo, a 28 year-old graphic designer in Strategic Management said since she is working in a highly specialised environment she would like the organisation to further capacitate and upskill them so they would be of greater service to the SAPS.



Graphic Designer, Capt Michelle Letsoalo; Intern Itumeleng Mokane from Monitoring & Evaluation and SAC Valencia Mariappen standing in front of an artwork created by Col Gounden for the fundraising.



From the Strategic Management component, Brigadier Pillay making remarks during the fundraising event in Tshwane.



SAC Valencia Marriappen from the component selling goodies to colleagues to raise funds.



Employees kicking off the fundraising day on a chilly Friday the 13th, a date associated with many superstitions in varying western cultures.



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EMBRACE MANDELA'S LEGACY - TRANSFORM 67 MINUTES INTO A LIFETIME OF IMPACT

By Lt Col Kleingeld

Mandela Day is:

- a call to action for every individual to rise and make a tangible difference.
- a reminder of our collective power to drive positive change.
- a model of service to honour his legacy by dedicating 67 minutes of your time toward activities that uplift humanity and promote global goodwill.

We are urged to reflect on whether we are truly embodying the essence of Mandela's legacy, or whether we have reduced his legacy to a mere act of brand visibility and fleeting gestures?

The day should be more than just a photo opportunity under a branded gazebo. It should be a profound engagement with the values Mandela championed – ubuntu, peace, humility, and unwavering dedication to the betterment of society. We should also immerse ourselves in efforts that would lead to sustainable and meaningful change.

In other words, we should create change that endures long after Mandela Day has passed.

This could be done by considering partnering with local organisations that have a deep understanding of the issues facing our communities and by facilitating impactful interventions like creating a 67 Lifestyle. This means that we extend Mandela's legacy into our everyday lives by making service and community engagement a regular part of who we are. This is done by:

- staying informed about the social issues affecting our communities and the world as well as by using our voices to advocate for change;
- dedicating our time and skills;
- allocating a portion of our resources;
- empowering others and/or
- incorporating environmentally friendly practices into our daily routine to protect the planet.

We also need to contribute to a more compassionate and just world by embodying the following values into our daily interactions and the decisions that we make:

- **Forgiveness and Reconciliation** - working towards healing division by promoting dialogue and understanding;
- **Patience and Persistence** - staying committed to our efforts, even when progress seem to be slow;
- **Tolerance and Inclusivity** - striving to create inclusive spaces where everyone feels valued and respected and
- **Peace and Non-Violence** - advocating for peaceful solutions to conflict and rejecting violence in all its forms in order to promote a culture of peace.

Nelson Mandela believed that every individual holds the responsibility and the potential to transform the world. [https://www.goodthingsguy.com/opinion/embrace-mandelas-legacy-transform-67-minutes-into-a-lifetime-of-impact/ ->](https://www.goodthingsguy.com/opinion/embrace-mandelas-legacy-transform-67-minutes-into-a-lifetime-of-impact/)



“Every individual holds the responsibility and the potential to transform the world.”

If you believe the same, do not hesitate to contact **Social Work Services** at **079 880 5966** or **012 393 5472** or engage with any members at the **SAPS Family and Relationship Desk** to facilitate an impactful intervention for you and your colleagues that would drive positive change in your work community and ultimately at home as well.

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KleingeldC@saps.gov.za
- **Capt MV Nkosi** on 012 393 5234
NkosiViolet@saps.gov.za
- **Capt LK Mahlase** on 012 393 5235
MahlaseL2@saps.gov.za
- **Capt Komane** on 012 841 7202
KomaneMS@saps.gov.za



MISSING PERSONS

KAYLA FOURIE



**(15) Female
Pretoria Central
Last seen: 2025-06-27**

The missing person left her home without informing anyone where she was going and was not seen since. She was wearing beige sport shoes and black trousers.
Pretoria Central 7/6/2025
Investigating officer: Const S Smit
Tel: 012 353 4000

MECELEA KOCK



**(22) Female
Worcester
Last seen: : 2025-06-21**

The missing person was last seen in Avian Park and has not been seen since. She was wearing black jeans and a red blouse.
Worcester 1/7/2025
Investigating Officer: WO LE Lottering
Tel: 023 348 6100

URSHULLA NOMALANGA NONI



**(24) Female
Delportshoop
Last seen: 2025-05-17**

The missing person went to town to do her hair and was not seen since. She was wearing blue jeans and a blue jacket.
Delportshoop 1/6/2025
Investigating Officer: Sgt BN Marosela
Tel: 053 531 6200

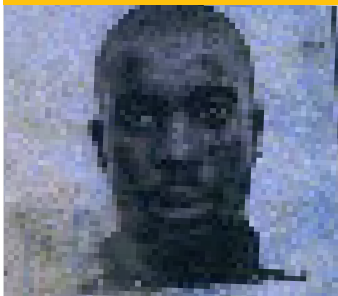
JUNIOR STEVE BANDA



**(25) Male
Pretoria Central
Last seen: 2025-03-15**

The missing person left his home without informing anyone where he was going and was not seen since. He was wearing a black jersey, grey trousers and sport shoes.
Pretoria Central 4/3/2025
Investigating Officer: Sgt SPN Mounmakwe
Tel: 012 353 4862

LUTHO ALBERT HABE



**(28) Male
Kei Bridge
Last seen: 2025-06-13**

The missing person left his home without informing anyone where he was going and was not seen since. He was wearing white jeans, blue jacket and black sneakers.
Kei Bridge 1/7/2025
Investigating Officer: Sgt TG Matsoko
Tel: 042 247 1177

