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The SAPS pays tribute to members who lost their lives in the line of duty between the period 1 May 2014 to 31 May 2014 and whose cases have been finalised.

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0490449-4	Lt Col	Manxusa TW 	PC North West	2014-05-02	MVA*
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7190603-7	Const	Kganyago MJ 	Thabazimbi, Limpopo	2014-05-28	MVA*

*(Motor vehicle accident)

Life is eternal, and love is immortal,
and death is only a horizon;
and a horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight.

- Rossiter Worthington Raymond

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Brig Tummi Masondo

Editorial

On 16 June 1976, the youth of South Africa protested against the use of Afrikaans as the medium of instruction. On this day, police officers killed many of the youth in an unforgettable, incident.

Today's policing is carried out in a professional and democratic way, and this transformation has protection and security of not only the vulnerable, but all citizens, as its goals. It is now an organisation that also celebrates its 10-year anniversary of being declared a Service and no longer a Force in a democratic South Africa.

The SAPS is proud to be among numerous public and private institutions that partake in youth month activities such as drug awareness campaigns, youth against crime, youth against rape, and many other campaigns initiated by the SAPS Gender Desks, the Women's Network and Men for Change.

"We are grateful to participate in such successful events to inspire our youth of high school-going age to enlist with the SAPS in future," said Gen Riah Phiyega at the 'Take a Girl Child to work' project at the SAPS Tshwane Academy.

In the current dispensation, most of our country's youth are seen to be engaging in educational debates with politicians, former heads of state and professors at universities over key topics such as the South African economy and technology. These government initiatives have exposed learners to the specialised units of the SAPS that they were not aware of previously. Many of the learners were mesmerised to

learn that the SAPS offers careers of speciality such as Forensics, Journalism, and Architecture, This exposure has given learners a reason to consider policing as a career of choice.

The SAPS continues to educate the youth on the illegal use and dangers of substance abuse, the commission of contact crimes and the repercussions should one do so. The Women's Network and Men for Change are hard at work educating the youth about the dangers of being involved in criminal activities. All these exercises highlight the commitment of the SAPS towards the future of our youth in a democratic South Africa. As law enforcers, we have this commitment and our Constitutional obligation of providing a safe and secure environment for the citizens of this country.

Many studies around the world prove that in criminal behavior, violence does not come naturally to the perpetrators by virtue of their youth, skin colour, gender, or nationality. However, fortunately not every boy or girl joins a gang or engages in violent behaviour. Many remain in school, raise families and try to provide for them, representing a different image of manhood than that of the delinquents. Economic distress has been identified as a predisposing condition for societies that become overrun with conflict and violence.

Lastly, as part of the management of the SAPS, let us commend the members who are committed to the core in curbing the scourge of crime in this country with diligence.

"No one is born a good citizen; no nation is born a democracy. Rather, both are processes that continue to evolve over a lifetime. Young people must be included from birth. A society that cuts off from its youth severs its lifeline." Kofi Annan

Enjoy the read!



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Gen Riah Phiyega

Message from the National Commissioner of Police

On Sunday, 25 May 2014, the President of the Republic of South Africa, President Jacob Zuma, announced the members of the National Executive, who have been tasked

with improving and speeding up the implementation of our country's progressive policies and programmes.

Minister Nkosinathi Nhleko has been appointed as the Minister of Police and Deputy Minister Maggie Sotyu remains as the Deputy Minister of Police.

As National Commissioner, it is my honour, on behalf of all SAPS employees, to welcome the honourable Minister Nhleko into the

family in blue and to congratulate him on the appointment. We, the men and women of the SAPS, commit ourselves to remain loyal and dedicated to fulfilling our Constitutional remit to serve and protect the citizens of this country and visitors to our shores. We will give the Minister our wholehearted support.

Let us also congratulate the Deputy Minister, Ms Sotyu, on retaining her position, undoubtedly a compliment to her passionate leadership in that role. Deputy Minister, we look forward to continue our close working relationship with you.

We offer our most sincere best wishes and thanks to Minister Nathi Mthethwa and thank him for his tireless efforts to ensure that the people of South Africa are and feel safe. We wish him all the best in his new portfolio as the Minister of Arts and Culture.

Minister of Police Mr NPT Nhleko



Minister Nkosinathi Nhleko was appointed as the Minister of Police on Sunday, 25 May 2014.

