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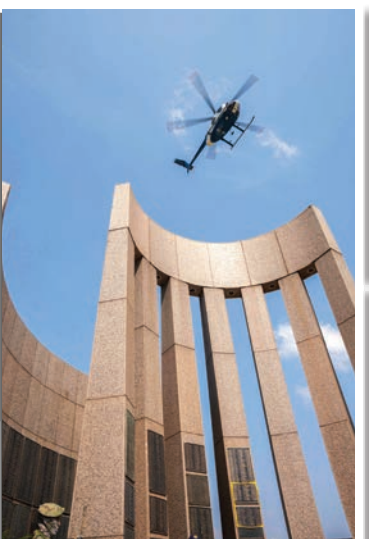
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South African Police Service

Code of Conduct

I

commit myself to creating a safe and secure environment for all people in South Africa by -

participating in endeavours aimed at addressing the causes of crime;

*preventing all acts which may threaten the safety or security of any community;
and*

investigating criminal conduct which endangers the safety or security of the community and bringing the perpetrators to justice.

In carrying out this commitment, I shall at all times-

uphold the Constitution and the Law;

take into account the needs of the community;

recognise the need of the South African Police Service as my employer; and cooperate with all interested parties in the community and the government at every level.

In order to achieve a safe and secure environment for all the people of South Africa I undertake to –

act with integrity in rendering an effective service of a high standard which is accessible to everybody, and continuously strive towards improving this service;

utilise all available resources responsibly, efficiently, cost-effectively and optimally

develop my own skills and contribute towards the development of my colleagues to ensure equal opportunities for all;

contribute to the reconstruction and development of, and reconciliation in our country; uphold and protect the fundamental rights of every person;

act in a manner that is impartial, courteous, honest, respectful, transparent and accountable;



FOREWORD BY ACTING MINISTER OF POLICE

Today, we gather under the weight of profound loss, yet illuminated by the enduring light of service and sacrifice. On this National Commemoration Day, our hearts are heavy as we remember 27 brave men and women of the South African Police Service (SAPS) who laid down their lives in the line of duty; during violent exchanges of fire. They stood on the frontlines of our nation's battle against crime, and in that crucible, made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our communities.

Their loss is a stark, painful reminder of the peril our officers face daily. The safety of our police officers is a paramount priority for this government. We are unwavering in our political will to ensure they have the necessary support, resources, and legislative backing to confront criminality effectively and safely.

To the families, loved ones, and colleagues of our fallen heroes, words are insufficient to express the depth of our sorrow and gratitude. Your loss is immeasurable. We share your grief and stand with you in solidarity.

May you find strength in the knowledge that your loved ones served with extraordinary courage and dedication. Their names are forever engraved in the roll of honour of this nation. We offer our deepest, most heartfelt condolences.

We are profoundly grateful to His Excellency, the President of the Republic of South Africa, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, for his steadfast commitment to the men and women in blue. His unwavering support and his consistent prioritisation of this National Commemoration Day in his official diary send a strong message of national recognition and value.

We are equally thankful for the continued, meaningful presence year after year of either the President or the Deputy President. The personal engagement and attendance from the presidency in offering condolences to grieving families and words of encouragement to serving officers; is deeply appreciated and reinforces the critical importance of the work of the SAPS.

To the men and women in blue, in the face of adversity and profound loss, you continue to uphold the highest ideals of the Service. You are the thin blue line protecting our society. Draw strength from the memory of your fallen colleagues. Honour them through your continued professionalism, integrity, and relentless courage in the pursuit of a safer South Africa. We salute you, we support you, and we stand with you.

*Prof F Cachalia
Acting Minister of Police*



FOREWORD BY DEPUTY MINISTER OF POLICE

As it is the tradition and culture within the South African Police Service, every year on the first Sunday of September we honour and pay our respects to those who paid the ultimate price and lost their lives whilst serving and protecting the people of South Africa. We gather to pay tribute and salute our fallen men and women in blue who have lost their lives in the line of duty during the preceding financial year.

Sombre as the occasion is, it is an opportunity for us to remember and celebrate them for their gallantry and bravery, as well as to pledge that their sacrifices will never be forgotten.

These are devoted individuals who accepted a call to serve and protect our communities and they have executed the calling with patriotism, pride, dignity and distinction. These are selfless individuals who have put their lives in harm's way to ensure that South Africa, her people and their property are safe.

This occasion is also a reminder of the perils that our men and women in uniform face every day as they carry out their duty to serve our country and protect its people. They are fully aware of the risk that every morning might be their last. They live with the knowledge that they could leave their home for work, never to return, yet they wake up every day.

This commemoration day also ushers in the National Police Safety month, which is intended to remind us of the importance of safeguarding police officers. The killing of Police officers, on and off duty, is not acceptable and cannot be allowed to continue unabated. This is not only an attack on the SAPS and the Justice system, but it is a direct attack on the authority of the rule of law and the state. May I therefore, implore all police officers to use the tools of trade allocated to them to protect themselves and each other with the same vigour they protect the people.

To the husbands, wives, parents, children, siblings, friends and colleagues of the Police Officers we are honouring, you have been called upon to bear a special burden. A burden of contrast between pain and pride. We know that the pain of losing your loved one cuts deep and we know that there are no words or ceremonies that can ease your pain but we hope that you will take pride in them serving the country with distinction and determination. As the Ministry and Department of Police we gather every year to honour the courage of our fallen heroes and heroines in the hope that our gesture fills your hearts with our nation's gratitude.

Unlike most other careers, the brave men and women who embark upon a career in policing know fully that they might one day be called upon to lay down their lives in the line of duty. Those we honour made that choice willingly. This is why their ultimate sacrifice means so much. They served and sacrificed for a purpose far greater than themselves. I can think of no truer definition of a hero.

May the passing of these heroes and heroines in the line of duty sharpen the resolve of those who remain in the police service to proudly and bravely continue the gallant cause of fighting and combating crime, thereby guaranteeing the safety and security of all South Africans.

May the Souls of our men and women in blue Rest in Eternal Peace and may their Blood water a safer and more secure future South Africa for our generations to come.

