RELUNCH OF THE
TRT and Tracking Teams

BACK TO BASICS
TOWARDS A SAFER TOMORROW
#CrimeMustFall
The Minister of Police, Mr Fikile Mbalula, released the crime statistics for the 2016/2017 Financial Year in Parliament on 24 October 2017. Statistics showed an increase in crimes reported by the public, accounting for 81.7% of all reported crime. This shows that a strong partnership between the police and the community is able to discourage criminal activity.

The report tables decreases in all four crime categories: contact crimes (-2.4%), contact-related crimes (-3.3%), property-related crimes (-0.5%) and other serious crimes (-2.0%). Contact crimes, where a person is the target of a crime, directly contribute to the public’s feelings of being unsafe. Therefore, the reduction of these crimes, particularly assault with the intent to cause grievous bodily harm (-6.7%), common assault (-5.2%), sexual offences (-4.3%), and common robbery (-1.3%), is a welcomed change.

A more detailed report on the media briefing of the crime statistics and the process followed in compiling the statistics, is available on pages six and seven. While we urge all members of the South African Police Service (SAPS) and the public to acquaint themselves with the content of the crime statistics, a full report is available on the SAPS website.

Though the report shows the decreasing of crime in several categories, much still needs to be done, especially with regard to visible policing, which is known for pro-actively preventing crime from occurring. Already addressing this, the SAPS has deployed hardworking men and women in blue at crime hotspots all over the country to combat the anticipated rise in crime, accompanied by an influx of people in communal areas during the holidays. This year’s annual Safer Festive Season Operation launch was held in at the Seshego Stadium in Polokwane on 13 October 2017 (pp 4 and 5) and will continue well into 2018.

The management of the SAPS extends its gratitude to every police officer and community member who contributed to the fight against crime in the 2016/2017 Financial Year and urges everyone to continue working toward a crime-free country.

Major General Sally de Beer

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ACTING NATIONAL COMMISSIONER’S MESSAGE
LT GEN LJ MOTHIBA

This is again that time of the year when we gear ourselves up for a busy festive season. The festive season is a time when most people take well-deserved time to rest, relax and spend time with their families, but it is unfortunately a time when criminals optimistically increase their criminal activities.

This is exactly why we launch our Safer Festive Season Operations during this time of the year. These operations express loudly and clearly that we will not allow criminals to overshadow us and create fear during this period or beyond it.

The South African Police Service (SAPS) is committed to continuously developing and enhancing strategies, as well as implementing plans to fight crime in collaboration with various stakeholders and law-abiding citizens in South Africa.

These annual festive season operations solidify the SAPS’s commitment to the Constitution as the supreme law of the Republic of South Africa. Our Constitution firmly states that the objectives of the SAPS is to prevent, combat and investigate crime, to maintain public order, and to protect and secure the inhabitants of South Africa and their property, by upholding and enforcing the law.

At this time of the year, we are expecting an increased movement of people into and out of the country due to tourism, holidays, increased activities at places of entertainment, shopping, and migrant workers returning to their homes.

Through the Justice, Crime Prevention and Security cluster, the SAPS has reaffirmed its commitment to achieving the outputs of the Delivery Agreement, which deals with Outcome 3: ‘All people in South Africa are and feel safe’. This will be accomplished by implementing highly visible operational activities in safeguarding the society during the festive season and ensuring overall stability in the country using the six-pillar approach.

During the festive season, we will focus on intelligence-driven and high visibility operations at all hotspot areas. All stakeholders will be actively involved in the planning and execution of crime combating operations for the Safer Festive Season Operations from 13 October 2017 to 31 January 2018.

We assure the community that the members of the SAPS will be out in their numbers upholding their commitment to serve and protect their communities before, during, and after the festive season. All our plans to combat crime will be characterised by centralised operational guidelines and directives with decentralised operational, tactical planning and implementation, Joint Operational Command and Control, and intelligence-driven operations guided by crime pattern and threat analysis.

All role players, including law-abiding citizens, have a role to play in ensuring that criminals are brought to book. Proactive crime prevention strategies will be applied to ensure that communities are and feel safe.

As we get into the full swing of preparing for the festive season, we urge our citizenry, young and old, to join hands with the police in the fight against crime, and to continue reporting any suspected criminal activities or the whereabouts of criminals to the police. It is only when the police and community work together as a collective that we can move toward a crime-free society.

We salute our men and women in blue who will be working around the clock to ensure that all citizens enjoy a safer festive season. They will execute their tasks to serve and protect with pride and dignity, even if it means that they will not be spending time with their families and loved ones, as it is their calling to serve and protect the people of this country.

I am honoured to confirm that the SAPS is ready to serve our communities with commitment and dedication, not only during this festive season, but even beyond it.

