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“The children of any nation are its future. A country, a movement, a person that does not value its youth and children, does not deserve its future.”
- Oliver Reginald Tambo

Soweto Uprising on 16 June 1976 by observing the entire month of June as Youth Month, as we do annually. It was celebrated under the theme ‘The year of OR Tambo: Advancing Youth Economic Empowerment’.

OR Tambo’s words ring true in our country. The youth’s rebellion against the apartheid regime’s discriminatory policy contributed to its fall and the birth of the democratic South Africa we live in today. The youth then initiated change and the youth now, though they are fighting different battles, have the power to make a valuable contribution to the course of the country too.

The South African Police Service (SAPS) takes the responsibility of safeguarding the country’s future, seriously. From an early age, we equip children with life skills to keep them safe and guide them to become responsible citizens of the country. We conduct child-specific crime prevention campaigns throughout the year as well as when commemorating annual campaigns such as Child Protection Week and Take a Girl Child to Work. Read more about this month’s nationwide youth-focused activities on pages three to five.

We not only prioritise the youth, but the brave and strong women who raise them. We do this, not by casting women in the patriarchal caregiver role, but by giving them equal opportunities at work.

We allow them to play strategic roles formerly reserved for men in a formerly male-dominated organisation. We also empower them with the necessary skills. The recent Women in Law Enforcement Conference (pp 10 and 11) is but one of the many initiatives the SAPS undertakes in an effort to uplift women in the organisation.

In recognition of the fact that children are raised not by single individuals, but by the communities they live in, the SAPS strives to build safer communities for all. The Minister of Police, Mr Fikile Mbalula, staying true to his word to engage with communities, recently held izimbizo in Dobsonville in Gauteng and Botshabelo in the Free State (pp 8 and 9) in order to hear the problems they experience, and find ways to solve them. He also handed over more than 80 vehicles to the Public Order Policing Unit (p 20) and is set to increase the members in the unit to help strengthen the SAPS’s reaction to public unrest situations, in line with his promise to capacitate the SAPS and equip SAPS members with the necessary tools to perform their tasks effectively.

While we look to the future and work at building a South Africa where all people will feel and be safe, we also look at the past and learn from the people who made a positive difference in our country. The SAPS recently lost a legendary detective, retired Brigadier Petrus Erasmus Johan van Staden Byleveld, who succumbed to lung cancer on 24 May 2017. Brig Byleveld dedicated 40 years of his life to the SAPS and put numerous serial killers behind bars. We pay tribute to the serial sleuth who was ranked one of the top three murder investigators internationally, on pages 6 and 7. We hope that the young detectives in our organisation will pick up his baton and emulate his diligence and fortitude. May his soul rest in peace.

Major General Sally de Beer

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ACTING NATIONAL COMMISSIONER'S MESSAGE LT GEN LJ MOTHIBA

Lieutenant General Lesetja Mothiba was appointed as the Acting National Commissioner of the South African Police Service (SAPS) on 1 June 2017.

He is a seasoned police officer and has years of managerial experience. He joined the police in 1982, worked his way up through the ranks, and has held various senior positions. He served as the Station Commander of the Alexandra Police Station, the Provincial Commissioner of the Gauteng Provincial Office, the Head of Visible Policing and until his appointment as the Acting National Police Commissioner, the Divisional Commissioner of the SAPS's Management Intervention entity.

In his address at a media briefing on the day of his appointment, Lt Gen Mothiba said: "I would like to thank the honourable President for appointing me as the interim Acting National Police Commissioner. My role is to fight crime. That is what I am here for – to fight crime and to provide a service to the people of this country. In fighting crime, any plan should include the community. We, the police, cannot address crime on our own. One of the key areas that I will be attending to, in cooperation with the SAPS's provincial and national management, is community mobilisation. I also aim at improving service delivery and police visibility."

Lt Gen Mothiba, being a career policeman, has always believed that law and order can only be maintained if those tasked to do so, are beyond reproach. He stressed the importance of having integrity and abiding by the law at a recent medal parade and said: "Colleagues and members, I encourage you to cooperate and work within the framework, policies and guidelines of the SAPS. Members found on the wrong side of the law, will be dealt with harshly and will face the full might of the law. We must strive, at all times, to uphold the Constitution of South Africa and the SAPS's Code of Conduct."