*Mr. C Mathale (MP)
Deputy Minister of Police*



FOREWORD BY DEPUTY MINISTER OF POLICE

On this National Commemoration Day, as a nation, we take a moment to honour, recognize, acknowledge, and appreciate the contributions and inherent worth of 27 officers who selflessly served the citizens of the Republic of South Africa until their untimely demise in the line of duty.

These dedicated officers took an oath to serve and protect citizens of our country while executing their mandate as enshrined in the constitution of the republic of South Africa.

Their names are inscribed in the wall of remembrance at the SAPS Memorial Site, located at the Union Buildings, in recognition of their selfless contributions to the fight against crime, alongside other heroes and heroines. Current and future generations must be aware of those who devoted their lives to combating criminality for the sake of law and order, the welfare of law-abiding citizens, and the sovereignty of our country.

These selfless men and women in blue stood as a barrier between danger and safety, between disorder and peace. Their courage, loyalty, and unwavering sense of duty will forever be etched in the heart of our democracy.

This is indeed a moment for profound reflection. To the families of the fallen heroes and heroines, your sorrow is our sorrow, shared by every citizen who benefits from the safety and security provided by our devoted fallen officers.

The killing of police officers strikes at the very core of law enforcement and societal safety. It is imperative that we come together as a nation to strongly condemn these senseless acts of violence against our law enforcement officers. Such actions are not merely an attack on the individuals who serve and protect us; it is a direct attack on the state.

To every serving police officer, continue to wear your badge with honour and dignity. Let it remind you of the blood that sanctified it, the integrity it demands, and the hope it represents for the people who look to it. May the badge not only shine on your chest but also reflect your character, your choices, and your service.

As the Police Ministry, we remain steadfast in our commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of all our police officers. Let this day serve as a reminder of the cost of peace and inspire us all to intensify our efforts in building a safer South Africa.

We honour the fallen.
We acknowledge the living who continue to stand guard.

May their souls rest in eternal peace, and may their sacrifices guide us as we continue to honour the badge, serve our people, and strive to create a safer and secure South Africa for all.

*Dr P Boshielo (MP)
Deputy Minister of Police*



FOREWORD BY THE NATIONAL COMMISSIONER OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE

Today we gather in solemn remembrance of twenty- seven (27) of our own, brave men and women of the South African Police Service who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Their names are engraved not only on the roll of honour, but also in our collective memory as symbols of selfless service, unwavering dedication, and an unshakable determination to protect and serve, even in the face of grave danger.

Too often, our members fall in the prime of their lives, young constables and sergeants whose journeys are cut short in the exchange of fire with criminals. They leave behind young children and grieving families whose loss is immeasurable.

It is for this reason that the SAPS established the SAPS Education Trust Fund; a beacon of hope and support for the orphans of our fallen heroes. Through this fund, we carry forward the responsibility of providing for their education and welfare, ensuring that the sacrifice of their parents is never forgotten.

The South African Police Service is not only a law enforcement organisation, but also a compassionate employer that stands firmly with the families of our members. We honour the fallen heroes and heroines by extending our hands to those they leave behind, and by strengthening our resolve to protect those still in service.

I therefore call upon all Provincial Commissioners to lead by example, to mobilise fundraising initiatives that sustain the SAPS Trust Fund, and to redouble efforts to operationally equip and safeguard our members on the frontlines.

Our duty is twofold, to serve and protect our communities, and to ensure that every police officer has the means to defend themselves and the public in the unrelenting fight against crime.

As we commemorate our fallen colleagues today, let us renew our commitment to their legacy. Let us walk forward with courage, with compassion, and with a shared determination to build a safer South Africa in their honour.

*General SF Masemola (SOEG)
National Commissioner
South African Police Service*



FOREWORD BY CHAIRPERSON OF THE SAPS EDUCATION TRUST(SAPSET)

As the South African Police Service annually commemorates the heroes and heroines that died in the line of duty be reminded that as per the Trust Deed which mandates the Trust as expressed in its principal objective – “to create a fund to provide financial assistance or resource support to a child or children of a member of the SAPS (Police Act and Public Service Act) that has died in the execution of his or her official duties or on duty, by financing the costs of such child’s or children’s’ educational needs or by providing resource support.” I am Chairing the body of persons appointed by the Founder to govern the business of the Trust on behalf of the Founder.

The Board is committed to realise the resolutions that the Police Service undertook to establish an Education Trust as a non-profit organisation funded by gifts, donations and sponsorships from private persons, institutions, organisations and companies through which orphaned children of police officials could receive funding for their educational needs.

Due to limited funds and to cater for the increasing number of beneficiaries, the financial assistance to educational institutions is only limited to tuition fees from Primary School through to Tertiary Institutions. The Trust have a threshold amounts as determined by the Board of Trustees, subject to availability of funds.

To all who contributes to this noble course you are truly appreciated and lets partner to ensure that the Trust is sustainable and the children of the departed police officers’ education is taken care of to realise the parents dreams.

*Mr VJ Jarana
Chairperson
SAPS Education Trust (SAPSET)*

ROLL OF HONOUR

IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR HEROES AND HEROINES WHO DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