MINISTER MBALULA RELAUNCHES TRT AND TRACKING TEAMS

The Minister of Police, Mr Fikile Mbalula, relaunched the South African Police Service (SAPS)’s Tactical Response Team (TRT) and Tracking Team with the aim of preventing and combating crime at hotspots as well as incarcerating fugitives at the SAPS Tshwane Academy on 29 September 2017.

Speaking at the relaunch, Minister Mbalula assured the public that both teams must go after dangerous criminals. “We cannot watch, talk and fold our arms when criminals armed with automatic weapons are roaming the streets. We have chosen our finest, bravest, and highly-skilled men and women in our police service to join these elite units to assist in combating these threats to our lives,” he said.

Minister Mbalula said that, though the TRT would be targeting crime hotspots, it would be visible all over the country. “They (TRT) will be deployed strategically in areas where they are needed. TRT members, I do not want to see you in taverns only. I want to see you everywhere, where criminals think they are in charge. I want to see you on the highways, wherever criminals congest and come together, we must unsettle them,” he said.

The Acting National Commissioner, Lieutenant General Gary Kruser said that serious crimes reported at police stations would be elevated to the TRT members, who were retrained to deal with medium to high risk crime. “Their job is to deal with all our priority crimes, such as hijackings and aggravated robberies. The stations will continue with normal service delivery duties. If the crime is more serious, it will be escalated to the cluster, where the operations command centre will deploy teams to deal with it,” he said.

Minister Mbalula added that he had resuscitated the Tracking Team, which has units countrywide, to augment visible policing and TRT efforts. The team tracks, locates and facilitates the apprehension of perpetrators of crime, especially those involved in serious and violent crimes, such as the killing of police officials.

In concluding the day’s events, Minister Mbalula vehemently warned police officers involved in criminal activities, that they would face the full might of the law. “There will be no mercy on those who undermine the law and the law must be merciless, especially to those who are administering law in South Africa,” he said.
The South African Police Service has laid out its crime combating plan for the busy festive season. The Ministry of Police officially launched the annual Safer Festive Season Operation, which will continue well into January 2018, on 13 October 2017 at the Seshego Stadium in Polokwane, Limpopo.

The Deputy National Commissioner for Policing, Lieutenant General Sehlahle Masemola, handed over the plan for the national Safer Festive Season Operation to the Acting National Commissioner, Lieutenant General Lesetja Mothiba. Lieutenant General Masemola also encouraged cluster and station commanders to work closely with members of the community, traditional authorities, community policing forum (CPF)s, street committees and rural safety structures.

The Deputy Minister of Police, Mr Bongani Mkongi, handed over 100 police vehicles to the Limpopo Provincial Commissioner, Lieutenant General Nneke Ledwaba. The vehicles will be distributed to various police stations to maximise police visibility and enhance service delivery. In his acceptance speech, Lieutenant General Ledwaba urged all the cluster and station commanders to take care of the vehicles and use them to “squeeze the operating space of criminals and disorganise their mission”.

The vehicles were displayed for all to see and various stakeholders, including the Traffic Police and the Department of Health, did a drive past. This was welcomed and appreciated by Limpopo’s MEC of Transport and Community Safety, Mme Nandi Ndalane, the Limpopo Provincial CPF Chairperson, Mr Moope Kgagago, Kgɔshi Kgabo Moloto III and the community.

Lieutenant General Ledwaba also urged commanders to initiate foot and vehicle patrols in problematic areas, including at ATMs, in shopping areas, as well as in farming and rural areas. “Roadblocks should be your daily exercise because I do not want criminals to believe that they can use our roads to do their criminal activities,” he said.
By Col Elna de Beer
Photographs by Capt Piet Smit

The South African Police Service (SAPS)'s collaborative approach to policing, the strategic deployment of limited operational resources and the hard work of police officers on the ground, paid dividends as national crime statistics for the 2016/2017 financial year indicated increases in community-reported crimes and crimes detected as a result of police conduct.

Community-reported crimes, grouped into four broad categories, contact crime, contact-related crime, property-related crime and other serious crime, contributed to 81.7% of the crimes reported, while the four crimes detected as a result of police conduct (illegal possession of firearm and ammunition, drug-related crimes, driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs and sexual offences) contributed (illegal possession of firearm and ammunition, drug-related crimes, driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs and sexual offences) 18.3%.

A decrease of 2.4% was reported in contact crime (crimes where a person is targeted, for example, murder), while a decrease of 3.3% was reported in contact-related crime (arson and malicious damage to property). There were notable decreases in cases of assault with the intent to cause grievous bodily harm (GBH) – 6.7%, sexual offences by 4.3%, common assault by 5.2% and common robbery by 1.3%.