Acting National Commissioner Mothiba believes that patriotism should run in every South African's blood, especially that of police officials. He recently lauded the youth of 1976, who laid down their lives for their fellow men, at the recent commemoration of Youth Month at the Hector Pieterse Memorial Site in Orlando, Soweto. "We are here to celebrate the bravery and nobility of those who died for our democracy, a democracy that we enjoy today, but one they never saw. We dare not fail them in our pursuit of ensuring that we create a secure and safe environment. We must close the space for criminals to zero so that every citizen can be and feel safe," said Lt Gen Mothiba.



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CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

By Capt Keitumetse Mmushi
Photographs by WO Ndanduleni Nyambeni



All ears: Pupils of the Villeria Primary School listening attentively to members of the SAPS

The South African Police Service (SAPS) observed Child Protection Week from 27 May to 2 June 2017. The annual commemoration of this week aims at raising awareness on the rights of children as well as mobilising all sectors of society to care for and protect children. Various components of the SAPS held community outreach campaigns all over the country to do just that.

The SAPS's Tshwane Cluster Child Protection Unit conducted a school campaign at the Villeria Primary School in Pretoria. They also invited other local law enforcement agencies, including emergency services, to sensitise the children about the dangers that lurk around every bend. Warrant Officer Marina Swanepoel of the Tshwane Cluster Child Protection Unit explained the children's rights and responsibilities to them. She told them that, among other rights, they all have the right to:

- **Provision:** Children have the right to an adequate standard of living, health care, education and recreation. These include a balanced diet, a warm bed to sleep in and access to schooling.
- **Protection:** Children have the right to be protected from abuse, neglect, exploitation and discrimination. This includes safe places for children to play, constructive child rearing behaviour and the acknowledgment of evolving capacities.
- **Participation:** Children have the right to participate in communities and to have access to programmes and services. This includes children's involvement in libraries, community programmes, youth activities and involving children as decision-makers.

The children were entertained through simulations by various departments of the law enforcement agencies, as well as mascots from nearby restaurants.



Something Sweet: The Villeria Police Station Spokesperson, Captain Koba Brits, handing out goodies to the kids.



Show of Forces: One of the simulation displays of the day.

EASTERN CAPE

TAKE A GIRL CHILD TO WORK CAMPAIGN

By Const Vusumuzi Mkhethane



Always having the well-being of children at heart, the SAPS took part in the annual 'Take a Girl Child to Work' campaign just prior to celebrating the Child Protection Week. Members of the SAPS all over the country spent a day exposing young female learners to the working environment and range of careers in the organisation.

The SAPS's Eastern Cape Provincial Office hosted learners from three different schools, which included the Enoch Sontonga and Masihlangane Senior Secondary Schools, as well as the Vukuhambe School for Children with Special needs. The event was held on 26 May 2017 under the theme **'Dream, Believe and Achieve'**.

Constable Busisiwe Ncula of the SAPS's Eastern Cape Provincial Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences Unit spoke to the girls and encouraged them to wear the traditional five dresses in the following order so that they can lead a successful and healthy life:

- 1 School dress:** A girl child should put learning and education above all else - enabling her to achieve better things in life.
- 2 Matric dance dress:** A girl child should work toward passing her matric.
- 3 Graduation gown:** A girl child should strive to complete her tertiary education so she can guarantee her independence.
- 4 Wedding dress:** A girl child, who has a goal of meeting her perfect partner and tying the knot, should make the right decisions from an early stage and get married, before wearing the next dress.



- 5 Maternity dress:** A girl child should endeavour to settle down and start a family when she feels that she has succeeded in life and is ready to raise children.

Constable Ncula stressed that, though it is ideal for girls to follow the dress guide in the mentioned order, it is possible for girls who find themselves having skipped a stage or not made it to a next stage, to either go back and rectify it or try again. She also warned the young ladies about crime perpetrated against women in general, which includes rape and domestic abuse.