PERSAL	RANK	SURNAME & INITIALS	DATE OF DEATH
7182525-8	SERGEANT	TN SHANDU	04 - 01 - 2024
7073161-6	SERGEANT	AW MAHONEY	17 - 04 - 2024
7037253-5	SERGEANT	MH NEMAHADANI	03 - 05 - 2024
2822473-6	CONSTABLE	P MATANGA	06 - 05 - 2024
7257173-0	CONSTABLE	A NDZINGO	12 - 06 - 2024
7254501-1	CONSTABLE	BR SONOPO	28 - 06 - 2024
7010408-5	WARRANT OFFICER	SJ MASEDI	30 - 06 - 2024
1771741-8	WARRANT OFFICER	M NOVEMBER	05 - 07 - 2024
2598338-5	CONSTABLE	S TSHAKA	15 - 07 - 2024
7051689-8	SERGEANT	MI MOKHONOANA	31 - 07 - 2024
7061216-1	SERGEANT	WE NTILA	03 - 09 - 2024
7253289-1	CONSTABLE	M BOROLE	22 - 09 - 2024
0630979-8	WARRANT OFFICER	KW NOMATITI	30 - 09 - 2024
7188737-7	SERGEANT	SM MOKOTI	19 - 10 - 2024
7022690-3	SERGEANT	OS YENI	03 - 11 - 2024
7244536-0	CONSTABLE	PC SHANDU	20 - 11 - 2024
7105812-5	RESERVIST CONSTABLE	DS MPAPANE	05 - 12 - 2024
0485110-2	CAPTAIN	MC KHUBISA	14 - 12 - 2024
0620057-5	CAPTAIN	D PATHER	14 - 12 - 2024
0914453-6	WARRANT OFFICER	MD NDLOVU	14 - 12 - 2024
5815987-8	CONSTABLE	CJ ANDREWS	31 - 12 - 2024
7239125-1	CONSTABLE	G MOTLOUNG	04 - 01 - 2025
7196966-7	CONSTABLE	SS MOHAPI	04 - 01 - 2025
7086841-7	SERGEANT	TA MARELETSE	09 - 01 - 2025
7225407-6	CONSTABLE	A MOYIKWA	12 - 01 - 2025
0077168-6	LIEUTENANT COLONEL	P PRETORIUS	16 - 01 - 2025
0461786-0	CAPTAIN	W DU TOIT	16 - 02 - 2025



HONOURING Constable Gedione Motloug

Constable G Motloug, born on 7 May 1985, was 39 years old at the time of his passing. He had served in the South African Police Service (SAPS) for four years, since his appointment on 1 December 2020.

At the time of his death on 4 January 2025, Constable Motloug was the father of a four-year-old child. He was stationed at SAPS Namahadi in the Free State Province.

The late Constable Motloug and a colleague were responding to a house robbery complaint in Mangaung Village when he met his untimely fate. Upon arrival, they observed two suspects fleeing the scene, unaware that a third suspect remained inside the house.

As Constable Motloug entered the residence to investigate further, the remaining suspect opened fire, shooting him three times in the upper body. Sadly, he succumbed to his injuries at the scene.

Constable Motloug will be remembered for his unwavering bravery and dedication to duty. His name has been inscribed on the Wall of Remembrance for the 2024/2025 Roll of Honour — a fitting tribute to officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country.

May you rest in peace, Constable Motloug. Your courage, commitment, and sacrifice will never be forgotten.



HONOURING Constable Mojalefa Borole

Constable M Borole, born on 20 August 1994, was 30 years old when he tragically passed away on 22 September 2024. He had served in the South African Police Service (SAPS) for one year, as he was appointed on 12 April 2023.

Stationed at SAPS Bultfontein in the Free State Province. Constable Borole and a colleague responded to a report of domestic violence in Phahameng, Bultfontein. While attending to the call, they were attacked by three relatives of the complainant.

In an attempt to evade arrest, the suspects fled into a nearby house, locked the doors, and set the building alight. Despite repeated efforts by the police to gain access, the suspects reportedly hurled objects at the officers. During this dangerous intervention, Constable Borole was fatally shot.

Constable Borole will be remembered for his courage, and deep sense of duty. His name has been inscribed on the Wall of Remembrance for the 2024/2025 Roll of Honour — a solemn tribute to those officers who gave their lives in service to the nation.

May you rest in eternal peace, Constable Borole. Your bravery, dedication, and sacrifice will never be forgotten.



HONOURING Warrant Officer Sello Joel Masedi

Warrant Officer SJ Masedi, born on 20 February 1975, was a 49-year-old husband and devoted father of two at the time of his untimely passing. He had proudly served his country for 21 years, after he joined the South African Police Service (SAPS) on 3 January 2003.

At the time of his death on 30 June 2024, his youngest child was 15 years old. Warrant Officer Masedi was stationed at SAPS Mohlakeng in Gauteng Province and was attending to an accident scene when the tragedy occurred.

While officers were working on the scene, a speeding truck failed to stop and struck Warrant Officer Masedi. He sustained fatal injuries and his death was sadly declared at the scene.

Warrant Officer Masedi will be remembered for his unwavering bravery and steadfast commitment to duty. His name has been inscribed on the Wall of Remembrance for the 2024/2025 Roll of Honour — a solemn and fitting tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the nation.

May you rest in peace, Warrant Officer Masedi. Your dedication, courage, and sacrifice will never be forgotten.



HONOURING Warrant Officer Mzukisi November

Warrant Officer M November was born on 22 December 1976 and was 47 years old at the time of his passing. He was a devoted husband and father of five, with his youngest child 13 years old when he died.

Warrant Officer November joined the South African Police Service (SAPS) on 5 March 2001 and dedicated 23 years of his life to serving and protecting communities. He was stationed at SAPS Katlehong North in Gauteng Province and tragically lost his life on 5 July 2024 in an incident classified as culpable homicide.

He was reportedly setting up roadblock equipment on the N12 freeway (Springs West) when he was struck by a vehicle. He sadly died at the scene.

Warrant Officer November will be remembered for his unwavering bravery and steadfast commitment to duty. His name has been inscribed on the Wall of Remembrance for the 2024/2025 Roll of Honour — a fitting tribute to those who have given their lives in service to the nation.

May you rest in peace, Warrant Officer November. Your dedication, service, and sacrifice will never be forgotten.



HONOURING Sergeant Winnies Elizabeth Ntila

Sergeant WE Ntila, born on 20 November 1982, was 41 years old at the time of her passing. She was a devoted mother of three children, the youngest of whom was five years old.

She faithfully served in the South African Police Service (SAPS) for 18 years, having been appointed on 9 January 2006.

Sergeant Ntila was stationed at SAPS Vosloorus in the Gauteng Province. On 3 September 2024, she and a colleague came under fire near a fellow officer's residence in Extension 3, Vosloorus.

Both members were rushed to a local hospital. Tragically, Sergeant Ntila succumbed to her injuries due to their severity.

Sergeant Ntila will be remembered for her unwavering courage and dedication to duty. Her name has been inscribed on the Wall of Remembrance for the 2024/2025 Roll of Honour — a fitting tribute to those who gave their lives in service to the nation.

May you rest in peace, Sergeant Ntila. Your commitment, service, and sacrifice will never be forgotten.