All provinces recorded decreases in assault (GBH), the most notable decrease being in the Free State (-10.8%). Sexual offences, common assault and common robbery decreased in seven provinces. In Limpopo, sexual offences decreased by 12.4%, in the Free State by 11.2% and in the Eastern Cape by 8.5%. Common assault decreased mostly in Limpopo (-14.9%), the Free State (-10.7%) and KwaZulu-Natal (-6%). Common robbery decreased the most in Limpopo (-8.9%), the Free State (-4.9%) and Gauteng (-3.8%).

Despite these gains, much still needs to be done as aggravated robbery increased by 6.4%, while murder increased by 1.8%. However, some provinces recorded decreases in murder, mainly in Limpopo (-9.5%), the Northern Cape (-7.5%) and the Free State (-4.3%).

Trio crimes increased: carjackings by 14.5%, residential robberies by 7.3% and non-residential robbery by 5.0%. Drug-related crime increased by 12.9%, while driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs decreased by 1.5%. Decreases were also reported in property-related crime (0.5%) and other serious crime (2.0%).

Shortly after the release of the crime statistics at a media briefing in Parliament on 24 October 2017, the Minister of Police, Mr Fikile Mbalula, said that although the statistics showed that there had been decreases in some areas, the challenge that the police were facing, was changing the public’s perceptions by making the police’s presence felt – particularly in areas where people felt unsafe.

He said that he was not happy with the crime statistics as they showed that police visibility needed to be improved by having people on the ground day and night. He said it would no longer be ‘business as usual’ as he planned to implement changes in how things were done in the SAPS.

Minister Mbalula thanked the members of the SAPS for their hard work during the past financial year and urged all stakeholders in the policing environment to work hand-in-hand to keep the country safe.
Congratulations to WO Henk Venter of the SAPS’s Graphic Design Section who designed an international award-winning poster for awareness about human trafficking.

The Section Head of Crime Stop, Bureau for Missing Persons, Harmful Occult related Practices, Brig Attie Lamprecht, accompanied the Divisional Commissioner of the Detective Service, Lt Gen Nikomo, to the 38th annual Crime Stoppers International Conference. The conference took place from 15 to 18 October 2017 in Panama.

In July 2017, Brig Lamprecht entered the ‘Not for Sale’ poster and South Africa won the “Special Features” Award at the conference. The competition was fierce and South Africa competed against hundreds of Crime Stop programmes from all over the world.

Brig Lamprecht says that Crime Stop did an informal audit in 2016 to establish who the main role players in South Africa are who assist the authorities in dealing with human trafficking.

It soon became clear that there are a great number of NGOs that deal with human trafficking and many of them perform exactly the same functions, but they do not communicate with one another.

It also became clear that they are doing excellent work and that they have ample information on human trafficking, but are struggling to get the information to the authorities. The NGOs actually assist individuals who were rescued from traffickers and they debrief them. In this way, they obtain loads of valuable information on traffickers and how they operate, while the SAPS does not have access to this information.

All the NGOs complained that the local police stations are not interested and lack understanding of the complexities of trafficking in and smuggling of humans.

Crime Stop then requested TMS to create a dedicated email (steptaflagfficking@saps.gov.za) which is linked directly to the 24-hour Management Information Centre’s nodal point in the Crime Stop Call Centre.

In the meetings that Crime Stop arranged with the various NGOs, they were provided with the steptaflagfficking@saps.gov.za email information and requested to share the information on human trafficking, that they receive from victims.

Crime Stop also set up a direct line of communication with DPCI desks which deal with human trafficking. This eases the flow of information and makes it very effective.

The impact of usable information, which is turned into intelligence, is powerful. The SAPS is undoubtedly becoming more efficient in addressing this unimaginable atrocity against humanity.

The 2017 Tracker/SAPS Awards ceremony took place on 6 October at the ‘Diep in die Berg’ Conference Centre in Pretoria. The annual awards honour the SAPS’s members and units whose efforts, in the use of the Tracker system, have made a significant impact on the recovery of stolen and hijacked vehicles in South Africa.

Individual and unit winners representing all nine provinces, were recognised for their contribution toward the fight against vehicle crime. These finalists were chosen from a group of 90 individual nominees and 40 units nationally. The judges apply a set of strict criteria to select the nominees and overall winners in each category. These criteria include an outstanding contribution in the area of vehicle crime investigation, the number of recoveries and arrests, outstanding efforts in coordinating the recovery of stolen/hijacked vehicles and an outstanding contribution to the training of other members.

An extremely proud Maj Gen CT Sithole of the KwaMhlanga Cluster accepted the overall Tracker/SAPS National Individual Award. Culminating efforts between the KwaMhlanga Cluster and Tracker have ensured that more than 350 vehicles were recovered and a number of criminals were arrested over the past year.

