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EDITORIAL



Hello and welcome to another splendid edition of the POLICE magazine. It's always a pleasure to put together an edition of this kind for you, our avid readers.

Great news for the safety and security of our communities, the Free State province opened its 112 police station. This state-of-the-art police station will service the fast-developing areas of bringing critical policing services closer to the people of Sonskyn, Bloemspruit, and surrounding settlements. Sonskyn Police Station will improve the visibility of police in the community and ensure quicker response times to incidents that require immediate attention from law enforcement.

This month the men and women in blue spread across the country to the University of KwaZulu-Natal in Durban and Tshwane University of Technology respectively in Tshwane to officially launch the Campus Community Safety Forums (CCDFs). Institutions of higher learning across the country are not exempted from the crime and violence the country faces daily. To curb this increasing menace, the SAPS has collaborated with the Department of Higher Education and Training, other law enforcement agencies and stakeholders to build safer spaces for students and staff. Read more on this on page 4.

On the same breath, the SAPS officially launched the Safer Festive Season Operations in Bloemfontein, Free State. The event was led by the Acting Minister of Police, Prof Firoz Cachalia. He highlighted that the Operations are not only about enforcement, but

also about partnership with communities. We appeal to every citizen to work with the police at this crucial time of the year where criminal opportunist will rise to take advantage of the festive season. The police are ready and present to pounce on lawlessness. We must remember safety is everyone's responsibility.

To observe Public Service Women Management Week (PSWMW), women in senior management services within the Service hosted the Public Service Women Management Session in Pretoria. As an employer of choice, the organisation is proud of women in senior management who are taking a lead in the advancement of women in the workplace and are constantly and consistently responsible for monitoring progress made to achieve gender equality in the organisation. You will find this interesting piece on page 12 of this edition.

It is that time of the year where provinces and Divisions of the SAPS have started to recognise and applaud their shining stars. Recently, Limpopo under the Provincial Commissioner, Lt Gen Themi Hadebe hosted the Limpopo SAPS Provincial Excellence Awards which honours individuals, teams and police stations that work tirelessly with dedication to make this organisation a well-oiled machine and be recognised for its excellent performance. From fellow members, we congratulate all winners and nominees. Your hard work and commitment to the Service is seen and greatly appreciated. Continue to raise the blue flag high. We salute you.

Lastly, we appeal to you to look at our Missing and Wanted Persons pages. If you have any helpful information, please call the Investigating Officer.

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

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



Greetings to all members of the South African Police Service (SAPS), I hope everyone of you is still as determined, dedicated and raring to confront the rampant scourge of crime head on. Our mission to prevent and combat crime remains at the centre of our existence and we can only achieve that through our selfless attitude, desire and resilience to do so.

Ladies and gentlemen, we are in the last quarter of the year 2025 and the second last quarter of the 2025/2026 financial year. We have recently launched a Safer Festive Season Campaign in the Free

State province, and we expect more boots on the ground and more vigilance from our men and women in blue. I must indeed concede that the year 2025 has been a tumultuous series of events within the organisation from the upper echelons down to the coalface.

I however want to implore all the members of the SAPS to increase the momentum, keep your eye on the ball as the year draws to a close. During this last segment, Cash-in-Transit heists are on the rise, armed robberies at the closing of social clubs becomes a thorn in the flesh, and cyber-crime rears its ugly head to unsuspecting victims, especially those who will be receiving their year-end bonuses.

Let us ensure that we increase visibility at shopping malls, entertainment areas, tourist attraction sites, public transport interchanges such as train stations, taxi and bus ranks. Let us also ensure that highways and bi-ways, ports of entry such as airports, borderlines and harbours are patrolled with adequate resources to curb and deter both organised and opportunistic crime that may arise during this festive season.

Colleagues, we have received armoured vehicles not long ago, to bolster our endeavours to fight crime, let us not disappoint our citizens by underutilising those vehicles aimed at helping to fight crime. Let us paint the country blue while also ensuring our safety and security as we serve the populace with pride. Our safety can only be determined by the level of our vigilance, solidarity, eagerness and readiness to root out crime and corruption.

It is during this time of the year fellow members, where criminals will test our conscience through unscrupulous ways. They will try to tempt us with money at roadblocks, suspect raids and in households where they are perpetuating gender-based violence to the vulnerable groups, and expect us to fall for their loot. Let us stay firm and remember the oath we signed and the Code of Conduct that is guiding us to always have a conscience while serving the citizens of the Republic.

Colleagues, I have no doubt, nor a grain of mistrust in you as the members of the SAPS. I know for sure that the task ahead is as achievable and doable like many other festive seasons we have gone past. It is only maintaining focus and demonstrating fearlessness while facing a mammoth task of attaining excellence. Fellow members, ladies and gentlemen, let us reinforce our relationship with our communities by working together through campaigns and respond swiftly to their calls.

We need not slumber during this period but to work around the clock in unison to combat this stubborn enemy called crime, for the greater good of the citizens of South Africa and their properties.

Ladies and gentlemen, always remember to make sure that all the tools of trade are in good working condition, that includes firearms, retention cords, radios, vehicles, pepper sprays and bullet resistant vests are worn accordingly. I thank you.

Together, we can and will build a police service that embodies trust, credibility, and hope for South Africa.

Let us paint the country blue while also ensuring our safety and security as we serve the populace with pride. Our safety can only be determined by the level of our vigilance, solidarity, eagerness and readiness to root out crime and corruption.



SONSKYN POLICE STATION OPENS ITS DOORS TO THE COMMUNITY

By Capt Loraine Earl

Photographs by WO Amos Ndlovu

The official opening of the Sonskyn Police Station on 07 October 2025, the first new police station ever to be established in decades, ushered in a new dawn for policing and safety in Bloemfontein. This is station number 112 to open its doors to the community in the Free State.

Led by the Acting Minister of Police, Prof Firoz Cachalia, the event marked a defining moment in the growth of policing infrastructure in the Free State. The bright morning seemed to echo the station's name, Sonskyn - meaning sunshine - symbolising renewal, safety, and hope for the community it will serve.

In his keynote address, Acting Minister Cachalia commended the South African Police Service for its dedication to expanding policing services to fast-developing areas. "It is heartwarming to see a police station commanded by an officer who has come through the ranks and who carries a proud family legacy in policing. This is a generation of excellent policing skills passed from one to another, a reflection of dedication and continuity within our Service," he said.

The station will be commanded by Captain Ian Gaobepe, son of the late Lieutenant General Moranodi J. Gaobepe (SOE), former Provincial Commissioner of Police in the Free State. The appointment of Captain Gaobepe carries both symbolic and practical significance - a son following in the footsteps of a respected leader, now tasked with guiding a new generation of officers in service of their community.

The Sonskyn Police Station is fully equipped and operational, consisting of a Community Service Centre (CSC), Visible Policing (Vispol), and Detective Services, with a total strength of 31 officers. The station will serve an estimated population of 52 000 residents within a 15-kilometre radius, bringing critical policing services closer to the people of Sonskyn, Bloemspruit, and surrounding settlements.