Minister Nhleko's commitment to serve the country began at an early age as a student and political activist, a trade unionist and later as an ANC MP. His professional career includes serving as the head of the Special Anti-Corruption Unit in the Department of Public Service and Administration, and as Deputy Municipal Manager for uMhlathuze Municipality. He is the former Regional Commissioner of the Department of Correctional Services in KwaZulu-Natal, and served as a Member of Parliament (MP) from 1994 to 2005.

The Minister was previously appointed Director General in the Department of Labour in 2011. As an MP, he served in various capacities, including as Chairperson of the ad-hoc Committee on Funding of Represented Political Parties, Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Public Service and Administration, Chairperson of the ANC Caucus, ANC Chief Whip and as a member of the Judicial Services Commission.

Minister Nhleko holds a diploma in Labour Law from the Graduate Institute of Management and Technology. He also has a Master's degree in Leadership and Change Management.

The South African Police Service (SAPS) is optimistic that Minister Nhleko will lead the SAPS to greater heights in its effort to become a trusted and effective crime-fighting organisation. We believe that the people of South Africa share our optimism.

We, the SAPS family, welcome Minister Nhleko into our midst, and assure him of our support and commitment to his vision for the future of the Police.

Dep Minister of Police Ms MM Sotyu



The SAPS is well-pleased that our Deputy Minister, Ms Makhotso Magdeline Sotyu, has been retained as our Deputy Minister. This reappointment is undoubtedly a vote of confidence in the Deputy Minister of Police and her support of the new Minister of Police in transforming the SAPS into a professional, caring and trusted organisation.

With her vast experience and passion for the SAPS and its employees, the Deputy Minister will actively support the Minister in his critical mandate of ensuring that everyone in South Africa is and feels safe.

Deputy Minister Sotyu was appointed in her current position on 1 November 2010. Prior to her appointment, the Deputy Minister was the Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Safety and Security for ten years.

The Deputy Minister of Police holds a Diploma in Economic Policy (University of the Western Cape) and a Certificate in Sustainable Development Challenges and Opportunities from the Malawi Institute of Management in Lilongwe.

We, the men and women in blue, consider ourselves fortunate to have such powerful leaders for our team. Together we will embrace and implement the SAPS's values, and through our conduct and achievements, we will make our nation proud of the SAPS.



SAPS urges youth to take part in the Fight against Crime

Article by Lt Vincent Mukhathi

Youth Day is celebrated annually on 16 June in memory of the young people who, on that day in 1976, stood up against injustice and inequality and paid the highest price for what they believed in.

This year marked the 38th anniversary of the 1976 student uprising in Soweto, when young people protested against the imposition of Afrikaans as the medium of instruction by the apartheid government. The uprising ended tragically with hundreds of young people being brutally killed. Presently we commemorate the entire month of June as Youth Month.

In line with the preamble of the Constitution, this day is undoubtedly a tribute to the youth who fought and suffered for justice and freedom in our country. Youth Day though, is not only about the past, but very much about today and the future. It is a celebration of our Constitution and the values, rights and freedom that we enjoy today.

The Head of the SAPS Corporate Communication Division, Lt



Gen Solomon Makgale, said that the SAPS is committed to working with the youth and various structures in the fight against crime. He added that earlier this year, the Deputy Minister of Police, Ms Makhotso Maggie Soty and the National Commissioner, Gen Riah Phiyega, launched the SAPS Community Outreach Programme in Botshabelo in the Free State to rally communities, especially the youth, to join in crime prevention initiatives. One of the objectives of the outreach programme is to mobilise young people in communities and in schools to stand up against crime as they are increasingly affected by crime, as victims, witnesses or even perpetrators.

“As we commemorate Youth Month and Child Protection Week, and as we also celebrate 20 years of democracy, we recognise that the struggles of young people today have changed. While the youth of 1976 fought for freedom and the creation of a democratic state, today’s youth is struggling with poverty, unemployment, HIV/AIDS, drug abuse, alcoholism as well as personal development,” said Lt Gen Makgale.

He further alluded that unemployment, drug and alcohol abuse are some of the contributing factors to the youth being involved in crime. He highlighted that it is our duty as the SAPS, to remain

dedicated to introducing projects and forming partnerships with other stakeholders to ensure that young people do not find themselves on the wrong side of the law. He also urged members to support all programmes uplifting the youth during Youth Month.

Furthermore, Youth Day is a day for the current generation of young people to reflect on the past and also build for the collective future. It is a tribute to everyone who pursued - and those who are continuing to build - a just and democratic society. It is about a future for which the youth, as much as everybody else, is responsible for today.