HONOURING Captain Wynand Du Toit

Captain W Du Toit joined the South African Police Service on 13 January 1993 and dedicated 32 years of his life to serving and protecting the South African community. He was born on 18 November 1974 and was 50 years old at the time of his passing.

He is survived by his life partner and two children, the youngest of whom was twenty-one at the time of his death on 16 February 2025.

Captain Du Toit was stationed at SAPS Springs in Gauteng Province. He was fatally shot in the upper body while responding to a robbery at a business premises.

Upon arriving at the scene, he identified himself as a police officer, at which point the suspects opened fire. Despite being wounded, the brave Captain fought back to protect himself. Sadly, he succumbed to his injuries and passed away shortly after being admitted to hospital.

His legacy is one of unwavering courage and commitment. Captain Du Toit's name has been inscribed on the Wall of Remembrance for the 2024/2025 Roll of Honour - an enduring tribute to police officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

May you rest in peace, Captain Du Toit. Your dedication and service will never be forgotten.



HONOURING Captain Mandla Clement Khubisa

Captain MC Khubisa, born on 4 December 1966, was 58 years old and had loyally served the South African Police Service (SAPS) for nearly three decades following his appointment on 9 August 1993. He was deeply devoted to the safety and wellbeing of his community.

Stationed at Empangeni SAPS in KwaZulu-Natal, Captain Khubisa tragically lost his life on 14 December 2024 in a selfless act of courage. Upon learning of an armed robbery at a local residence, he responded immediately to assist the victims - placing himself on duty without hesitation.

On arrival, he was met with gunfire from the fleeing suspects. Captain Khubisa returned fire, fatally wounding one assailant, but sustained critical injuries while in his vehicle, alongside his wife, who was also seriously wounded.

Despite urgent medical intervention, he sadly passed away shortly after being transported to a nearby clinic. His service pistol and stolen items were later recovered from the deceased suspect. The case remains under investigation by the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (DPCI). Captain Khubisa was a man of honour and action - a true guardian of the people. His unwavering dedication to duty, even in the face of grave danger, reflects the highest values of the South African Police Service: integrity, bravery, and service beyond the call of duty.

Captain Khubisa's name will be engraved on the 2024/2025 SAPS Roll of Honour - a solemn tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

May you rest in peace, Captain Khubisa. Your courage, service, and sacrifice will never be forgotten.



HONOURING Constable Ayanda Moyikwa

Constable A Moyikwa, born on 17 January 1992, was 33 years old at the time of his passing. He had served the South African Police Service (SAPS) with pride and dedication since his appointment on 12 February 2018. He was a devoted father to a young child - two years old at the time of his untimely death.

Assigned to the Visible Policing and Operations Division, Constable Moyikwa was en route to begin his morning shift at Cape Town International

on 12 January 2025 when he witnessed a robbery in progress. Without hesitation, he acted to protect a member of the public, placing himself on duty and confronting the armed suspect.

During this courageous intervention, he sustained fatal gunshot wounds and tragically succumbed to his injuries at the scene. The suspect fled, taking his wallet and mobile phone. A case of murder is currently under investigation.

Constable Moyikwa's final act of bravery exemplifies the highest values of SAPS: service, courage, and an unwavering sense of duty, even while off duty. His actions saved a civilian's life and will be remembered as a testament to his selfless character.

His name will be inscribed on the 2024/2025 SAPS Roll of Honour - a solemn tribute to members who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

May you rest in peace, Constable Moyikwa. Your commitment, bravery, and sacrifice will never be forgotten.



HONOURING

Constable Akho Ndzingo

Constable A Ndzingo, born on 5 October 1994, was 29 years old at the time of his tragic passing. Though he had served in the South African Police Service (SAPS) for just over a year following his appointment on 25 April 2023, he made a meaningful impact through his dedication and service to the community. He was a devoted father to a young child, only three years old at the time of his death.

Stationed at Khayelitsha SAPS in the Western Cape Province, Constable Ndzingo reported for duty on 12 June 2024 to begin his first night shift on C-Shift. He was assigned as a passenger in a state patrol vehicle, participating in crime prevention operations across several sectors of Khayelitsha.

At approximately 21:30, while conducting stop-and-search duties in Q-Block, Site B, the team encountered a suspicious individual hiding in a yard. As Constable Ndzingo approached, the suspect opened fire, fatally wounding him on his left side, an area not protected by his bulletproof vest. Despite a swift response from his colleagues and emergency transport to Khayelitsha Day Hospital, he sadly succumbed to his injuries.

A case of murder and attempted murder has been registered, and the matter remains under investigation.

Constable Ndzingo's unwavering bravery and commitment to public safety, even under the most hostile circumstances, embody the highest ideals of the South African Police Service. His selflessness and courage will not be forgotten. His name will be inscribed on the 2024/2025 SAPS Roll of Honour, a solemn tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

May you rest in peace, Constable Ndzingo. Your dedication, service, and sacrifice will always be remembered.



HONOURING

Lieutenant Colonel Pieter Pretorius

Lieutenant Colonel Pieter Pretorius, born on 24 July 1965, was 59 years old at the time of his passing. He served the South African Police Service (SAPS) and the nation with distinction for nearly four decades, following his appointment on 19 December 1983. He was a devoted father to two adult children.

Stationed at the SAPS Ermelo Vehicle Crime Investigation Unit (VCIU) in Mpumalanga, Lieutenant Colonel Pretorius was a seasoned investigator

known for his dedication to solving complex and high-risk cases. On 16 January 2025, while returning from lunch, he was ambushed and fatally shot in a targeted attack while driving his private vehicle. He was rushed to Ermelo Medical Clinic but tragically succumbed to his injuries.

Investigations revealed that he had been working on a sensitive case involving a former police officer, who is believed to be connected to his murder. To date, ten suspects have been arrested in relation to the case.

Lieutenant Colonel Pretorius exemplified a lifetime of honourable service, bravery, and investigative excellence. His name will be inscribed on the 2024/2025 SAPS Roll of Honour - a solemn tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

May you rest in peace, Lieutenant Colonel Pretorius. Your commitment, service, and sacrifice will always be remembered.



HONOURING

Reservist Constable Daniel Shadrack Mpapane

Reservist Constable D S Mpapane, born on 15 July 1980, was 44 years old at the time of his tragic passing.