Provincial Commissioner, Lieutenant General Baile Motswenyane hailed the opening as a milestone for the province. "Sonskyn represents more than bricks and mortar; it represents our promise to serve and protect with pride. This station will help strengthen trust between police and the community, improve visibility, and ensure quicker response times to incidents."

After the ribbon-cutting ceremony, Acting Minister Cachalia proceeded to the Dr Petrus Molemela Stadium, where he officially launched the 2025 Safer Festive Season Operations. The campaign will see heightened police visibility and collaboration among law enforcement agencies across the Free State to ensure a safe and peaceful festive period.

As the day ended, the newly inaugurated Sonskyn Police Station stood proudly against the Bloemfontein skyline, a beacon of service, commitment, and renewal. For the people of Sonskyn, this is the dawn of a new era of partnership between police and community - one built on trust, dedication, and the shared pursuit of safety and peace.

Opening



From left to right: Premier of the Free State, Maqueen Letsoga-Mathae; Acting Minister of Police, Professor Firoz Cachalia; National Commissioner of Police, General Fannie Masemola; and Provincial Commissioner of Police in the Free State, Lieutenant General Baile Motswenyane unveiling a plaque at the opening of the Sonskyn Police Station.



Provincial Commissioner of Police in the Free State, Lieutenant General Baile Motswenyane, together with the Acting Minister of Police, Professor Firoz Cachalia signing the Occurrence Book at the Sonskyn Police Station Community Service Centre.



The Provincial Commissioner of Police in the Free State, Lieutenant General Baile Motswenyane, hands over a vehicle key to the Station Commander, Captain Ian Gaobepe.

SAFETY OF UKZN AND TUT STUDENTS PRIORISED THROUGH CCSFS



By Lt Col Stephen Maluleka and Lt Col Veronica Mahlaba
Photographs by Capt Ndanduleni Nyambeni



Maj Gen Mathonsi together with TUT's Dr Nthangeni unveiling the pledge for signing.

Safety of students and staff at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) in Durban and Tshwane University of Technology (TUT) in Pretoria took centre stage at the launch of Campus Community Safety Forums (CCSF) which took place 20 September to 01 October and 06 and 07 October 2025 respectively. The CCSFs are collaborative platforms where campus security, university administration, students and local law enforcement agencies and other stakeholders join forces to identify and address campus-related crimes and pertinent security related matters.

Whilst addressing students at UKZN - Westville Campus, the South African Police Service Head of Social Crime Prevention Unit, Major General Mathonsi explained that some institutions of higher learning have experienced various incidents of crime and violence, including gender-based violence and even murders. "These incidents range from common assaults to serious sexual offences such as rape and even murders. The incidents involving students happen both inside and off-campus including those happening on-route to classes and social activities," he explained.

Maj Gen Mathonsi emphasised that the programme will enhance safety and security within institutions of higher learning through the development of pro-active and responsive measures.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CCSFS:

- Ensure protection of students and the entire university community
- Build relationship between the local police station, security personnel and the university
- Undertake joint pro-active crime prevention initiatives

- Improve police response to any incident of crime in the institutions
- Prevent GBV and acts of sexual harassment within the university

During the launch, the Director of Risk Management Services at UKZN, Mr Lovemore Khumalo announced that the CCSF brings together individuals whose expertise, leadership, and dedication to service will help shape the direction of campus safety initiatives. Each member of the forum represents an important stakeholder and brings much-needed experience and insight into this role.

"This structure will meet regularly to assess risks, prevent incidents, and respond to crime across all campuses. Its work will be vital in strengthening collaboration between the university and the South African Police Service," Mr Khumalo said.

The voice from the student representative council, UKZN Howard College Secretary, Mr Sisanda Dlamini commented that they have actively engaged with Risk Management Services and other key stakeholders throughout the year, advocating tirelessly for initiatives that foster safer spaces in the campuses. "We therefore greatly align with the Campus Community Safety initiative. This is an essential platform where students can learn, innovate and thrive without fear.

The launch of these CCSFs culminated into a signing of a pledge spearheaded by Head of Social Crime Prevention Unit in the South African Police Service (SAPS), Major General (Maj Gen) Mathonsi. The SAPS expressed its enthusiasm to form part of the historic milestone with the Tshwane University of Technology to foster a safer and conducive learning environment. "We are here because we strongly believe in partnership in fulfilment of our constitutional mandate as SAPS," remarked Maj Gen Mathonsi during his keynote address.

Maj Gen echoed that the SAPS moves from a premise that the institutions of higher learning, including universities and colleges across the country are not exempted from crime and violence that we see in the country, therefore they need to be prioritized. "It is because institutions of higher learning are microcosms of the society. That means whatever happens in the wider society will inevitably affect them as well," he highlighted.

The Vice Chancellor and Principal of TUT, Professor (Prof) Tinyiko Maluleke underscored the importance of safety in campuses in modern day South Africa compared to a few decades ago. Prof Maluleke related that in his previous life at other institutions he worked for, safety was not as important since the premises of institutions had no parameter walls to beef up security.

"Three decades ago, in the campus of UNISA where I worked and studied, we had no parameter walls and no gates, you would walk across UNISA from any direction without any barriers. The same applied to the University of Pretoria where I also served some time and few other institutions. There were no parameter walls, not even a fence, because safety was almost taken for granted at that time," said Prof Maluleke.

He highlighted that those places were in later years rapidly walled up and fenced thanks to the concerns about safety and security and the many incidents of violence that were experienced. He said that noting some students who fell victims to crime on campus. Welcoming the milestone launch of CCSF Prof said: "We at TUT are ready. We are willing and we can leverage and listen to Campus Community Safety Forum which we are launching today, so that it helps us to prevent violence in our campuses."

Director for Student Affairs, Education and Development at TUT, Dr Sefolosa also expressed appreciation of the launch, "We believe that a safe campus fosters confidence, focus and enables active engagements. She further warned that abuse of alcohol and drugs are among other factors leading to crimes such as rape, assault, gender-based violence on campuses.

She told audience that adequate tools and platforms are available for students to amplify their voices when they feel their safety is compromised. Institution Student Representative Council (ISRC) President Banele Ntshela also welcomed the launch, "I am delighted to be part of the launch of the Campus Community Safety Forum. The CCSF is a vital platform to come together to discuss safety concerns, share ideas and develop safety strategy to prevent crime and promote a culture of safety."

In closing, Maj Gen Mathonsi stressed, "We are not here to launch for the sake of launching, but this is a demonstration of our collective commitment to action against crime that threaten safety of students and entire university community."

THE MAJOR GENERAL PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING INTERVENTIONS AS PART OF THE SAFETY STRATEGY:

1. Uniform standards of campus safety.
2. Strengthening of physical security.
3. Establishment of student support centre.
4. Appropriate communication protocols between the university and the police should be established to ensure sharing of information.
5. Establishment of campus community safety structure.