The National Commissioner launches the first Grooming Camp in Philippi

Article by Lt Col Norman Joseph
Photograph by Capt Piet Smit



The candidates who did a short exercise for Lt Gen Christabel Nobubele Mbekela.

The National Commissioner of the South African Police Service, General Riah Phiyega, launched the first grooming camp at the Philippi SAPS Academy in the Western Cape.

She addressed more than 700 candidates, who will be in the two-week camp, at the academy on Sunday, 29 June 2014. There will be 471 candidates at the Philippi SAPS Academy and 291 at the Bishop Lavis SAPS Academy.

She said that communities would see a new generation of police members who “will be professional, respected, ethical, moral, sincere, dedicated and possessing integrity” and that there would be an increase in

partnerships with communities and other role players in “this community-based recruitment”.

She said: “We have a good story to tell. Through this grooming camp, we want to select those who have the DNA to join the SAPS. We want police officers with high standards.”

The General said that “the cream of the crop” would be selected. It would be a community-orientated process to avoid corruption and nepotism. The go-ahead from local CPFs and religious leaders, who will be consulted before the final selection, will be given.

She told them that their names would be published in local newspapers so that communities

would be able to comment. Gen Phiyega said: “Never again will any person with a criminal record enter the SAPS, and nobody will enter through corrupt means.” Earlier, the Provincial Commissioner of the Western Cape, Lt Gen Arno Lamoer, told the audience that “policing is not for the faint-hearted. We need members who are professional and prepared to work at any time. Remember that the criminals have a 24/7 job. They can plan to rape a baby or 88-year-old woman at any time. This grooming camp is necessary so that we can ensure that we do not take on criminals. It takes a special person to wear this blue uniform.”

Deputy National Commissioner, Lt Gen Christabel Nobubele

Mbekela, said that the grooming camp was the first of its kind in the Western Cape and covered various modules, such as knowing the K53 road signs to test the individual’s driving proficiency, professional conduct, discipline, patriotic behaviour, health and other topics.

One of the candidates, Yolula Beja, who is the leader of Platoon 12, told the audience that it was the first time he had to wake up at 04:00 in the morning and eat breakfast before 06:00.

“But I am proud to be part of the camp where we are groomed to be professional police officers.”

K9 Humansdorp

Article and photographs by WO Gerda Swart

Fighting crime in the Humansdorp Cluster starts with these dedicated men in blue and their courageous canine colleagues. Sgt Logan Diedericks, his partner Breston, Const Vincent Upton and his partner Ratis are a dedicated team responsible for safeguarding the community in the Humansdorp Cluster. The members and their canine colleagues form part of K9 Humansdorp, which was established in 2008.

The team of four has been working together since 2012 and they enjoy being part of one of the elite units in the South African Police Service. Breston is a seven-year-old Belgian Shepherd and is a very committed patrol dog. Ratis is turning five this year and he is a German Shepherd. He assists Const Vincent Upton when they are on patrol. Since January 2014, the team has made several arrests in various serious categories and they are determined to continue to fight crime effectively in their policing area.

In January 2014, the team responded within minutes to a residential burglary on a farm in Thornhill in the Eastern Cape. With the assistance of the local police, Sgt Tania Serfontein and her colleague, R/Const Wayne



Sgt Logan Diedericks and Breston.



Const Vincent Upton and Ratis searching for suspects.

van der Riet, the team headed into the bushes in search of the suspects. To the amazement of the complainant, the members returned that very evening with the stolen property, worth over R80 000,00, which the two culprits had dropped in their haste to get away from the police. As it was past midnight and the area was extremely dark, the team returned early the next morning and continued with their search. It was not very long after the team had started, that they successfully tracked the two men to their hideout and arrested them in the Gamtoos area.

In May 2014, the members were on patrol on the N2 when they were informed of a vehicle that had been stolen in the Jeffreys Bay policing area. As the members knew the area very well, they immediately



Sharing their love for each other.

drove towards the R102. As the members travelled in the direction of Thornhill, they noticed the suspected stolen vehicle and gave chase. Within 25 minutes after the vehicle had been reported stolen, it was successfully recovered and one suspect was arrested on a charge of vehicle theft.

In June 2014, while on patrol, the members were informed of a vehicle that was being driven recklessly on the N2. The members decided to follow up on their suspicions and a chase ensued after the driver did not stop after hearing the police

siren. The members chased the suspect into a remote area and the suspect managed to evade the police by climbing into the roof of a nearby home after he had left the car on the side of the road. Breston and Ratis did not wait on their masters' call, tracked the scent of the suspect and started scratching and barking underneath the entrance to the roof. Const Vincent Upton had the privilege of climbing to the top and removing the suspect from his hideout. Yet again, the team of four did not wait for backup and continued to serve and protect.