Captain Lulama Jack of the SAPS's Eastern Cape Provincial Directorate of Priority Crime Investigations sensitised the girls about child trafficking and abduction. She was accompanied by a 22-year-old survivor of child trafficking. The survivor spoke of how she was lured into thinking that she had been offered a scholarship to study abroad, only to find that she was being scammed by child traffickers. She relayed how the SAPS helped her to return home. The young lady is now in good care and studying for her Diploma in Learning Psychology at Buffalo City College with a bursary funded by the Office of the Premier in the Eastern Cape.

The girls heard many other motivational speeches, which all emphasised the importance of self-respect, faith and prayer. They were then taken to different components of the SAPS for the purpose of gaining practical work experience. The girls were excited to learn about the work that is done in the SAPS.



NORTH WEST

By Lt Col Amanda Funani



The SAPS's North West Provincial Office and the Women's Network hosted the Grade 10 to 12 learners from four different schools in the Klerksdorp Cluster. Fourteen girls were randomly chosen from the Bokamoso Intermediate School in Klerkskraal, the Resolofetse and Tlokwe Secondary Schools in Ikageng, as well as the Kgololesego Intermediate School in Ventersdorp.

The North West's Provincial Champion of the Women's Network, Brigadier Claudine Alexander, welcomed the girls on behalf of the SAPS's Provincial Commissioner in the North West, Lieutenant General Baile Motswenyane. She outlined the mandate of the SAPS to the learners, who were later exposed to various careers in different components so that they could experience and learn more about how the SAPS operates.

The learners met the component heads and senior managers of the SAPS's North West Provincial Supply Chain Management, Corporate Communication and Liaison, Finance, Organisational Development and Strategic Management, Technology Management Services, Legal Services, Policing, and Personnel Management components, as well as the Mounted and K9 units. Constable Manana

Letlojane demonstrated horse riding and the learners were also afforded an opportunity to ride the horses.

The learners were given an opportunity to ask questions about the organisation at the end of the event. Brigadier Phumela Sibeko of the SAPS's North West Provincial Personnel Management explained to the learners what is required from police officials and what the selection process applicants have to undergo entails.

The learners expressed their gratitude for being afforded the opportunity to participate in the activity. They said that it helped them to know more about the SAPS and some even indicated that they planned to join the organisation after finishing school. Most of those who wanted to join the SAPS were interested in the Legal Services Component and the K9 Unit.

The girls said that they were shocked to discover that there were a lot of different careers in the organisation as they had always thought that SAPS employees were only arresting people. Brigadier Alexander encouraged the learners to study hard so that they could join the organisation and she thanked the principals of the four schools for allowing their students to spend the day learning about the SAPS.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE BRIGADIER PIET (RETIRED) BYLEVELD

Compiled by Lt Col Erica Holtzhausen
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South Africa's most famous police investigator, retired Brigadier Byleveld, passed away on 24 May 2017 after losing his battle with stage four lung cancer. He had a short, but severe struggle with the disease, during which the cancer rapidly spread from his lungs to his spine, adrenal gland and liver. He was 67 years old at the time of his passing.

Until his retirement from the SAPS in 2010, Brigadier Byleveld was recognised as one of the top three murder investigators in the world. He had a massive reputation in solving serial murders and an even more impressive track record. He had a 99% success rate in finding and bringing to justice some of South Africa's cruellest killers.

He liked to refer to himself as a 'boerseun' (farmer's son) from Nylstroom. When he matriculated in 1968, he intended to become a church minister, but that changed during his year of compulsory military service. He decided to become a policeman.

Petrus Erasmus Johan van Staden Byleveld joined the police on 24 January 1970 and commenced his basic training at the SAP College at the beginning of July 1970. In 1977, he found his niche as a detective at the Murder and Robbery Unit in Brixton. With his great sense of patience, his unassuming demeanour and his soft voice, Piet Byleveld interrogated and cornered notorious criminals. He worked tirelessly and one of the most important reasons for his successful conviction rate was his determination to follow all his cases through to trial.