The SAPS in collaboration with the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) launched the Campus Community Safety Forum at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, Westville Campus on 01 October 2025. the CCSF brings together individuals whose expertise, leadership, and dedication to service will help shape the direction of campus safety initiatives.



A Campus Community Safety Forum was also formed and launched at the Makwarela Technical, Vocational and Education and Training (TVET) College in the capital of Venda, Thohoyandou in Limpopo. The collaboration happened on 21 - 22 October 2025, where it was revealed that the TVET College was the first to launch the CCSF in the league of TVET colleges in the country.



UKZN students filled the hall to capacity at the Westville campus as they partook in the launch of the Campus Community Safety Forum, which is formulated to provide safe spaces in and around campus.



Major General Mathonsi together with Vhembe TVET College Principal, Ms BR Hlekane unveiling the pledge.



Maj Gen Mathonsi delivering his keynote address at the launch of Campus Community Safety Forum at the TUT Campus in Pretoria.



UKZN Student Representative Council - Howard College Secretary, Mr Sisanda Dlamini signing the pledge to jointly work with all stakeholders to identify and address campus-related crimes.



Division: Forensics Services was at Westville Campus in Durban to exhibit and conscientise students that are studying science related fields, about the different career streams that are within the SAPS which the students can apply for.

POLICE PRAYER DAY REMINDS MEMBERS TO TRUST GOD

By Lt Col Stephen Maluleka

Photographs by Ndanduleni Nyambeni

The Lord is my strength and my shield, in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped..." (Psalm 28:7) this scripture resonated with the men and women in blue converged at Zoe Bible Church in Pimville, Soweto. The police came together to seek divine intervention at an annual National Police Prayer Day held on 26 September 2025.

Speaking at the event, on behalf of the National Commissioner, Lieutenant General (Lt Gen) Mavundla paid tribute to the members of the SAPS who paid the ultimate price and said: "Tribute to those who laid down their lives in the line of duty, may their souls be held in remembrance so that South Africans and the country at large remain safe," remarked Lt Gen Mavundla.

Mavundla added that the effectiveness of prayer for the police is the highest master plan. She called on to the community to support the police with their energy and encouragement while executing their duties. "We ask you to normalise praying for police continuity, because our field of work, our calling, may be risky and definitely not for the fainthearted. That is why we say we call the police officers to call for the bravery support as they go out there. Let us pray for unity among the people of South Africa and for peace to reign supreme in our country," said Gen Mavundla.

The South African Police Service (SAPS) observed this day at the back of Commemoration Day which took place on the first Sunday of September. Commemoration Day is a special day on the calendar of SAPS, where police officers who died in the line of duty and some off duty are honoured by engraving their names at the SAPS Memorial Site at the Union Buildings in Pretoria.

Although it remains sad and painful to lose members in the Service, Divisional Commissioner: Visible Policing, Lieutenant General Mamotheti indicated that there is a decline on the number of men and women who lost their lives in the previous financial year. "In the previous financial year 2024/2025, we have lost a total of 74 police officials who were murdered, of this number, 20 of them were killed on duty and 54 were killed off duty. With these figures when we compare, there is a decrease of 33.3 percent compared to 2023/2024," said Lt Gen Mamotheti.

She further alluded that in the year that was, of the 74 cases there were 37 arrests made involving 81 suspects and in the same year 34 suspects were convicted in connection with 17 older cases. She went on to indicate that in the current year, the SAPS has already lost 38 members. Out of it, six died on duty while 32 died off duty. In the current financial year 27 suspects were arrested on 20 cases and 11 were convicted on seven older cases. In view of the Police Safety Month, Lt Gen Mamotheti also implored the police to align themselves with the Police Safety Action Plan themed 'Think First, Act Safe – Every Call, Every Time'.

"The continued attack on police remain a great concern. We strongly condemn the brutal attack and remain committed and relentlessly pursue those who commits such crime no matter how long it takes but we know we will win one day. The safety of our members is a top priority we continue to implement strict preventative and proactive measures ensuring operational readiness," said Lt Gen Mamotheti.

She also emphasised that members should invite God in their lives and always be vigilant especially at places of entertainment like pubs and taverns.



Lt Gen Mavundla delivering a keynote speech at the Prayer Day held in Pimville, Soweto.



Members of the SAPS singing praises to their mighty Creator at Prayer Day in Pimville.



Officers together with the local women of cloth during the singing of the national anthem.

Various faith-based representatives shared words of encouragement to the police officers while some sent strong messages to the unscrupulous men and women in blue. "Stop taking coldrinks (bribe) on the streets. Some of the causes of these curses are the coldrinks you are collecting on the streets. Your job is to run after the lawless citizens, don't do what they are doing. Ask God to anoint you with oil every time before you leave your home," said one pastor.

To give meaning to the day, the SAPS Gauteng Choir and the Gauteng Brass Band serenaded the audience, and subsequently interfaith prayers took off on lawlessness in education, health, economy, corruption, police mental health, safety and management of police service. As the norm, a common ritual of candle lighting representing nine provinces and the head office were also performed in remembrance of the slain men and women in blue.

POLICE AND COMMUNITY PARTNER FOR A SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE FESTIVE SEASON

By Capt Loraine Earl

Photographs by WO Amos Ndlovu



The National Commissioner of Police, General Fannie Masemola, hands over the National Operational Plan for Operation Safer Festive Season to the Acting Minister of Police, Prof Firoz Cachalia.

Filled to capacity with community members, stakeholders and partners, the Dr Rantlai Molemela Stadium in Bloemfontein hosted the official national launch of the Safer Festive Season Operations led by the Acting Minister of Police, Prof Firoz Cachalia, together with the National Commissioner of Police, General Fannie Masemola on 07 October 2025. The campaign was launched under the theme of collective responsibility and community partnership.

The ceremony began in spectacular fashion as members of the SAPS Special Task Force parachuted into the stadium, delivering the official operational plan to the Acting Minister. Their precision landing drew loud applause from the crowd - a fitting symbol of the South African Police Service's readiness for the festive period ahead.

“ This year's campaign focuses on being proactive rather than reactive. We are intensifying our presence in communities to deter criminal activity before it occurs. Our members will be visible where it matters most”

The high-density operational plan, announced by Acting Minister Cachalia, will run from 1 October 2025 to 31 January 2026. It focuses on preventing and responding to criminal activity through intelligence-led and highly visible policing. Implemented in five phases, the plan ensures continuous law enforcement presence from the pre-holiday build-up through the post-holiday period.

“The campaign is not only about enforcement; it's about partnership. We want every citizen to know that the police are here, ready and present — but we also need communities to stand with us. Safety is everyone's responsibility,” said Acting Minister Cachalia.