SAPS closing in on criminal underworld

By Lt Kgabo Mashamaite
Photographs by WO Tinyiko Mathebula

A multidisciplinary task team, created solely to investigate and solve complex criminal cases, made a breakthrough when they arrested a 32-year-old Bulgarian national (believed to have links to a criminal underworld mastermind) and a Czech fugitive, Radovan Krejcir, at a packed Benoni Client Service Centre (CSC) on 9 June 2014.

The 32-year-old male, who is the alleged underworld kingpin's right-hand man and an accountant, is believed to have played a major role in a web of killings, conspiracies to commit murder, drug dealing, as well as money laundering cases that the suspect, Krejcir, and 11 other co-accused, are being tried in the South Gauteng High Court sitting in the Palm Ridge Magistrates' Court.

The suspect was previously arrested on two separate counts of fraud and was later released on R5 000,00 and R25 000,00 bail respectively. He was subsequently ordered, by his bail conditions, to sign in at the Benoni CSC, which is where the task team arrested him. After the arrest, the task team proceeded to the suspect's apartment, which is a stone's throw away from the police station, to inform his wife about his arrest and to afford him the opportunity to get his medication and some clothes. During a routine check, the task team discovered a vehicle used by the suspect with two cellular phones locked inside which they seized for further forensic analysis.

Commenting after the accountant's arrest, Lt Gen



Multi-Disciplinary task team pounce on the arrested a 32 year-old Bulgarian national believed to have links to a criminal underworld mastermind and a Czech fugitive Radovan Krejcir on 9 June 2014 at the packed Benoni Client Service Centre.

Solomon Makgale said:

"The police believe that the suspect was Krejcir's right-hand man, knew the ins and outs and had a hand in all of Krejcir's alleged criminal activities. We also believe that he also paid those in Krejcir's pocket in cash. We are pleased with investigations so far as the specialised team has been working very hard. They have travelled all over the country to pursue this case, but it is not over yet as they will continue digging until we are satisfied with the outcome. As most of the investigations are at an advanced stage, we can say with absolute confidence that more charges are going to be brought against Krejcir and those around him, who have been engaging in criminal activities. There is also a possibility of an increased number of cases against the group as well as more arrests being made as the investigating officers are following various leads".

Trail of crimes

Among the above cases, the accused are currently being tried for the kidnapping and murder of Phumlani Ncube, alleged to be Krejcir's debt collector. He is said to have been murdered for not returning with the payment for a R50 000,00 consignment of Krugerrands. His bullet-riddled body was later found in Heidelberg.

Secondly, the murder case of Sam Issa, an alleged drug trafficker who allegedly had a business connection to Krejcir is currently not on the court roll as the investigation is still ongoing.

Thirdly, a case of conspiracy to murder a forensic investigating officer Paul O'Sullivan and Col Nkosana Ximba, is currently on the Alexandra Magistrates' Court roll.

Lastly, the kidnapping of Bheki Lukhele from Katilehong. Lukhele was allegedly bound,

blindfolded, assaulted and had boiling water poured all over him by Krejcir in a bid for him to reveal the whereabouts of his brother, Doctor, who allegedly disappeared with 25 kg of tik (methamphetamine) which he allegedly had been tasked to transport to Australia.

As the investigation is still ongoing, there is a greater possibility of more charges being added before this article went to print.



Some of the articles recovered during the arrest of the 32 year-old Bulgarian national believed to have been a Czech fugitive Radovan Krejcir's accountant found hidden in the vehicle at his residence.

Girls encouraged to “Dream, Believe and Achieve”

Article by Lt Col Erica Holtzhausen
Photographs by WO Theo van Wyk

On 26 May 2014 a group of approximately 90 girls from various schools in Gauteng gathered at the SAPS Tshwane Academy for the Cell C Take-a-girl child-to-work campaign.

This Cell C initiative which started in 2003, targets learners of grade 10 to 12 with the aim of revealing the world of work and the wide range of career opportunities available to them in the public service and the business world.

The National Commissioner of the South African Police Service, General MV Phiyega led the SAPS' participation in the 2014 campaign. This campaign marketed the SAPS as an employer of choice and the girls also had an opportunity of interacting with female leaders in the SAPS.