He served the South African Police Service (SAPS) with unwavering commitment and discipline for 17 years, following his appointment on 28 May 2007. He was a dedicated public servant and an active member of his community.

Stationed at SAPS Lothair in Mpumalanga Province, Reservist Constable Mpapane reported for duty on 5 December 2024 to participate in the Safer Festive Season Operation. He formed part of a deployment team conducting stop-and-search duties along the R45 road near Lothair. During the operation, a tragic and unforeseen incident occurred when a private vehicle, attempting to avoid a collision, struck him fatally.

Despite the swift response of emergency services, he was sadly declared deceased at the scene.

Reservist Constable Mpapane's steadfast dedication to public safety, even in his voluntary capacity reflected true selflessness and the spirit of service that lies at the heart of SAPS. His loss is deeply mourned by colleagues and the wider community he served with honour.

His name has been engraved on the Wall of Remembrance for the 2024/2025 Roll of Honour - an enduring tribute to those who gave their lives in service to the nation.

Rest in peace, Reservist Constable Mpapane. Your legacy of dedication and sacrifice will be honoured at the SAPS National Commemoration and remembered by all those you so faithfully protected.

May you rest in peace, Constable Mpapane. Your commitment, service, and sacrifice



HONOURING

Sergeant Adion William Mahoney

Sergeant A W Mahoney, born on 9 December 1979, was 44 years old at the time of his tragic passing. He served the South African Police Service (SAPS) and his community with unwavering dedication for 17 years, following his appointment on 10 July 2006. He was married and a devoted father to three children - the youngest sixteen years old when he lost his life on 17 April 2024.

Stationed at Atlantis SAPS in the Western Cape, Sergeant Mahoney reported for duty that day in full uniform, prepared as always to serve his community. He was assigned as a sector patrol driver, partnered with Constable CC Vollmer, when they responded to a domestic violence complaint in Mamre. What began as a routine call tragically escalated into a violent confrontation, during which Sergeant Mahoney was fatally wounded in the line of duty.

Despite efforts to manage the situation and de-escalate tensions, he was overpowered and shot by the suspect, who then attempted to harm his colleague and fled the scene with Sergeant Mahoney's service firearm. His selfless commitment and tactical response, placing the safety of others before his own, epitomised the core values of SAPS: bravery, integrity, and service.

His name has been engraved on the Wall of Remembrance for the 2024/2025 Roll of Honour - an enduring tribute to police officers who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving the nation.

May you rest in peace, Sergeant Mahoney. Your courage, dedication, and sacrifice will never be forgotten.



HONOURING

Sergeant Mokebe Innocent Mokhonoana

Sergeant MI Mokhonoana, born on 1 January 1983, was 41 years old at the time of his tragic passing. He served the South African Police Service (SAPS) and his community with unwavering commitment for 19 years, following his appointment on 11 July 2005. He was married and a devoted father to three children—the youngest four years old at the time of his death.

Assigned to the Provincial Emergency Services – Motorbike Unit in Limpopo, Sergeant Mokhonoana played a critical role in escort operations and frontline crime prevention. On 31 July 2024, after completing duties at a Youth Empowerment Indaba in Seshego, he was redeployed to patrol the R101 corridor as part of efforts to deter criminal activity.

Tragically, while on duty, a vehicle unlawfully turned into his path near Meropa Casino, causing a collision that resulted in fatal head injuries. He was declared deceased at the scene by paramedics. A case of culpable homicide is currently under investigation.

Sergeant Mokhonoana's professionalism, dedication to crime prevention, and strong sense of service are remembered with deep respect. His untimely death is a profound loss to SAPS and to the community he served so faithfully.

His name has been engraved on the Wall of Remembrance for the 2024/2025 Roll of Honour - an enduring tribute to police officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

May you rest in peace, Sergeant Mokhonoana. Your commitment, service, and sacrifice will always be remembered.



HONOURING

Sergeant Mpariseni Hamilton Nemahadani

Sergeant MH Nemahadani, born on 4 October 1979, was 44 years old at the time of his passing. He rendered 19 years of faithful and dedicated service to the South African Police Service (SAPS), following his appointment on 1 July 2004. He was the proud father of seven children, the youngest of whom was three years old at the time of his passing.

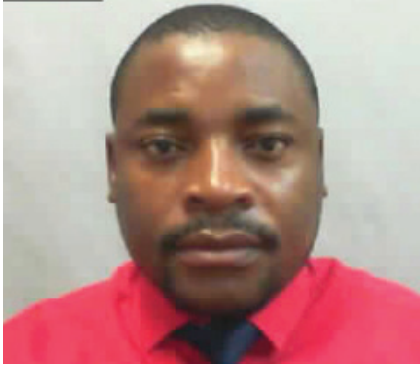
Stationed at SAPS Levubu in Limpopo Province, Sergeant Nemahadani served as a committed crime investigator. On 3 May 2024, he was deployed alongside his colleague, Sergeant Manganyi, to respond to a business robbery in Thundoni Village.

Acting swiftly on the information received, the officers traced the stolen vehicle and the suspects to Tshakhuma. Upon arrival, and while calling for backup, they came under fire from the suspects. In the ensuing exchange, one suspect was fatally wounded, but Sergeant Nemahadani was also shot and critically injured.

Despite urgent medical treatment at a nearby hospital, he tragically succumbed to his injuries later that evening.

Sergeant Nemahadani's bravery and unwavering dedication in confronting armed criminals embody the highest ideals of SAPS service. His name has been engraved on the Wall of Remembrance for the 2024/2025 Roll of Honour - an enduring tribute to police officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

May you rest in peace, Sergeant Nemahadani. Your courage, commitment, and sacrifice will never be forgotten.



HONOURING

Sergeant Sello Mathews Mokoti

Sergeant Sello Mokoti, born on 20 October 1984, was 39 years old at the time of his passing. He dedicated 13 years of loyal service to the South African community, following his appointment to the South African Police Service (SAPS) on 28 January 2011. He was a devoted father to three children, the youngest of whom was seven months old at the time of his death.