MOSES MAPATO MOKONE



**(39) Male
Hebron
Last seen: 2025-06-15**

The missing person left his home without informing anyone where he was going and was not seen since. He was wearing a blue and white shirt, blue jeans and black shoes.
Hebron 3/6/2025
Investigating Officer: Const JM Bokaba
Tel: 012 260 2981

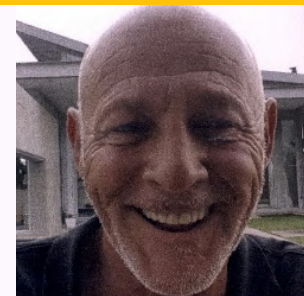
ZWIITWAHO CORNELIUS BALANGANANI



**(39) Male
Olievenhoutbosch
Last seen: 2025-06-28**

The missing person left her home without informing anyone where she was going and was not seen since. He was wearing a white t-shirt, black jacket and black jeans.
Olievenhoutbosch 1/7/2025
Investigating officer: Sgt MG Letjokgotla
Tel: 012 654 3131

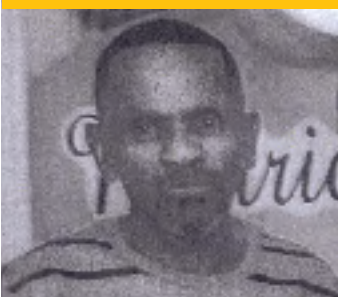
MARIUS LINDE



**(57) Male
Lyttelton
Last seen: 2025-07-06**

The missing person left home to go to church and was not seen since. He was wearing a brown jacket.
Lyttelton 4/7/2025
Investigating Officer: Sgt PSK Nkoana
Tel: 012 644 8668

WILLIE PETRUS HORNE



**(62) Male
Buffalo Flats
Last seen: : 2025-06-27**

The missing person left home to go for a walk and was not seen since. He was wearing khaki pants, a khaki t-shirt, black shoes and a black jacket.
Buffalo Flats 3/7/2025
Investigating Officer: Sgt LM Peffer
Tel: 043 711 9040

ANTHONY ARENDS



**(64) Male
Bredasdorp
Last seen: 2025-06-15**

The missing person left his home without informing anyone where he was going and was not seen since.
Bredasdorp 4/6/2025
Investigating Officer: Sgt B Etson
Tel: 028 425 5400

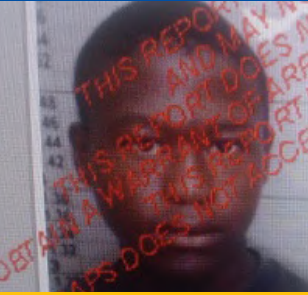
**PLEASE HELP US
LOCATE THEM**



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.

SMANGALISO TERENCE NDLELA



**RAPE
EMBALENHLE
CAS 242/2/2019**

This Man is wanted in connection with a Rape case.
Investigating officer: Sgt PP Monagane
0177780120
0730416676


WEEKEND THULANI MNISI



**FRAUD
ALBERTON
CAS 314/9/2019**

This Man is wanted in connection with a Fraud case.
Investigating officer: Sgt TJ Seope
0118657400

LUWIWE LANDU



**POSSESSION OF HIJACKED CAR
ALBERTON
CAS 369/5/2017**

This Man is wanted in connection with a Hijacked car case.
Investigating officer: Sgt TJ Seope
0118657400
0835187970

PHILLIMON RAMOSHABA



**BUSINESS BREAKING
SPRINGS
CAS 431/6/2021**

This Man is wanted in connection with a Business Breaking case.
Investigating officer:
Sgt MJ Foreman
0113655700


JOHN ROMAN KOSTOV



**FRAUD
DUNNOTTAR
CAS 2/7/2016**

This Man is wanted in connection with a Fraud case.
Investigating officer: Const TV Molimi
Const TV Molimi
0117379609


MONWABISI NGWENDU



**HOUSE BREAKING AND THEFT
SPRINGS
CAS 86/3/2016**

This Man is wanted in connection with a House Breaking and Theft case.
Investigating officer: Sgt MJ Foreman
0113655700


LINDANI SPHAMANDLA NKOSI



**POSSESSION OF UNLICENSED
FIRE ARM
ERMELO CAS 29/10/2017**

This man is wanted in connection with a Possession of unlicensed firearm case.
Investigating officer: Const TV Molimi
0117379609

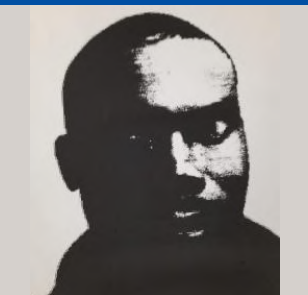
ZWELETHU NKONYENI



**FRAUD
ALBERTON
CAS 342/6/2018**

This Man is wanted in connection with a Fraud case.
Investigating officer:
Sgt TJ Selepe
0118657400


JOHANNES SIKOLA



**THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE
MIDDELBURG
CAS 349/8/2020**

This Man is wanted in connection with Theft from motor vehicle case.
Investigating officer:
Const TE Malatji
0132491600

MANELISI MTSHAKA



**THEFT
MIDDELBURG MPUMALANGA
CAS 299/6/2020**

This Man is wanted in connection with a Theft Case.
Investigating officer:
Const TE Malatjie
0132491600

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