General Phiyega said: “We are here to coach and lead you on the way to successful careers. However, it is up to you to pursue your destiny. The choices you make in life are the markers of your integrity.”

“Today you will see an expose of careers that you did not even know existed and I am encouraging you to grab life's opportunities with both hands. I have a tool-kit that you can use to become the best woman you can be:

- Become a nurturer. Show compassion and love. Embrace your natural womanly ability to nurture throughout life.
- Education is your shield for life. You can become anything you want to be through hard work and

You may blame other people or circumstances for what you are today, but you cannot escape the responsibility to create the quality of your own character. You are truthful or deceitful, you are moral or immoral, you live according to the truth or you are a fabricator because that is what you have chosen to be. You may say that circumstances forced you to be a deceiver, but the final choice between honesty and untruthfulness is yours. Only yours.

dedication.

- Know yourself and believe in yourself.
- Be accountable. You are not a law unto yourself. Face the results of your actions.
- Earn respect and show respect.
- Your choices – and only your choices - get you to your destination. There is a time for everything and you will have to tame your hormones in order to focus on your destination.
- The bedroom and the boardroom are used for very different things – do not get them mixed up.
- Bury the “can not’s” and say “I can” to the things that you feel very strongly about.
- You can try and perhaps fail, but never fail to try.

The recipe for success is hard work X 3, tenacity, perseverance and no fear for failure.”



The mobile career centre travels to schools and other learning institutions to introduce the more than 200 careers that SAPS offers. Lt Phenyia, Lt Col Toto, Col Stoltz and Lt Col Sefoloshe are members who introduce SAPS as an employer of choice.

Several female leaders in SAPS also gave pointers to the young ladies and encouraged them to strive to be good people while they were working towards their future. They were encouraged to think carefully about everything they say and do, because it all has consequences. The social media was mentioned as one place that people hurt and ‘diss’ other people. Once again the

important word is respect. If you would not like it done to you, do not do it to another.

The girls were also urged to have a healthy attitude to competition. Jealous and hateful competition always has negative results. It is better to be in competition with yourself and outdo your own personal best.



The Forensic Development Facilitation Biology Subsection (DNA extraction) exhibited at the campaign. WO TC Motsoeheng explained some DNA procedures to Jessica Pebermann, Miceala Sorajbillie and Mishira Sooknandan.

Good workmanship earns officers kudos

Article by WO Percy Sepaela

The Monetary and Non-monetary Committee of the SAPS granted an award of R25 000,00 each and a certificate of commendation from the Police Ministry, to two police officers from the Pietermaritzburg Search-and-Rescue Unit money for their incredible work ethic.

Warrant Officers Ian Cowley and Michael Bennett saved a 14-year-old boy from drowning in a river in Dorpspruit, Pietermaritzburg.

It was a usual Thursday afternoon after completing a day's work in the province of KwaZulu-Natal when the duo responded to a distress call on the SAP radio about a “drowning” that was in progress.

According to witnesses, a naked boy was standing on the river banks ready to commit suicide while the ER24 ambulance personnel were talking to him and persuading him to abandon his plan. He ignored them, ran upstream and jumped into the river and his body submerged.

The warrant officers had to brave the surrounding thick bushes to get closer to the victim after which they spotted him, grabbed him by his heels and pulled him up to the surface. By this time, the victim was unconscious and had no pulse. Both members pulled the lifeless body to a safer area and immediately started administering CPR on him. They felt a slight pulse and the victim started breathing. At this point, the ER24 medical personnel were stabilising the boy and put him on a drip. They also inserted an oropharyngeal airway and administered oxygen via a bag valve mask. The victim was transported to Grey's Hospital, where he was discharged two weeks later having completely recovered.

Asked about their feelings following their rescue mission, WO Cowley said, “Today, deep inside, we know the difference we made to a human life and just receiving the report that the young man walked out of hospital, gives me goosebumps”.

He said he hoped that their conduct would spur on other colleagues to go the extra mile given that the police leadership has also recognised their achievement.

WO Bennet added that: “To be able to save the life of another human being is something worthwhile, which I am going to cherish forever. To receive such an honour from our leadership is the greatest feeling I have ever had”.

The story of the two police officers is one that continues to defy the unfortunate myth that good and diligent police officers are non-existent. It is this story that points to the need to further inculcate an excellent work ethic and a good value system within the SAPS. It is a story of human triumph through sheer dedication and for that, we will eternally remain grateful to the two warrant officers.



Warrant Officers Ian Cowley and Michael Bennett