Stationed at the Limpopo Organised Crime Unit, Sergeant Mokoti was widely respected for his steadfast commitment to high-risk investigations and operations. On 16 July 2024, while acting on intelligence regarding an illicit drug delivery in Mankweng, he and his team successfully apprehended a suspect. However, during the operation, they were violently attacked by an aggressive crowd.

While his colleagues managed to retreat with injuries, Sergeant Mokoti sustained severe wounds during the confrontation. He was initially treated at Mankweng Hospital before being transferred to Milpark Hospital in Johannesburg. Despite all medical efforts, he sadly succumbed to his injuries on 19 October 2024.

A case of murder has been opened and remains under investigation.

Sergeant Mokoti's bravery, service, and unwavering commitment in the face of grave danger exemplify the highest ideals of the South African Police Service. His name has been engraved on the Wall of Remembrance for the 2024/2025 Roll of Honour - a solemn tribute to those who gave their lives in service to the nation.



HONOURING

Sergeant Owen Sibusiso Yeni

Sergeant OS Yeni, born on 14 October 1979, was 45 years old at the time of his passing. He served the people of South Africa with loyalty and distinction for 21 years, following his appointment to the South African Police Service (SAPS) on 19 September 2003. He was the proud father of one adult child, who was 26 years old at the time of his death.

On 3 November 2024, Sergeant Yeni reported for duty at the Public Order Policing Unit in Port Shepstone, KwaZulu-Natal. During his shift, he responded to a high-risk domestic violence complaint involving a firearm in the Boboyi area. Following a coordinated briefing with fellow members and the Community Sergeant Yeni formed part of the tactical intervention team.

While executing the operation and breaching the suspect's residence alongside Sergeant Nkomo, an exchange of gunfire ensued under low-visibility conditions. Both officers were wounded. Sergeant Yeni sustained a fatal upper-body injury and tragically died at the scene, despite wearing his bulletproof vest. It was later determined that the fatal shot had come from a fellow officer's accidentally discharged service firearm.

A case of culpable homicide and negligent discharge of a firearm has been opened at Port Shepstone and is currently under investigation.

Sergeant Yeni's steadfast dedication to public safety, courage under pressure, and willingness to place himself in harm's way reflect the highest ideals of honour and duty within the SAPS. His name has been engraved on the Wall of Remembrance for the 2024/2025 Roll of Honour - an enduring tribute to those who gave their lives in service to the nation.

May you rest in peace, Sergeant Yeni. Your commitment, service, and sacrifice will always be remembered.



HONOURING

Sergeant Thabiso Nelson Shandu

Sergeant TN Shandu, born on 21 August 1981, was 42 years old at the time of his passing. He served the South African Police Service (SAPS) with honour and dedication for 13 years, following his appointment on 22 March 2010. He was married and a proud father of five children, the youngest of whom was seven months old at the time of his untimely death.

Stationed at SAPS KwaMashu in KwaZulu-Natal, Sergeant Shandu responded with colleagues to a robbery in progress at KwaMashu Spar on 22 July 2022. Upon arrival, the team came under fire from unidentified assailants. Sergeant Shandu sustained a serious gunshot wound to the upper body, which required extensive medical intervention and resulted in a prolonged period of occupational injury leave.

Although he bravely returned to duty in September 2023, the lasting effects of his injuries continued to affect his health. Despite his determination and resilience, his condition deteriorated, and he was admitted to hospital, where he sadly passed away on 4 January 2024.

Sergeant Shandu's unwavering commitment in the face of danger, and his perseverance throughout a long and difficult recovery, exemplify the courage and resolve that define SAPS members.

His name has been engraved on the Wall of Remembrance for the 2024/2025 Roll of Honour - an enduring tribute to police officers who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving the nation.

May you rest in peace, Sergeant Shandu. Your commitment, service, and sacrifice will always be remembered.

HONOURING CAPTAIN DANASEGRAN PATHER AND WARRANT OFFICER MANDLA DUMSANI NDLOVU



HONOURING

Captain Danasegran Pather

Captain D Pather, born on 8 November 1968, was 56 years old at the time of his untimely passing. He served the South African Police Service (SAPS) with unwavering dedication for 36 years, following his appointment on 9 June 1988. He was a devoted father of one, who was 18 years old at the time of his death.



HONOURING

Warrant Officer Mandla Dumsani Ndlovu

Warrant Officer Moses Dumsani Ndlovu, born on 16 March 1967, was 57 years old and likewise served the nation with distinction for 36 years, having joined the SAPS on 5 January 1988. He was a devoted loving father to seven children, the youngest of whom was four years old when he passed away.

Both officers were stationed at SAPS Hammarsdale in KwaZulu-Natal and tragically lost their lives in the line of duty on 14 December 2024.

On the evening of the incident, the two seasoned officers were attending to a shooting scene when the armed suspect returned. Warrant Officer Ndlovu courageously moved to intercept the suspect but was fatally shot. Captain Pather, attempting to protect his colleague and manage the unfolding threat, was also caught in the crossfire and lost his life at the scene.

Despite the efforts of other officers present, the suspect escaped under the cover of darkness. A later exchange of gunfire endangered nearby residents, and a case of murder remains under active investigation.

Captain Pather and Warrant Officer Ndlovu embodied courage, duty, and the daily risks undertaken by members of the SAPS. Their actions serve as a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made to protect others.

Their names have been engraved on the Wall of Remembrance for the 2024/2025 Roll of Honour - an enduring tribute to those who gave their lives while serving the nation.

May you rest in peace, Captain Pather and Warrant Officer Ndlovu. Your commitment, service, and sacrifice will always be remembered.



HONOURING

Constable Phumzile Matanga

Constable P Matanga, born on 28 April 1995, was 29 years old at the time of his passing. He had served the South African Police Service (SAPS) with dedication for two years, following his appointment on 1 April 2022.

Based at SAPS Elliotdale in the Eastern Cape, Constable Matanga tragically lost his life on 6 May 2024 while responding alongside his team to a request for backup from Kwaaiman Police Station.

As the team identified the target vehicle travelling at high speed, they positioned themselves to intercept it. While directing traffic from the opposite side of the road, Constable Matanga was fatally struck by a truck that failed to stop, resulting in his immediate death.

A case of culpable homicide has been opened and is currently under investigation.