National Commissioner General Fannie Masemola emphasised that the Safer Festive Season launch is a key pillar of the SAPS's national policing strategy. “The campaign is a cornerstone of the SAPS visible policing efforts and represents a massive mobilisation of resources to ensure public safety during a time when people are travelling, shopping, socialising, and carrying cash more frequently,” he said.

“This year's campaign focuses on being proactive rather than reactive. We are intensifying our presence in communities to deter criminal activity before it occurs. Our members will be visible where it matters most — in malls, on highways, at border posts, and in residential areas,” he added.

The Safer Festive Season Operations will see all law enforcement agencies, including the Traffic Department, Metro Police, Correctional

Services, and Emergency Services working together with Community Police Forums (CPFs), private security companies, and civil society organisations to ensure a unified approach to safety.

General Masemola reminded all South Africans that safety is a shared duty. "The safety of our people and visitors to our country is non-negotiable. Every police officer on duty this festive season carries the responsibility to serve and protect with integrity and vigilance. But we cannot win the fight against crime alone, we call on every South African to be our eyes and ears, to report suspicious behaviour, and to help create a safer environment for all."

As the sound of the SAPS Marching Band echoed across the stands, the message of the day was clear - South Africa can only be safe if everyone works together. Families, law enforcement, and communities all have a role to play in creating a secure environment where citizens can celebrate responsibly and enjoy time with their loved ones.

The stadium buzzed with a spirit of unity and pride as operational vehicles, mounted units, K9 teams, and specialised response teams paraded before the crowd. Information stalls around the venue provided education on crime prevention, gender-based violence awareness, and road safety.



Children from the Tzu Chi Foundation in Lesotho deliver an electrifying performance with precise choreography.



The National Commissioner of Police, General Fannie Masemola, receives the National Operational Plan for Operation Safer Festive Season from the Deputy National Commissioner, Lieutenant General Tebello Mosikili.



The Deputy National Commissioner, Lieutenant General Tebello Mosikili receives the National Operational Plan for Operation Safer Festive Season from a member of the Special Task Force at the Dr Petrus Molemela Stadium in Bloemfontein.



Learners from Mangaung Primary School in Batho, Mangaung, showcase their drill skills during the national launch of Operation Safer Festive Season at the Dr Petrus Molemela Stadium in Bloemfontein.



Advocate Gregory Niemand from the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) - through its Community Prosecution Initiative; Captain Candice Brown of the SAPS Forensic Science Laboratory Ballistics Unit and Nyanga Sub-District Commander, Brigadier Lindiwe Dyantyi at the firearm training work session.

Recently the South African Police Service (SAPS) Nyanga Sub-District collaborated with the SAPS Forensic Science Laboratory Ballistics Unit and the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) - through its Community Prosecution Initiative by hosting a comprehensive firearms training work session at SAPS Browns Farm in Cape Town, Western Cape.

The training session brought together members of the SAPS, forensic experts and prosecutors to strengthen investigative and prosecutorial capacity in firearm-related cases - a critical priority in communities facing high levels of gun violence.

The training focused on several key aspects of firearm crime investigation and evidence handling, including:

- Crime scene investigation and reconstruction
- Individualisation of firearms through fired cartridge cases and bullets (with or without the firearm present)
- Gunshot wound analysis and external ballistics
- Physical matches, toolmarks and intermediate ballistics
- Correct collection, packaging and preservation of firearms, ammunition, and exhibits
- Ammunition identification and use of the Integrated Ballistics Identification System (IBIS)

Warrant Officer Le Fleur from the Cape Town Local Criminal Record Centre (LCRC) highlighted the critical importance of properly handling exhibits at crime scenes to ensure that suspects can be accurately linked to the crimes committed. This specialised knowledge ensures that evidence is handled meticulously from the moment it is recovered, right through to its presentation in court, minimising errors that can weaken cases or result in acquittals.

Advocate Gregory Niemand from the NPA emphasized the crucial role that accurate, well-written statements by SAPS members play in firearm-related prosecutions. Even the most advanced

forensic analysis is of limited value if it is not supported by clear documentation.

Nyanga Sub-District Commander, Brigadier Lindiwe Dyantyi, noted that SAPS members recover various firearms in the area, but emphasised that the SAPS must go further by identifying the sources and supply networks that tunnel these weapons into communities. "We must find the origin of where the firearms are coming from. We must also focus on the conviction rate for these crimes. We must share the knowledge from these specialised units to improve our conviction rate in court," she said.

The training session at the SAPS Browns Farm marked an important step forward for firearm investigations in the Western Cape. By strengthening forensic capabilities and fostering collaboration between the SAPS and the NPA, this initiative is laying the groundwork for stronger cases, improved conviction rates, and ultimately, safer communities.



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WOMEN IN SENIOR MANAGEMENT LEADING TRANSFORMATION IN THE SAPS

By Lt Col Veronica Mahlaba

Photographs by Capt Kgabo Mashamaite



The newly elected National Executive Committee for Women's Network with Divisional Commissioner for Visible Policing and Operations, Lt Gen Mamotheti; Acting Deputy National Commissioner for Support Services, Lt Gen Lineo Nkhua and Divisional Commissioner for Technology Management Services, Lt Gen Mavundla (centre) at SAPS Hammanskraal Academy in Pretoria.



The newly elected National Executive Committee for Men for Change with Divisional Commissioner for Visible Policing and Operations, Lt Gen Mamotheti; Acting Deputy National Commissioner for Support Services, Lt Gen Lineo Nkhua and Divisional Commissioner for Technology Management Services, Lt Gen Mavundla (centre) on 08 October 2025.

For Public Service Women Management Week (PSWMMW), women in senior management services (SMS) within the South African Police Service (SAPS) gathered to take a lead in the promotion of the advancement of women in the workplace. Women in senior management are responsible for monitoring progress made to achieve gender equality in the organisation.

Many senior managers attended the Public Service Women Management Session, held at the SAPS Hammanskraal Academy in Pretoria on 08 October 2025. In true African fashion, dressed in traditional outfits, women sung to usher in a vibrant, unified and active session.

According to the Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA), all Heads of Departments (HOD's) are required to have a session with women in senior management services to review progress made on the implementation of the Heads of Department's 8 Principles on the empowerment of women and achievement of gender equality.

The Head of Department's 8 Principles Action Plan are as follows:

- Transformation for non-sexism
- Establishing a policy environment
- Meeting equity targets
- Creating enabling environment
- Mainstreaming Gender
- Empowerment
- Providing adequate resources
- Accountability, monitoring and evaluation

As the Head of the Department, the National Commissioner of the Police, General Fannie Masemola joined the session virtually. In his address he acknowledged the complex, often heavy weight of the responsibilities that senior managers carry. "You are not only tasked with leading teams,

managing critical incidents and fighting crime, but you are also doing so while navigating the unique landscape of being a woman in a traditionally male-dominated environment," General Masemola observed.

He further expressed that he sometimes wonders how women can do everything, considering the weight they carry at work and at home. "You are mothers, daughters, sisters and community pillars brining that entire spectrum of strength and empathy into your roles. For that, I salute you," acknowledged General Masemola.