Sgt Dicks of the Port Elizabeth K9 Unit received the highly coveted Tracker/SAPS National Individual Award. Known for his interminable positivity in the face of adversity, Sgt Dicks always tackles vehicle crime head on. He is constantly first in line to assist with the tracking and recovery of stolen and hijacked vehicles and missing persons. He also stays up to date with current trends and shares the knowledge that he has gained, with his team members. His tremendous passion for and dedication to his work, are obvious. This year, Sgt Dicks has tracked 18 stolen or hijacked vehicles and recovered an additional 32 stolen vehicles. He also made 98 arrests this year.

Tracker’s Executive for Operational Services, Ron Knoet-Craig, focused on the significance of the Tracker/SAPS partnership that has now existed for 21 years. He highlighted the theme of the 2017 Awards, which was the importance of reward and recognition. He said that our deepest and often most unfulfilled need, was our need to be appreciated, to receive recognition for the value that we added. He quoted Maya Angelou and reminded guests that people will forget what was said, and they will forget what was done, but they will never forget how they were made to feel.

He expressed his gratitude to SAPS members and said: “We deeply appreciate you and the work that you do to make South Africa a safer place for all its people.”

The Acting National Commissioner, Lt Gen Motlhoa, noted with pride the value of the partnership between Tracker and the SAPS, which has grown from strength to strength over the past 21 years.
Warrant Officer Jay Marian and Sergeant Leroy Boucher demonstrated a high level of integrity and loyalty to the South African Police Service (SAPS) when they refused to take a bribe of R1 million each from an alleged drug dealer, Moses Mncwabe.

Warrant Officer Marian and Sergeant Boucher of the SAPS’s K9 Unit, were patrolling the streets of Pietermaritzburg on 22 September 2017 when they spotted a white Range Rover that was driving with a badly damaged tyre. They stopped the vehicle and approached it cautiously.

“We inspected the vehicle and saw large sums of money lying inside the vehicle. This raised our suspicion. We asked the driver if he had anything to declare and he calmly said: ‘Yes, I have drugs’,” recalled Sergeant Boucher.

The members proceeded to search Mncwabe’s vehicle and found 180 packets of cocaine, 14 jaws of rock cocaine, 330 g of cocaine powder and R99 410 cash. The cocaine’s total street value is estimated at R1,5 million.

Warrant Officer Marian said he and Sergeant Boucher were surprised that Mncwabe had remained calm throughout the incident, despite having been caught with a huge consignment of cocaine and a large amount of cash in his vehicle.

“The suspect said: ‘Come on guys, let’s talk’. We asked him what he meant and he said: ‘I will give you one bar (R1 million) each. I will even sell this car and give you the money’. We were surprised, but we are not those kinds of policemen,” said Warrant Officer Marian.

The two seasoned police officers said that they were not tempted to accept the bribe. They said accepting the bribe would have given Mncwabe control over them, and that they would never allow criminals to have power over them. They said they would not give up putting criminals behind bars for money – not even for millions of rands.

This was not the first time that the duo had been offered bribes. “People have offered us bribes over the years, but we are here to serve and do not entertain corruption,” said the two exemplary policemen.

The Spokesperson of the Mountain Rise Police Station, Captain Gay Ebrahim, said the conduct of the two police officers reflected the pride with which they served the community. “We are proud of our officers. Their moral stance reflects the ethos of what it means to be an excellent police officer,” she said.

The Cluster Commander of uMgungundlovu North, Major General Bongi Sithole, praised the policemen for their honesty and integrity. “They truly are an asset to the organisation and have done this cluster proud,” she said.

At the time of publishing this article, Mncwabe was out on R30 000 bail and scheduled to appear in the Pietermaritzburg Magistrates’ Court on 22 November 2017.

The South African Police Service (SAPS) recently rewarded the loyalty of dedicated police officers who have served the organisation for 10, 20, 30 and 40 years, at a medal parade held at the SAPS K9 Academy in Roodeplaat.

The recipients of the medals were stationed at the SAPS’s Atteridgeville, Rietondale, Moloto, Benoni, Potchefstroom Mounted, Roodeplaat K9, Thabong and Mankwe Training Academies.

In his welcoming address, the Commander of the Roodeplaat K9 Academy, Brigadier Nono Magane, told members on parade that they should celebrate their respective milestones, hard work and the service they had provided, not only to fellow members, but to the public as well.

“The medals you are receiving today, serve as a token of appreciation from the SAPS and they are also a motivation to other members to ensure that they reach at least 40 years of loyal service in the organisation before they retire,” said Brigadier Magane.