He said that the public had this perception that as soon as a suspect was arrested, the investigation stopped. He never left a case with prosecutors, but rather worked closely with them through each step of the trial. He continuously said that his investigation stopped as soon as the judge found the criminals

guilty, not one minute before that. A biography "Byleveld: Dossier of a Serial Sleuth" by Hanlie Retief was published in 2011 as a celebration of his career and retirement. To Brigadier Byleveld, the main value of the book was in that other detectives may learn from it.

He said: "Books cannot teach you how to catch criminals. You have to have insight and use your initiative, but I am hoping that young detectives may find valuable guidelines in this book.

A detective must know that there is no regular working hours and that you have to be completely dedicated to solving the case that you are working on. You must be almost fanatical, without becoming emotionally involved. You have to follow every lead, no matter how insignificant it may seem at first. You have to get into your suspect's head and get to know even the smallest details about him (or her), how he (or she) operates and what his (or her) soft spots are. When you go to court to testify against a suspect, there must be absolutely no chance that the judge will dismiss the case, because of sloppy police work". Brigadier Byleveld admitted that he hated losing and when he put his mind to tracing a murderer, he did not give up, even if the investigation lasted years.

He said that it was never his intention to become a hero. He simply did his work and never expected the recognition which he received later on.



Some of the top cases that detective Piet Byleveld helped solve over the years, included the following:

1. The Shotgun Gang:

In the late 1970s, a fearless and wild gang of robbers terrorised shops and banks in Johannesburg. The young Piet Byleveld was appointed to assist Captain Spyker van Wyk in the investigation. The kingpin, Dougie Scheepers, received the death penalty for armed robbery.

2. Havenga and Wessels:

By 1993, Piet Byleveld had learnt the ropes of the Murder and Robbery Unit in Brixton. When he received a tip-off from someone who heard two men discussing a murder in Knysna, he acted immediately and arrested Juan Havenga and Tony Wessels. A search disclosed an axe, three knives and a firearm. Both men later confessed to more murders and were found guilty of three murders.

3. The Nasrec serial killer:

From 1995, Lazarus Mazingane left a trail of terror in Johannesburg, reportedly strangling his victims with their underwear. He carefully picked his victims, often spending days with them as a taxi driver to win their trust. This notorious serial killer was eventually found guilty of 16 murders and was sentenced to 17 life sentences and 780 years' imprisonment.

4. The Kranskop serial killer:

Bongani Mfeka was a unique serial killer. While most murderers are cold-hearted psychopaths who show little or no remorse, Mfeka pleaded with Piet Byleveld never to be let out of prison. Mfeka was arrested after one of his victims bit off a piece of his hand while fighting back. Piet Byleveld alerted clinics and hospitals to be on the lookout for somebody with such an injury and Mfeka was found. He

was found guilty of eight murders and sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment.

5. Wemmerpan/Hammer serial killer:

Cedric Maake was a ruthless killer and his crimes involved several different types of victims. Men and women, who were walking alone, were bludgeoned to death with rocks, but he also targeted couples; shooting the men and raping the women. Tailors in the inner city were targeted as well and he murdered several of them in their shops with hammers.

Maake was initially arrested in connection with incidents of murder, robbery and rape committed in the vicinity of Wemmerpan. Piet Byleveld then linked Maake to the crimes of a killer who beat his victims to death with a hammer. When Maake was arrested, forensic experts worked throughout Christmas Day to analyse DNA that would connect him to the Wemmerpan (hammer) crimes.

It was early days for profiling and the forensic experts thought they were looking for two different men until Piet Byleveld put two and two together, apparently after Maake signed a lay-by slip at one of the shops he had targeted.

Maake's trial lasted 358 days and he was found guilty of 27 murders and 122 other charges. He was sentenced to 2 214 years' imprisonment.

6. Bruma Lake serial killers:

Simon Majola and Themba Nkosi were originally arrested for the illegal possession of a firearm. Nkosi soon confessed and Piet Byleveld played Majola off Nkosi and was soon shown the crime scenes. Both men were found guilty of eight counts of murder and 26 other charges. They were sentenced to more than 1 300 years' imprisonment between them.