Presentations were delivered by representatives from each province and nationally on the progress made on the HOD's 8 Principles and targeted interventions to achieve Gender Equality at national level. The presentations unpacked the following:

- Feedback on the progress made in the implementation of the HOD's 8 Principles for the period under review.
- Identify gaps and inhibiting factors in effectively implementing the HOD's 8 Principals.
- Develop strategies to address the identified gaps, and
- Expectations of the National Commissioner pertaining to the role of women in the implementation of the HOD's 8 Principles.

Before the engagements were concluded, the elections of the Women's Network and Men for Change National Executive Structures took place. Members were selected to be part of the newly agreed 3-year term on both committees.

The Acting Deputy National Commissioner for Support Services, Lt Gen Lineo Nkhua extended her congratulations to the newly elected national executive committee of both Women's Network and Men for Change.

"I must indicate to them that the task ahead of them is very huge. We are expecting them to take both the Women's Network and Men for Change to greater heights. We need revival, we need renewal of the structures. It cannot be business as usual. We regard you as new booms. I know some of you are coming back again, but we regard you as new brooms and as they say new broom sweeps clean.

"The life and death of the two structures lie on your shoulders and in all of us. One thing that is guaranteed is the fact that the management of the SAPS recognises these structures and support them. The mere fact that you were permitted to be here is evidence to that support you have from management of the SAPS," expressed Lt Gen Nkhua.

The new National Executive Committee:

WOMEN'S NETWORK	MEN FOR CHANGE
CHAIRPERSON	
Maj Gen A Sitole	Lt Col JP Mokgorong
DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON	
Brig I Kopeledi	Col SB Msimango
SECRETARY	
Lt Col B Thenjekwayo	CAC NH Mudau
DEPUTY SECRETARY	
Brig KY Mawela	Lt Col RSD Tselenyane
TREASURER	
Brig BH Teleki	WO Z Xokwe
PRO	
Snr Admin Clerk MN Marima	Lt Col MR Magoro

OFFICERS AND STATIONS HONOURED AT LIMPOPO SAPS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

By WO Amos Ndlovu



Limpopo's Provincial Commissioner, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe congratulates award recipients and nominees for their outstanding performance and dedication.

Following months of exceptional service, dedication, and commitment to protecting Limpopo communities, Provincial Police Commissioner, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe proudly honoured the members, teams, and stations under her command.

The prestigious Limpopo SAPS Provincial Excellence Awards were held recently at The Ranch Protea Hotel in Polokwane, where Lieutenant Colonel Collen Tambani, Commander of the Thohoyandou Local Criminal Record Centre, was announced as the overall winner and Employee of the Year.

In her address, Lieutenant General Hadebe congratulated all winners and nominees, urging members to remain motivated and to continue fostering collaboration with communities and police stakeholders. She also commended Lieutenant Colonel Tambani, who received the Overall Catch of the Year Award and walked away with a Mountain Bike prize.

"To all our nominees and winners, you represent the pinnacle of our organisation. These accolades are a true inspiration. Hard work indeed pays off, and this sets a higher standard for all our members. Your sacrifices and courage are the heartbeat of a safer Limpopo and a more secure South Africa. You are the guardians of our communities," said Lt Gen Hadebe.

Among the attendees were Limpopo's Premier, Dr Phophi Ramathuba, who officiated the ceremony, senior provincial police officials, MECs, and sponsors. Dr Ramathuba conveyed her heartfelt congratulations and shared a word of encouragement.

"Each of you has earned your place here through hard work, collaboration, and an unyielding commitment to keeping Limpopo safe. While I refer to you as winners, I also acknowledge the collective effort that has brought us to this moment. Your dedication, resilience, and teamwork keep our province at the forefront of effective policing," said the Premier.

She further emphasised that the awards should serve as a beacon of motivation as the police strive for excellence, accountability, and compassion within SAPS. "Together, let us continue to rebuild the trust of the communities we serve and foster a culture of safety, dignity, and respect. Thank you all for your tireless efforts in making Limpopo a safer place. Together, we can turn our collective suffering into the wonders of a brighter future," she concluded.

The Limpopo Excellence Awards followed the SAPS Limpopo Golf Day, a charity event aimed at raising funds for the South African Police Service Education Trust (SAPSET).

Lieutenant General Hadebe also extended heartfelt appreciation to Mr. Benny Mathoko, a SAPSET graduate in Civil Engineering, whose success story embodies hope and perseverance. She further thanked the players, sponsors, and SAPS members for their generosity and compassion.

She highlighted the SAPS School Campaign Initiative, held in partnership with Gauteng Provincial Commissioner, Lieutenant General Tommy Mthombeni, which continues to make a positive impact in schools across Limpopo. As part of this effort, she announced the donation of projectors and laptops to one of the adopted schools in the Capricorn District - an initiative aimed at empowering learners through technology.

The Limpopo SAPS Provincial Excellence Awards not only celebrated individual and collective achievement but also reaffirmed the province's unwavering commitment to service, unity, and progress.

As the province continues to face evolving challenges, the dedication and integrity displayed by its police members serves as a shining example of what is possible when courage meets compassion. Limpopo's heroes in blue continue to stand as a powerful reminder that true excellence is born from service to others.

THE TOP AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2025 INCLUDED:

- **Visible Policing Employee of the Year:** Sergeant Rikhotso
- **Detective and Forensic Employee of the Year:** Lieutenant Colonel Nkuna
- **Woman of the Year:** Sergeant Mathebula
- **Man of the Year:** Warrant Officer Radebe
- **Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year:** Constables Mushaku and Mathonsi
- **Administration Employee of the Year:** Lieutenant Colonel Netshivhumbe
- **Best Performing Stations:** Ohrigstad, Ritavi, Thabazimbi, and Tzaneen
- **Overall Best Station:** Ohrigstad (Sekhukhune District).



Woman of the Year - Sergeant J R Mathebula, honoured for her exceptional contribution to service and community safety.



Man of the Year recipient, Warrant Officer S Radebe, recognised for exemplary leadership and commitment to duty.



SAPS Thabazimbi was awarded the Most Improved Station of the Year for 2025, acknowledging consistent progress and service excellence.



Limpopo Premier, Dr Phophi Ramathuba conveying heartfelt congratulations and words of motivation to SAPS members and award recipients.



Sportswoman of the Year - Constable R S Mathonsi, for her outstanding athletic achievements, including being the overall winner at the 2025 Comrades Marathon in Durban.



Detective and Forensic Employee of the Year, Lieutenant Colonel Nkuna, recognised for exceptional investigative and forensic excellence.



Lieutenant General Tebello Mosikili, Deputy National Commissioner for Policing; Lieutenant General Lineo Nkhuoa, Acting Deputy National Commissioner for Support Services; and Lieutenant General Khosi Senthumule, Acting Deputy National Commissioner for Crime Detection, also graced the event with their presence.