While addressing the parade, the Component Head of In-Service Police Development, Major General Hendrick Chauke, told members on parade that the medals they were receiving, meant more than merely amassing a requisite number of years.

“It is not your loyalty in terms of the quantity of years you have served, but your loyalty in terms of the quality service you delivered to the public and the impact you made on the organisation and the country that counts,” he said. Major General Hendrick also assured that the In-Service Training Section would continue shaping and sharpening members’ skills to ensure that they perform their daily duties to the best of their ability.
The South African Police Service (SAPS) held its first Head Office Women’s Network and Men for Change Excellence Awards in Pretoria, to honour and recognise the outstanding efforts of the men and women in blue who went beyond the call of duty by performing selfless acts of kindness that changed the lives of the country’s less fortunate people.

Winners and runners-up were awarded with trophies, certificates and gifts, among other tokens of appreciation. Some of the categories presented were ‘General Worker of the Year’ and ‘Disabled Employee of the Year’. The ‘Best Community Outreach Programme: Team’ award went to the Technology Management Services Division while the ‘Best Community Outreach Programme: Individual’ award went to Mrs Jacobina Phalatse from the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation.

These individuals were recognised for assisting in the following projects:

- Building a three-bedroomed house for Mrs Maphothoma, an elderly woman who resides in Klipgat, North West. During a visit to the area earlier this year, the team discovered that the elderly woman was living in a one-bedroomed shack with her eight grandchildren, who are all orphans. The men and women in blue took it upon themselves to garner funds to not only build the elderly woman a home, but also provide food parcels for her family.
- Building a house for Mr Kekana, a groundsman from KwaMhlanga in Mpumalanga, whose house and all his valuables were destroyed by a fire.
- Adopting Dirang Primary School in Klipgat where the Women’s Network and Men for Change continue to assist learners, mostly from disadvantaged backgrounds, with school uniform and daily necessities. To date, the team has provided 476 pairs of school shoes to the learners.
- Providing food parcels, blankets and other necessities to orphanages and old-age homes nationwide throughout the year.

The beneficiaries in attendance, thanked the members for changing their lives for the better.

In her keynote address the Deputy National Commissioner for Human Resource Management, Lt Gen Bonang Mgwenya, thanked members and encourage them to continue alleviating suffering and maintaining human dignity. Lt Gen Mgwenya is a founding member and champion of the Women’s Network and Men for Change.

“You have executed these tasks with commitment, passion and dedication, over and above your daunting office or policing duties. You went beyond the call of duty to uplift disadvantaged members of the community, especially women and children. We congratulate and appreciate each and every nominee and award winner. We trust that you will aspire to reach even greater heights in the years to come. In the process you will be role models to those around you and inspire them to also make a difference in the lives of those who need it the most,” said Lieutenant General Mgwenya.

The Women’s Network and Men for Change was established for the sole purpose of championing the rights of the most vulnerable groups in society. Since its inception, the structure has played a pivotal role in aligning itself with community building projects and fighting gender-based crimes with a strong focus on moral regeneration and ensuring that the SAPS uplifts the communities that they serve and protect.

The Women’s Network and Men for Change thanked the business community for continuously supporting them with donations, to ensure that the SAPS continues to assist and uplift society.
A will is a legal document that states your wishes that are to be executed when you pass away. Having a will gives you the comfort of knowing that the rewards of your life’s work will be distributed and managed according to your wishes.

A will also ensures that your wishes are carried out efficiently and legally. It also protects your children when you are no longer there, by ensuring that they are taken care of.

A professionally drafted will can ensure that your will is valid by complying with all the legal requirements in the Wills Act, 1953 (Act no 7 of 1953).

Requirements for a valid will:
- Any person over the age of 16 years who is of sound mind is, by law, allowed to draw up a will.
- A competent executor must be nominated.
- A trustee or trustees must be nominated.
- A guardian for minor children must be nominated.
- A fully completed will must be signed and dated in the presence of two witnesses.
- Both witnesses must be over the age of 14 and must be competent enough to give evidence in a court of law.

Good practice suggests that you should review your will regularly and at least when significant changes, such as marriage, divorce, birth of children, occur in your life.

What could happen to your estate if you die without a will? If you die without leaving a valid will, your assets will be distributed according to the provisions of the Intestate Succession Act, 1977 (Act no 81 of 1977). These provisions are generally fair and ensure that your possessions are transferred to your spouse and children and, if applicable, to your siblings, parents and, if required, to extended family in terms of the degrees of relationships.

The following problems may arise if you die without leaving a will:
- Your assets may not be left with the person you would have wanted to have left them with.
- It can take a long time to have an executor appointed.
- The executor appointed, may be somebody you may not have chosen yourself.
- There could be additional, unnecessary costs.
- There could be unhappiness and conflict among the members of your family because there are no clear instructions on how to distribute your assets.