Constable Matanga's commitment, courage, and devotion to duty in the face of danger reflect the highest values of the SAPS. His name has been engraved on the Wall of Remembrance for the 2024/2025 Roll of Honour - an enduring tribute to police officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the nation.

May you rest in peace, Constable Matanga. Your bravery, service, and sacrifice will never be forgotten.



HONOURING

Sergeant Thabiso Andries Mareletse

Sergeant TA Mareletse, born on 29 June 1979, was 45 years old at the time of his passing. He had rendered 18 years of loyal service to the South African Police Service (SAPS) since his appointment on 8 January 2007. He had a life partner and a father of four children, the youngest of whom was eight years old at the time of his death.

Sergeant Mareletse was stationed at SAPS Heilbron in the Free State. In the early hours of 9 January 2025, while in pursuit of a suspect's vehicle on the R34 Edenville Road near Heilbron, the police vehicle he was travelling in was involved in a collision. Tragically, the accident claimed his life. A case of culpable homicide was opened for investigation.

Sergeant Mareletse's commitment, bravery, and selfless service in the line of duty exemplify the highest principles of SAPS.

His name has been engraved on the Wall of Remembrance for the 2024/2025 Roll of Honour — a fitting tribute to those who paid the ultimate price in service to the nation.

May you rest in peace, Sergeant Mareletse. Your courage and devotion will be remembered with deep admiration.



HONOURING

Constable Callan John Andrews

Constable CJ Andrews, born on 2 November 1994, was 30 years old at the time of his death. He had served his country for 254 days, as he was appointed on 22 April 2024.

Assigned to SAPS Gelvandale in the Eastern Cape, Constable Andrews and his team responded to a complaint on 31 December 2024 at 90 Viosen Road, Helenvale. After engaging with the complainant, their police vehicle got stuck. While attempting to push the vehicle, Constable Andrews was approached by an assailant, who disarmed him and fatally shot him.

A case of murder was opened and remains under investigation.

Constable Andrews' bravery, commitment, and sense of duty in the face of danger reflect the noblest ideals of the SAPS.

His name is engraved on the Wall of Remembrance for the 2024/2025 Roll of Honour. A fitting tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the nation.

May you rest in peace, Constable Andrews. Your dedication and service will be honoured always.



HONOURING Constable Siphon Saul Mohapi

Constable SS Mohapi, born on 10 March 1979, was 45 years old at the time of his passing. He faithfully served the South African Police Service (SAPS) for 13 years, having been appointed on 30 January 2012.

He was a devoted husband and father of three, and his youngest child was eight years old when he tragically lost his life.

Stationed at SAPS Namahadi in the Free State, Constable Mohapi dedicated more than a decade to building a safer, crime-free community. He sadly passed away in the line of duty on 4 January 2025.

Constable Mohapi and his team responded to a reported burglary in Mangaung Village, Namahadi. Upon arriving at the scene, the suspects attempted to flee, prompting a pursuit. The chase led into a cul-de-sac, forcing the officers to turn back. During this moment, one of the suspects opened fire, fatally shooting Constable Mohapi before fleeing into the night.

Constable Mohapi was a man of action, integrity, and compassion — a true guardian of his community. His commitment to duty, even in the face of danger, reflected the very essence of SAPS values: integrity, courage, and service beyond the call of duty.

His name has been inscribed on the Wall of Remembrance for the 2024/2025 Roll of Honour — a fitting tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the nation.

May you rest in peace, Constable Mohapi. Your courage and unwavering dedication will forever be remembered with deep respect and gratitude.



HONOURING Warrant Officer Kwame Nomatiti Wilmot Nomatiti

Warrant Officer KW Nomatiti, born on 24 April 1965, was 59 years old and had served the SAPS for 38 years, following his appointment on 9 September 1986. He was a proud father of six children, the youngest of whom was seven years old when he passed away.

He served with distinction at SAPS Ngqeleni in the Eastern Cape. On 30 September 2024, while walking to a shop in the Ngqeleni CBD, he was assaulted, disarmed, and fatally shot. A murder case was opened for investigation.

Warrant Officer Nomatiti's long-standing commitment to justice and public service earned him the respect of colleagues and the community alike.

His name has been engraved on the Wall of Remembrance for the 2024/2025 Roll of Honour — a fitting tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the nation.

Rest in peace, Warrant Officer Nomatiti. Your lifetime of service and sacrifice will always be honoured.



HONOURING Constable Phakamani Cydwell Shandu

Constable PC Shandu, born on 25 May 1986, was 38 years old and had served the SAPS for two years, since his appointment on 20 November 2022. He was a father of three children, the youngest was seven months old at the time of his passing.

He was stationed at Johannesburg Central in the Public Order Policing Unit. While conducting a stop-and-search operation on Eloff Street in Selby, Constable Shandu was struck by a truck while seeking cover and was declared dead on the scene. A culpable homicide case was opened for investigation.

Constable Shandu's commitment to protecting the public, even under hazardous circumstances, reflects the SAPS spirit of selfless service.

His name has been engraved on the Wall of Remembrance for the 2024/2025 Roll of Honour. A fitting tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the nation.

May you rest in peace, Constable Shandu. Your dedication and courage will be remembered with sincere respect.



HONOURING Constable Boikokobetso Retlotlisitswe Sonopo

Constable BR Sonopo, born on 05 October 1997, was 26 years old at the time of his death. He had served for one year, following his appointment on 12 April 2023. He was stationed at SAPS Ngqayi in the Eastern Cape.

On patrol in Mount Fletcher on the evening of 28 June 2024, his team was ambushed by armed suspects. Constable Sonopo was shot, robbed of his service weapon and part of his uniform, and held captive. The attackers hijacked another vehicle after locking him, a fellow officer, and a tavern owner in the back of a bakkie.

Despite being transported to hospital, Constable Sonopo succumbed to his injuries. His bravery, resilience, and unwavering commitment in the face of danger are a testament to the finest values of SAPS.

His name is engraved on the Wall of Remembrance for the 2024/2025 Roll of Honour — a fitting tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the nation.

May you find peace, Constable Sonopo. Your legacy will endure in the hearts of those you protected.