A proud moment as colleagues join the Excellence Award winners for a celebratory photo at the Limpopo SAPS Excellence Awards.



Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe recognising event sponsors and donors with certificates of appreciation for their continued support.



WOMEN'S HEALTH EMPOWERMENT CONDEMNS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

By Captain Renier Lamprecht

The women were dressed in purple for courage and white for hope - women rising together to break the silence on domestic violence.

The women's health empowerment event held in the Dome at Customs House recently was a day not only to raise awareness about domestic abuse, but to encourage both men and women to take responsibility in creating safer homes, workplaces and communities. Rising together against domestic violence and harassment.

Programme Director, Ms Francette Roux guided the day with warmth, while speakers and participants reminded everyone that healing begins with honesty and support.

Provincial Commander: Employee Health and Wellness, Col Amanda Nqumashe spoke openly about domestic violence cases reported within the SAPS, "48 cases from April to date have been registered by members in the Western Cape. Any social ill that affects our members requires us to act, that is why we are here to empower you."

This was a shocking reminder to members that these struggles are real and close to home. Her message was clear; we cannot stay silent.

The keynote address by Brig Kgopotso Mawela, Provincial Head of Strategic Management, anchored the day. Calling gender-based violence the second epidemic. She challenged both men and women to confront harmful behaviour at its root. "Your journey is in your hands. Knowledge is power and with it you can protect yourself and others. We empower you so that you can empower others". She stressed that true change begins at home, with moral regeneration and respect taught from an early age.

Col David Hobbs, Section Commander for Labour Relations, spoke frankly about sexual harassment in the workplace. He reminded members that harassment is not limited to certain ranks or roles, but that it can affect anyone, from interns to senior management. He told members that "no one is immune." Col Hobbs urged members to take action, keep records and hold one another accountable. By

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addressing harassment directly and respectfully, men and women can work side by side in dignity.

The day also included poetry, messages of support, uplifting music and prizes. Members also received small cards with a Spotify sound wave scan leading to the song "Fight Song" by Rachel Platten. A reminder that even in struggle there is strength and that every voice raised against violence is part of the fight for healing and change.

If you need assistance coping with domestic violence, please contact **Social Work Services** at **079 880 5966** or **012 393 5472** or **liaise with any of the SAPS Family and Relationship Desk Members** 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.

- **Lt Col Kleingeld** on 012 393 5192
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

SAPS ATHLETES CONTINUES TO SHINE AT THE SANLAM CAPE TOWN MARATHON

By Captain Kgabo Mashamaite

Photographs by Capt Piet Smit and Capt Kgabo Mashamaite



SAPS members on their way to the finish line after participating in the 10km race of the Sanlam Cape Town Marathon on 18 October 2025.



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SAPS members continued to shine in the 10km race at the Sanlam Cape Town Marathon on 18 October 2025. This following the disappointment of the cancellation of the last leg of the Sanlam Cape Town Marathon on 19 October 2025, where 21km and 42km races couldn't start due to adverse weather conditions as strong winds posed danger to participants, spectators and the staff.

Various speakers who took to the podium during the 10km awards and sending-off ceremony held at the SAPS Academy Bishop Lavis urged the SAPS athletes to not despair but rather focus on conditioning themselves for the next races.

At least 595 SAPS athletes, were part of the 24 000 participants that turned out for the 2025 Cape Town Sanlam Marathon.

The objective of the SAPS athletes participation was to keep themselves fit, especially the operational members to execute their policing mandate effectively. While for other employees, it's to lead an active and a healthy lifestyle to avoid lifestyle diseases.

During her words of encouragements to the dejected athletes, the Acting National Commissioner Lt Gen Tebello Mosikili said, "With respect of the bad news this morning about the cancellation of today's (Sunday) event, where we were hoping to cheer you from the side-lines as you make your way to the podium finish, I am equally disappointed and feel for you as you put too much work and sacrificed a lot to be able to reach this stage, but the Mother Nature had other ideas and the event had to be cancelled for your safety. We were hoping to see you painting the streets of Cape Town blue in your 21km and 42km races, but it was not the case.

"Disappointing as it is, we will continue to support you and provide the necessary assistance

in order for you to maintain your fitness level. We would also like to thank provincial commissioners and various commanders for releasing you to participate in this event to represent and to market the organisation. Apart from your participation in the physical activities, we also have a responsibility to provide a safe and a secure environment to all our citizens. Your presence in this event in the SAPS regalia is an act of visible policing as it provides a safety net to fellow athletes, spectators as well as personnel working in the event and keep criminals at bay. As the SAPS management, we appreciate your resilience and the discipline in the preparation of this event. As we prepare ourselves for the trip back to our respective stations, let us do so with a positive mind and prepare ourselves for the upcoming events," stated Lt Gen Mosikili.

During his welcoming address, the Western Cape Provincial Commissioner, Lt Gen (Adv) Thembisile Patekile said as much as the weather elements prevented the athletes to participate in the 21km and 42km races, they should not despair as the support from the SAPS management is always guaranteed to the athletes. Delivering her message of support, Ms Neo Khaue, the POLMED Principal Officer, highlighted the importance of the partnership between the medical aid fund and the SAPS in their endeavour to ensure the members lead a healthy and active lifestyle.

"Let me applaud both the POLMED and the SAPS leadership for having embraced the health and wellness of the membership and to ensure that members lead an active and a healthy lifestyle. SAPS athletes have been assisting us in driving the POLMED initiative of wellness and prevention through physical activity such as participating in the marathon races and fun walk. Together, we can do more in empowering our people to live healthier. "We would also like to urge our

members to please bring their dependants to participate in physical activities in order to live a healthy lifestyle and prolong their longevity. According to our records, claim ratio of athletes and those engaged in physical activities is at the lowest as compared to those inactive members and we would encourage all our members to participate in sports." Urged Ms Khaue.

Touching on the cancellation of the Sunday races, Sanlam representative, Mr Tendani Matshisevhe said the organisers didn't anticipate something like this to happen, but nature had to take precedence, and they can't risk with the lives of athletes. Mr Matshisevhe said he was equally disappointed by the turn of events as they were looking forward seeing the SAPS athletes at the podium finish and wearing their medals around their necks.

According to Brig Lesiba Kenana, the Chairperson of the SAPS National Marathon Association, the growth of the athletics in the organisation has elicited interests from other sister departments. "I received an invitation from the Department of Correctional Services for 2026, where they are asking to benchmark on our good practices. Among the questions they are asking is what is it that we are doing well to be visible in all marathon events, having all the resources such as regalia? The answer is simple, we have a supportive leadership to enable us to promote the brand SAPS. We have forged a good relationship with our medical aid fund, POLMED and conscious with the athletes' health and wellness, supporting the runners with running attire, supplements and massages. Athletes have decided to maintain their fitness levels through running and are committed to their running programme and the good leadership in the Marathon Association which has the athletes' best interests at heart."