To avoid a situation where your loved ones suffer unnecessarily, you are encouraged to prepare and have a valid will.

Should you need more information with regard to a will, please contact the Financial Management Desk at 079 880 5966 or masenyar@saps.gov.za, or call the Social Work Services’ standby number at 082 301 2138 or any social worker in your province or division.

References: https://willing.com/resources/the-legal-requirements-of-a-will.html

If there’s a will I want to be in it.

Consumers: life/attorneys to draft free wills during National will week
By Capt Gugu Phiri

The Deputy National Commissioner for Human Resource Management in the South African Police Service (SAPS), Lieutenant General Bonang Mgwenya, spoke out against violence and urged Grade 12 learners to remain focused on their final exams. She spoke at the Maviljan Circuit Grade 12 Annual Motivational Session held in Bushbuckridge, Mpumalanga.

Lieutenant General Mgwenya condemned the scourge of violence against women and children during her visit to the Sediba Sa Thuto Primary School on 10 October 2017. This came after a recent incident where a female teacher was gunned down by her partner in front of her Grade Two learners at the school.

“In August, at a two-day Action Indaba, the Minister of Police, Mr Fikile Mbalula, instructed us to prioritise crimes against women and children, such as sexual offences, femicide and infanticide, as they are a threat to the security of society,” she said.

Lieutenant General Mgwenya added that the Minister’s Six-point Plan launched at the Indaba, would help guide the police on how to support victims of gender-based violence. She was accompanied by psychologists who provided further psycho-social services to learners and educators at the school.

The following day, 11 October 2017, Lieutenant General Mgwenya delivered a motivational speech to about 800 matric pupils from eight different schools at the Maviljan Community Hall. She urged them to use every opportunity available to them so that they could realise their dreams and become responsible citizens.

“Our heartfelt support is extended to the class of 2017 as you prepare for your final examinations. We are confident that, through hard work and preparation, you will achieve great results. We can stand before you, preach to and motivate you, but it’s not going to work unless you commit yourselves and take responsibility for your studies. We are only here to guide you. An investment in knowledge pays the best dividends,” said Lieutenant General Mgwenya.

She also told students about the debilitating dangers of alcohol and drug abuse, and urged them to never be tempted to even try them.

Lieutenant General Mgwenya concluded by assuring learners that the SAPS would support them in every way possible. As such, the SAPS’s Women’s Network donated sanitary pads to all female learners, as it is common knowledge that a lack of sanitary pads keeps a number of girls away from school.

Members of the SAPS, the Department of Education, the Department of Social Development, the Department of Education, the Bushbuckridge Local Municipality, the SA National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, community leaders, parents, religious groups’ representatives, civil society organisations and several other entities, were part of the visit to Bushbuckridge.

These entities formed part of a panel that sought to discuss pertinent issues affecting the progress of learners, such as substance abuse and physical abuse, with learners. There was also an awards ceremony where the top ten learners who achieved good results in the preliminary exams, were given certificates and goodie bags to appreciate their good work.
DEDICATED MEMBERS RECEIVED MEDALS
By Lt Col Amanda Funani
Photographs by Intern Siphokuhle Mpomane

SAPS MEMBERS URGED TO DISCLOSE FINANCIAL INTERESTS
By Capt Kgabo Mashamaite

The South African Police Service (SAPS)’s Integrity Management Services reminds all MMS employees and all (level one to 10) members performing duties in the financial and supply chain management environments, to disclose their financial interests annually.

Chapter 2 of the Public Service Regulations of 2016 obliges public servants, including SAPS employees, to disclose their financial interests. It is compulsory for officials to submit disclosures through the Department of Public Service Administration’s electronic disclosure system (e-Disclosure).

The following information must be disclosed by the relevant officials:
- Shares
- Loans
- Income generating assets
- Directorships and partnerships
- Remunerative work outside the SAPS
- Consultancies, retainers, sponsorships
- Gifts and hospitality
- Ownership of land, property and vehicles
- Any other form of financial interests.

This process is aimed at identifying and managing conflicts of interest, as well as promoting an open and accountable government, as stipulated in Section 195 (1) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996.

Brigadier Hercules Wasserman, the Section Head for Integrity Management Services, says that 351 disclosures from MMS level employees were still outstanding by the prescribed deadline. However, he appreciated the 1 931 MMS level employees who submitted theirs on time and urges others to do the same. Submissions for finance and supply chain management environments are still ongoing.