HONOURING Constable Sivuyile Tshaka

Constable S Tshaka, born on 5 December 1987, was 36 years old at the time of his passing. He had served SAPS for 12 years, following his appointment on 30 January 2012. He was a father to three children, the youngest of whom was four years old when he died.

He was stationed at SAPS Mbizana in the Eastern Cape. On 15 July 2024, while responding to a homicide in Zizityaneni, Mbizana, he was ambushed

Upon arrival at the scene, Constable Tshaka was shot and killed, and his body armour and weapon were stolen. His colleague, Sergeant Mkizwana, was seriously wounded.

Constable Tshaka's courage and his unwavering dedication to duty, even in the face of overwhelming danger, reflect the noble principles of SAPS.

His name is etched on the Wall of Remembrance for the 2024/2025 Roll of Honour. A fitting tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the nation.

May you find peace, Constable Tshaka. Your selflessness and bravery will never be forgotten.



HIGHEST HONOUR BESTOWED ON 27 FALLEN SAPS MEMBERS



Family members of the 27 men and women in blue who perished in the line of duty, laid roses in remembrance of their loved ones at the SAPS Memorial Site, in the Union Buildings.

The sounding of the last post, the half-masting of the national flag and the fly-past of the SAPS Air Wing was the highest honour bestowed on 27 fallen SAPS members, for their ultimate sacrifice of putting their lives on the line and protecting the citizens and the democracy of the Republic of South Africa. These brave fallen members were remembered during the annual SAPS National Commemoration Day for the 2024/2025 financial year, on 7 September 2025 at the Memorial Site in the Union Buildings, Pretoria.

The acknowledgement of the selfless act by the men and women in blue is a compassionate gesture by the national government in collaboration with the SAPS through the annual SAPS National Commemoration Day. The event is held every first Sunday of September, aimed at remembering SAPS members who died on duty and pay tribute to them in the presence of their families, friends and colleagues.

During his keynote address, the Deputy President of South Africa, Mr Paul Mashatile warned of tough measures to criminals who continue to attack police.

“Let it be clear, attacking a police officer is an attack on the State itself and it will be met with the full might of the law. We want to make sure that even touching a police officer carries the harshest punishment permitted by our laws and where possible, tighten these laws. The rate of criminality, especially organised crime syndicates, gangs and other forms of organised crime represent an urgent and growing challenge in South Africa. We should not allow these ruthless criminals to continue and never be free to roam our streets whenever they choose. Killing of Sergeant Lawrence Mtsweni, who was shot and killed by more than seven armed robbers at a store in Schoemansdal, Mpumalanga on Friday, 08 August 2025 is one but many senseless killings of our police officers.”

The Deputy President called on the SAPS members to use a proportional force to counter the attack directed at them and not to surrender to any form of criminality.

He further encouraged citizens to collaborate with the SAPS and the Community Policing Forums to provide crucial information for criminal identification and arrest.

In addition, he conveyed profound sympathy from the national government to families, especially spouses and children of the fallen police officers who continue to carry a heavy burden of grief. He encouraged them to remain strong and assured them that the government recognises the great sacrifice made by their dearly beloved in the protection of the citizen of the country and its democracy.



Deputy President Paul Mashatile being ushered by the National Police Commissioner, Gen Fannie Masemola and the Acting Minister of Police, Prof Firoz Cachalia to officiate the annual SAPS National Commemoration Day at the Memorial Site in the Union Buildings, Pretoria.

While delivering his welcoming address, the Acting Minister of Police, Prof Firoz Cachalia reiterated the profound loss and the devastating impact of the death of police officers in uniform to the service. “The loss of a police officer is not only a loss to their family, their colleagues, or their community — it is a profound loss to the entire nation and should be considered as a crime against the state. These men and women stood on the frontlines of our democracy, protecting our people and upholding the rule of law, in the most difficult and dangerous circumstance,” Acting Minister, Prof Cachalia stated.



Deputy President, H.E. Paul Mashatile delivering his keynote address during the SAPS National Commemoration Day at the Memorial Site of the Union Buildings in Pretoria.

The Acting Minister of Police further urged police members to remain vigilant while discharging their policing duties and encouraged the citizens to continue protecting police members from danger. “You have been trained to protect yourselves in the execution of your duties. Look after each other’s safety and where you see shortcomings that could undermine your safety and those of your colleagues, please speak up and use the available channels to communicate these. As citizens, let us support the men and women in blue who continue to serve with integrity and bravery, so that South Africa may be a safer, more just country for all.”



Acting Minister of Police, Prof Firoz Cachalia delivering his opening address during the SAPS National Commemoration Day.

General Fannie Masemola, the National Police Commissioner thanked the families of the 27 murdered members for allowing their dearly beloved to serve in the police. “We appreciated the sacrifice you made by borrowing us your loved ones to serve and protect the nation. Their contribution in the safety and security of our country and its communities is appreciated and they will continue to be in our hearts. Your loss is our loss and please remain comforted of the fact that they died in the line of duty and performing their tasks. We love and miss them dearly. Employee Health and Wellness (EHW) services will remain available to you as we understand that at times the load of the pain you continue to carry might become so unbearable to bear,” assured General Masemola.

The wreath-laying ceremony was led by Deputy President Mashatile on behalf of the national government, the Acting Minister of Police, Prof Cachalia on behalf of the Department of Police, while the National Police Commissioner, General Fannie Masemola laid a wreath on behalf of the SAPS, followed by family members. Three helicopters from the SAPS Air Wing performed the fly-past from South to North of the Union Buildings to signal the end of the formal proceedings.

Provincial Breakdown and the Causes of Death of the SAPS Members Who Died in Line of Duty from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

- Eastern Cape - 5
- Free State - 4
- Gauteng - 4
- KwaZulu-Natal - 4
- Limpopo - 3
- Mpumalanga - 2
- Western Cape - 2
- Division Visible Policing and Operations - 3
- Northern Cape - 0
- North West - 0

Summary of Incidents

- 19 shot and killed
- 7 died in vehicle collision
- 1 hit by a blunt object



Deputy President Paul Mashatile flanked by the Acting Minister of Police Prof Firoz Cachalia together with the SAPS leadership, Members of the Portfolio Committee on Policing and various stakeholders, with family members of the 27 police officers who died in line of duty.



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