Among the senior Managers who led by example and participated at the 5km and 10 km races

included the Acting National Police Commissioner, Lt Gen Mosikili; Western Cape Provincial Commissioner, Lt Gen (Adv) Patekile; Limpopo Provincial Commissioner, Lt Gen Thembi Hadebe; Eastern Cape Acting Provincial Commissioner, Maj Gen Thandiswa Kupiso; Western Cape Deputy Commissioner, Maj Gen Preston Voskuil; Northern Cape Provincial Commissioner, Lt Gen Kholiswa Otola as well as the North West Acting Provincial Commissioner, Maj Gen (Dr) Ryno Naidoo among others.

Fitness remains an inherent requirement in the SAPS where employees, particularly in the operational environment are expected to maintain their fitness levels to discharge their policing duties effectively to assist the SAPS in ensuring that all citizens are and feel safe. The National Police Commissioner, Gen Fannie Masemola has authorised three hours, three days in a week for those members engaged in all sporting codes to prepare for their championships. There are 21 recognised sporting codes, all SAPS employees can participate to maintain their fitness and to lead a healthy lifestyle.

AWARDS

Female Category:

- 1. Const Wendy Msezana from Mpumalanga - 41:19
- 2. Const Itumeleng Legodi from Limpopo - 48:36 (short half cap)
- 3. Secr Hestea Dekker from Eastern Cape - 52:10

Male Category

- 1. Const Teboho Mofolo from Free State - 32:22
- 2. Security Officer James Mngcina from Gauteng - 32:38
- 3. Const Thinawonga Mushaku from Limpopo - 37:01



Constable Teboho Mofolo (Centre) From Free State was the first SAPS male to have crossed the finish line in the Males 10km race at 32:22, followed by Sec James Mngcina (left) from Gauteng at 32:38 and Constable Thinawonga Mishaku (right) from Limpopo at 37:01 during the Sanlam Cape Town Marathon.



SAPS athletes listening to the speakers during the Sanlam Cape Town Marathon Awards Ceremony held at the SAPS Academy Bishop Lavis on 19 October 2025.



SAPS female 10km fastest finishers were Constable Wendy Msezana (Centre) from Mpumalanga who crossed the finish line at 41:19, followed by Constable Itumeleng Legodi from Limpopo (right) at 48:36 and Sec Hestea Drekker from Eastern Cape at 52:10 during the awards ceremony held at the SAPS Academy Bishop Lavis.



The Western Cape Deputy Commissioner, Maj Gen Preston Voskuil proudly displaying his 10km medal among colleagues who completed the 10km race.



According to the SAPS Marathon Federation Chairperson, Brig Lesiba Kekana the growth of the athletics in the organisation has elicited interests from other sister departments.



POLMED Principal Officer, Ms Neo Khaue delivering her message of support to SAPS athletes.



Mr Tendani Matshisevhe from Sanlam delivering a message of support to police athletes during the Sanlam Cape Town Marathon awards ceremony at the SAPS Academy Bishop Lavis on 19 October 2025.

ROODEPAN POLICE HOST ELDERLY SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAMME

By Sgt Timothy Sam



Kimberley - The Roodepan Social Crime Prevention Unit leading the elderly safety awareness programme to ensure the safety of elderly persons in Northern Cape.

The Roodepan Social Crime Prevention Unit, in collaboration with the Community Police Forum (CPF) in Kimberley, hosted an elderly safety awareness programme at the Christian Assemblies Pescodia Church in Roodepan on 16 October 2025.

This initiative forms part of the Frances Baard District Commissioner, Major General Charlotte Makgari's commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of elderly persons across the province.

The programme was supported by the Department of Transport, Safety and Liaison; the Department of Social Development; the Department of Health; Community in Blue Safety Participants; ACVV and MRM NGOs; as well as the Northern Cape Moral Regeneration Movement.

Safety participants, Devarn Rowan and Timothee Neel, outlined the purpose of the event, emphasizing the mistreatment and neglect often faced by older adults. They underscored the importance of combating these social ills through education and public awareness campaigns.

Delivering the keynote address, Reverend Mguzulwa from the Moral Regeneration Movement in the Office of the Premier, reassured the

elderly that God remains with them at every stage of life. He noted that the term 'abuse' is increasingly heard today, often overshadowing the principle of 'care' for the elderly. He urged both the police and the broader community to take collective responsibility in ensuring the safety and dignity of older persons, reaffirming that they continue to be cherished and loved by God. Reverend Mguzulwa concluded by appealing to all community members to help build a society that protects its elders by fostering education, respect, and compassion towards the elderly.

Stakeholders also addressed various issues affecting the elderly, including physical home safety, health and wellness, and the importance of reporting any form of mistreatment to the authorities.

Urging both the police and the broader community to take collective responsibility in ensuring the safety and dignity of older persons, reaffirming that they continue to be cherished and loved by God.



Different government departments and stakeholders were present to address various issues affecting the elderly in Roodepan.



Elders dancing to uplifting music by the SAPS Band.



The day was led with prayer, reminding older people that God is still with them at the different stages of their lives.

THE 'BIGGEST LOSER' COMPETITION GAINS MOMENTUM IN THE WESTERN CAPE

By Mgcobo Ngxukumeshe



One of the big loser participants, CPAC Patrick Mtuzula does his weight as the Western Cape Provincial Commissioner, Lt Gen Adv Thembisile Patekile flanked by Deputy Provincial Commissioner for Support Services, Maj Gen Preston Voskuil and Old Mutual Sales Manager, Mr Abdul Hassim look on.

The SAPS Western Cape provincial office fitness programme and competition 'Biggest Loser' is gaining momentum as the turnout of participating members is increasing every week, with many eyeing the big prizes which have been tabled as an added incentive.

The programme was launched on 01 September 2025 at the Provincial Gym, under the tutelage of the Western Cape Deputy Provincial Commissioner for Support Services, Maj Gen Preston Voskuil.

Provincial Head of Human Resource Management, Brig Mthunzi Mnyameni said the programme is aimed to offer members the opportunity to reach their personal fitness goals, while connecting with their colleagues in a supportive and motivating environment.

During the launch, a large group of SAPS men and women irrespective of their ranks or age came to register their names before measuring their height and weight as a starting point to their fitness journey.

Participants have been ranked based on percentage of total body weight lost, not just kilograms, to ensure fairness regardless of starting weight. The progress of each participant will be tracked confidentially.

The competition is not just about weight loss, it is about gaining confidence, energy and the control over your health, whether you are aiming to drop a few kilos or completely transform your lifestyle. It is a tailor-made opportunity.

It was further stated that the expectation of the Provincial Commissioner and his management is that the provincial heads must encourage their members to participate in the programme. In a statement from the Office of Maj Gen Voskuil to all the interested members, it has been highlighted that the programme is not just an exercise. It is also about taking control of one's health, building

discipline and endurance as well as creating a sense of unity and support.