Non-compliance will be dealt with in terms of the Public Services Regulations, 2016 and SAPS Disciplinary Regulations, 2016, which stipulate that any designated employee who fails to disclose his/her financial interests or willfully provides incorrect or misleading information, is guilty of misconduct.

It should be noted that the e-Disclosure process is a legal requirement and that, in going forward, all SAPS employees will be required to disclose their financial interests annually.

Access to the e-Disclosure system can be obtained at the following web address: http://www.dpsa.gov.za/edisclosure.php. Please note that the system can only be accessed through SAPS LAN or VPN (3G) connection. Access is not possible from a tablet, cell phone or on a non-governmental network system.

For more information or assistance, you may contact the SAPS’s Ethics Officers: Brigadier Hercules Wasserman at 012 393 7107, Colonel Thulani Mbongo at 012 393 7288 or Colonel Trevor Hoys at 012 393 7088.

Doing the right thing when nobody is watching you

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To celebrate and honour South African Police Service officers who have served the community with pride for decades, the Provincial Commissioner of the North West, Lieutenant General Baile Motswenyane, hosted a medal parade at which the Deputy National Commissioner for Human Resource Management, Lieutenant General Bonang Mgwenya, was the functionary. The event took place on 26 October 2017 at the Brits Sports Complex.

The 30 years’ loyal service and centenary medals were handed to 72 police officers who loyally served the organisation. The province’s Deputy Provincial Commissioners, Cluster Commanders, Provincial Heads, Station Commanders, medal recipients’ family members, as well as representatives of sponsors such as Sanlam, Liberty, Polmed and Old Mutual, were in attendance.

Lieutenant General Motswenyane thanked the medal recipients for dedicating their lives to fighting crime and protecting the community. She said she appreciated such events because they allowed the families of SAPS members to bear witness to and appreciate their family members’ hard work.

In her keynote address, Lieutenant General Mgwenya lauded the medal recipients for their dedication and hard work. “We honour the men and women who have served this organisation with distinction. These men and women have put their lives at risk for as long as 30 years, to protect the people of this country,” she said.

Lieutenant General Mgwenya further said that it was members such as the medal recipients who made her proud to be part of the SAPS and urged the members to continue serving the organisation with pride and determination.
NW HOSTS THE ANDREW KELEHE HALF MARATHON

By Lt Col Amanda Funani
Photographs by Intern Siphokuhle Mpomane

The police and local athletes gathered to participate in the South African Police Service (SAPS)’s National Marathon Championship that was hosted, for the first time, by North West Province in Rustenburg from 12 to 14 October 2017. Police officials also took time to extend a helping hand to people in need.

The 2017 marathon was dubbed the ‘Andrew Kelehe Half Marathon’, in honour of all former Comrades Marathon winners. Andrew’s brother, Warrant Officer Gift Kelehe, is stationed in Mahikeng. On 13 October, the day prior to the competition, the runners took time from their training and went to Mowase, a nearby town, to donate groceries worth R2 500 to a struggling family and R5 500 cash to the St Catherine’s Hospice.

Over 200 runners, comprising police officials from all nine provinces and Head Office as well as local athletic clubs, participated in the marathon on 14 October 2017 at Olympia Park Stadium. The half marathon was 21.1 km, although runners could also participate in a 5 km fun walk/run.

The championship was concluded with a gala dinner held that evening. In his address, the Rustenburg Cluster Commander, Major General Arthur Adams, representing the Provincial Commissioner in the North West, Lieutenant General Baile Motswenyane, thanked the Provincial Commissioner for hosting the marathon and lauded the runners as “disciplined, tolerant and humble”.

The following members were the winners:

**Male category**
- 1st place: Duduzile Zulu (Gauteng)
- 2nd place: Seabelo Lettie (Gauteng)
- 3rd place: Marie Louw (Western Cape)

**Female category**
- 1st place: Catherine’s Hospice.
- 2nd place: Marie Louw (Western Cape)
- 3rd place: Catherine’s Hospice.

The winners were presented with Provincial Commendation Certificates and a cash prize of R15 000. The championship was sponsored by Viva Fitness.

Please help us locate them...

MISSING PERSONS

- **Tshepo Mamogobo**
  - (16) Male
  - Last seen: 2017-09-11
  - The missing person left home and has not been seen since. He was wearing a black t-shirt, blue trousers and black sport shoes.

- **Ki Era Man Carthy**
  - (17) Female
  - Last seen: 2017-08-15
  - The missing person left home and has not been seen since. She was wearing a white jersey, a white dress and pink pumps.

- **Shile Mbatha**
  - (18) Male
  - Last seen: 2017-09-18
  - The missing person was last seen by his father.

- **Sipho Steven Letswalalo**
  - (19) Male
  - Last seen: 2017-09-05
  - The missing person left home and has not been seen since. He was wearing a black t-shirt and black trousers.