The statement further communicated that the SAPS Western Cape Management was committed to promote health, wellness and camaraderie within its own ranks. Regular physical activity plays a vital role in enhancing mental and physical health, improving performance, reducing stress levels, fostering unity among team members.

Everyone was encouraged to register on a free and user-friendly app known as Myfitness-Pal which will help to track nutrition, exercise and progress.

One of the Fitness Co-ordinators of Sport and Recreation, Capt Coenie Westraat has urged interested participants to attend the walk sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 14:30pm. The meeting point is in front of the Provincial Commissioner's office building at 25 Alfred Street in Greenpoint.



The turnout of participating members in the Biggest Loser competition is increasing every week. The aim is to ensure that members take control of their health and to build discipline, while creating a spirit of camaraderie.



MISSING PERSONS

TSHEPISO GIVEN MANYEDUANE



(15) Male
Pretoria Moot
Last seen: 2025-09-28

The missing person left his home without informing anyone where he was going and was not seen since.
Pretoria Moot 1/9/2025
Investigating officer: Sgt T Sithole
Tel: 012 345 4000

THANDOLWETHU ZUNGU



(16) Female
Cleveland
Last seen: 2025-09-11

The missing person left her home without informing anyone where she was going and was not seen since.
Cleveland 7/9/2025
Investigating Officer: Sgt SR Rikhotso
Tel: 011 607 5746

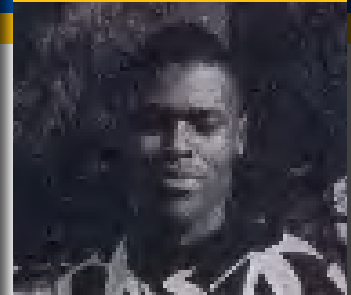
AYANDA NDIWENI



(16) Female
Cleveland
Last Seen: 2025-08-31

The missing person left her home without informing anyone where she was going and was not seen since. She was wearing black jeans, a navy blue and white jersey and pink crocs. Cleveland 1/9/2025
Investigating Officer: Sgt NM Manamela
Tel: 074 774 2410

YIBANATHI DESHE



(21) Male
Vulindela
Last Seen: 2025-09-27

The missing person left his room where he was staying but could not find his way back home.
Vulindlela 3/9/2025
Investigating Officer: WO FE Block
Tel: 043 642 3505

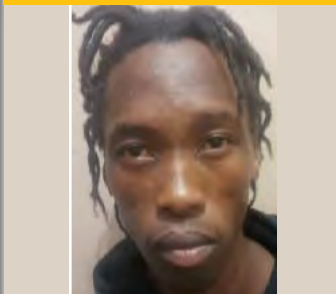
SIYABONGA SIYOLO



(22) Male
Hebron
Last Seen: 2025-08-04

The missing person went to church and was not seen since. He was wearing a brown jacket, blue jeans and black boots.
Hebron 3/8/2025
Investigating Officer: Sgt DR Moloantoa
Tel: 012 706 0300

THAMSANQA MPINGA



(30) Male
Oranjeville
Last Seen: 2025-10-15

The missing person left his home without informing anyone where he was going and was not seen since. He was wearing white shoes, a black t-shirt and white shorts.
Oranjeville 1/10/2025
Investigating Officer: Sgt PI Mipi
Tel: 016 974 6240

JOHANNES DOCTOR MOLOI



(33) Male
Sharpeville
Last Seen: 2025-06-11

The missing person left his home without informing anyone where he was going and was not seen since.
Sharpeville 3/6/2025
Investigating officer: Sgt KL Mokoena
Tel: 016 451 2717

SONWABO MNIKI



(36) Male
Midrand
Last seen: 2025-08-29

The missing person left her home without informing anyone where she was going and was not seen since. He was wearing black trousers.
Midrand 1/9/2025
Investigating Officer: Const KK Tshanga
Tel: 048 881 7000

NOBUHLE ZINHLANHLA Q NCUBE



(36) Female
Olievenhoutbosch
Last seen: 2025-08-21

The missing person left her home without informing anyone where she was going and was not seen since. She was wearing blue jeans.
Olievenhoutbosch 3/9/2025
Investigating Officer: Sgt MG Letjokgotla
Tel: 012 654 3131

EDOX PIETER GERARD



(52) Male
Roodepoort
Last seen: 2025-08-11

The missing person left his home without informing anyone where he was going and was not seen since. He was wearing a grey Mr Price t-shirt, green jacket, black Mr Price trousers and black sport shoes.
Roodepoort 6/8/2025 Investigating Officer: WO EM Teme
Tel: 011 279 6400


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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.


PRINCESS CELENKOSINI NTSHANGASE



**FRAUD
BEACON BAY
CAS 43/1/2015**

This Woman is wanted in connection with a fraud case.
Investigating officer: Capt AC Eastrace
0437090547
0725800847


REVEN SYLVESTER GWYNN



**FRAUD
DA GAMASKOP
CAS 175/11/2024**

This Man is wanted in connection with a fraud case.
Investigating officer: SGT TR Amsterdam
0446062850


AVUYILE WELANI



**POSSESSION OF STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE
MFULENI CAS 820/12/2024**

This Man is wanted in connection with a possession of stolen motor vehicle case.
Investigating officer:
Sgt SW Mbambonduna
0219742400


SIPHAMANDLA BUBESI



**THEFT
TABLE VIEW
CAS 285/6/2024**

This Man is wanted in connection with a theft case.
Investigating officer: Sgt DB Rakotho
0214699062


CHRISTOPHER CHIVUNGA



**POSSESSION OF SUSPECTED STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE
SINOVILLE CAS 287/10/2019**

This Man is wanted in connection with a possession of suspected stolen motor vehicle case.
Investigating officer: Sgt DS Mashego
0823345403

MUHAMMAD UZAIR SALEEM



**FRAUD
PORT SHEPSTONE
CAS 84/3/2025**

This Man is wanted in connection with a fraud case.
Investigating officer: Sgt M Smith
0396881064


PENUEL MBATHA CHRISTOPHER



**THEFT
TONGA
CAS 182/12/2022**

This Man is wanted in connection with a theft case
Investigating officer: Sgt MA Mabuza
0137808300


ANTHONY DERIECK VAN HEUSDEN



**THEFT UNDER FALSE PRETENCES
WYNBERG CAS 152/6/2022**

This Man is wanted in connection with a theft under false pretences case.
Investigating: ConstY Luyenge
0217991300

VUYISILE VUSI KHUMALO



**TEMPERING WITH ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE
KIMBERLEY CAS 338/3/2020**

This man is wanted in connection with tempering with essential infrastructure
Investigating officer:
W/O PH Van Der Merwe
0538384200

FOSTER HLONGWANE



**KILLING RHINOCEROS IN A NATIONAL PARK
SKUKUZA CAS 26/11/2019**

This Man is wanted in connection with a killing of rhinoceros in a National Park case.
Investigating officer:
Const L Mthombothi
0137547587

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