- **Dean Jaftha**
  - (20) Male
  - Last seen: 2017-05-17
  - The missing person left home in a grey VW Polo and the vehicle was found in Akasia. He was wearing blue trousers, a grey jersey and grey sport shoes.

- **Sikhumbuzo MAMA**
  - (34) Female
  - Last seen: 2017-08-15
  - The missing person was last seen by her friend.

- **Ramadimetja Sophie Monama**
  - (35) Male
  - Last seen: 2017-09-11
  - The missing person left home and has not been seen since. He was wearing grey trousers, a black t-shirt and brown shoes.

- **Rocky Mikelwa**
  - (71) Male
  - Last seen: 2017-09-01
  - The missing person left home and has not been seen since. He was wearing black trousers and a green t-shirt.

- **Deon Jaftha**
  - (20) Male
  - Last seen: 2017-05-17
  - The missing person left home in a grey VW Polo and the vehicle was found in Akasia. He was wearing blue trousers, a grey jersey and grey sport shoes.

- **Eldred Mosele**
  - (44) Female
  - Last seen: 2017-09-10
  - The missing person left home and has not been seen since. She was wearing a white t-shirt, grey shorts and blue slippers.

- **William Mothibabe**
  - (45) Male
  - Last seen: 2017-09-18
  - The missing person left home and has not been seen since. He was wearing a maroon t-shirt, grey shorts and blue slippers.

- **Siphelele Dlamini**
  - (46) Male
  - Last seen: 2017-09-05
  - The missing person left home and has not been seen since. He was wearing a red t-shirt, black trousers and black shoes.

- **Catherine’s Hospice**
  - (50) Female
  - Last seen: 2017-08-15
  - The missing person left home and has not been seen since. She was wearing a white t-shirt, grey shorts and blue slippers.

- **Shirena Mothibabe**
  - (51) Female
  - Last seen: 2017-09-01
  - The missing person left home and has not been seen since. She was wearing a white t-shirt, grey shorts and blue slippers.

- **Lebohang Mophela**
  - (52) Male
  - Last seen: 2017-09-01
  - The missing person left home and has not been seen since. He was wearing a black t-shirt, black trousers and brown shoes.

- **Boysens 2167/9/2017**
  - Investigating Officer: Const MJ Madubye
  - Tel: 011 617 3600

- **Boysens 2187/9/2017**
  - Investigating Officer: WO LJ Chabedi
  - Tel: 011 213 8000

- **Edenpark 3/9/2017**
  - Investigating Officer: WO CDT Erasmus
  - Tel: 011 439 1855

- **Katlehong 1874/9/2017**
  - Investigating Officer: Const MJ Madubye
  - Tel: 011 617 3600

- **Eersterust 1164/5/2017**
  - Investigating Officer: WO LJ Chabedi
  - Tel: 011 213 8000

- **Booysens 383/9/2017**
  - Investigating Officer: Const MJ Madubye
  - Tel: 011 617 3600

- **Evaton 10/9/2017**
  - Investigating Officer: WO ML Mofokeng
  - Tel: 016 596 1044

- **Sikhole 1874/9/2017**
  - Investigating Officer: Const MJ Madubye
  - Tel: 011 617 3600

Please help us locate them...
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.

**WANTED PERSONS**

- **Rape**
  - AKHONA VINCENT MABENGU
  - Investigating Officer: WO WS Madisha
  - 011 457 2299
  - 071 358 7091

- **Theft**
  - SHERMARLO THASUN
  - Investigating Officer: Sgt E Michaels
  - 028 514 8360
  - 076 931 7554

- **Housebreaking**
  - MADODA MONGEZI MQWATHI
  - Investigating Officer: Sgt Y Van Der Merwe
  - 021 933 9000
  - 083 763 4522

- **Dealing in illegal substance**
  - ABORKOR IBRAHIM BAKAI
  - Investigating Officer: WO S Malapane
  - 013 934 4130
  - 076 666 0444

- **Child pornography and sexual assault**
  - GIDEON JOHANNES NIEBÄBER
  - Investigating Officer: Sgt C Van Zyl
  - 021 592 7092
  - 082 522 1095

- **Murder**
  - QOLO JOSEPH KHNZE
  - Investigating Officer: Sgt SP Mkhwanazi
  - 017 819 2321
  - 083 983 4581

- **Dealing in illegal substance**
  - DAHIR XASSAN MAHAMMED
  - Investigating Officer: WO WS Madisha
  - 011 457 2299
  - 071 358 7091

- **Child neglect**
  - UNKNWON
  - Investigating Officer: Sgt SP Mkhwanazi
  - 017 819 2321
  - 083 983 4581

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