7. Hillbrow serial rapist:

Fanwell Khumalo was a serial rapist and although Piet Byleveld was not the original investigator of the case, he was called in to assist. Khumalo did not budge in the interrogation and Piet Byleveld reportedly said: "I have had enough of your lies. I'm off to have a beer." When he returned, Khumalo started talking. Khumalo was found guilty on 42 counts of raping minor children and was sentenced to 42 life sentences and 263 years' imprisonment.

8. Johannesburg Mine Dump serial killer:

Sipho Dube was initially arrested for the murder of a minor. Once again, Piet Byleveld's expertise was called upon and after intensive investigation, Dube was linked to several other murders, rapes and incidents of sodomy committed on mine dumps on the outskirts of Johannesburg and in Ladysmith in KwaZulu-Natal.

Dube reportedly admitted to Piet Byleveld that he had sold his victims' body parts to sangomas. In 2006, Dube was found guilty and handed 10 life sentences.

9. The Leigh Matthews murder:

Leigh Matthews' murder was one of South Africa's most high profile cases. This university student was kidnapped on 9 July 2004 and her parents received a ransom demand. Her father dropped off R50 000,00 near the Grasmere Toll Plaza, after

which he was able to have a short telephone conversation with Leigh. That was also their last communication.

A few weeks later, her body was discovered next to a highway in Walkerville, Johannesburg. She had been shot four times. Although she was found naked, she had not been sexually assaulted.

Brigadier Byleveld took over the investigation in late August 2004. Not even two months later, he arrested Donovan Moodley. Brigadier Byleveld had suspected that Leigh had known her attacker, so he zoned in on her fellow students. When he heard that Moodley left the university a month after Leigh had disappeared, his suspicions grew even more. When he pulled Moodley's records and saw that Moodley owned a 9mm pistol, he knew that he had his man.

Brigadier Byleveld arrested Moodley, but his statement was never presented in court as Moodley pleaded guilty. Moodley is currently serving a life sentence in prison.

10. Sheldean Human murder:

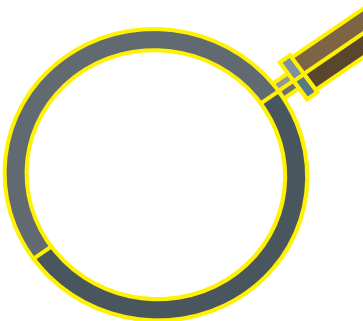
Seven-year-old Sheldean Human went missing in Pretoria in 2006. Andrew Jordaan was the only suspect, because he had spent the afternoon with her and a friend at a local park. Jordaan insisted that he had nothing to do with her murder.

Brigadier Byleveld was called in after the investigators had discovered newspaper clippings of his investigation in the Leigh Matthews murder case, at Jordaan's home. Within 36 minutes of interrogation, Jordaan had confessed everything to Brigadier Byleveld. He apparently took her into bushes near the park, sexually assaulted her, strangled her and threw her body down a manhole. Jordaan was handed a life sentence in 2008, but was murdered in the Leeuwkop Prison in 2012.

Brigadier Byleveld retired in 2010, but will always be remembered as a man who made policing his mission and passion for 38 years. In his tribute to Brigadier Byleveld, the Provincial Commissioner of Gauteng, Lieutenant General de Lange said: "Criminals will remember him as the detective with the soft voice who eventually cornered them with his unique interviewing techniques."

Piet Byleveld of the Brixton Murder and Robbery Unit wore black pinstripe suits and white shirts, and you could almost always see cigarette smoke spiralling upwards over his moustache. He survived on three things; cigarettes, Coca Cola and Grandpa powders. He was constantly figuring out how to catch a killer.

We salute you, Brigadier Piet Byleveld! May you rest in peace.



MINISTER OF POLICE **PROMISES** TO ERADICATE GANGSTERISM AMONG COMMUNITIES

By Capt Kgabo Mashamaite
Photographs by WO Tinyiko Mathebula

Among many of his undertakings to ensure that the department delivers on its Constitutional mandate of creating a safe and secure environment for all the people in South Africa, Minister Fikile Mbalula promised to add another police station in Botshabelo township outside Bloemfontein. Minister Mbalula made the promise during his community outreach programme on 9 June 2017 to help fight gangsterism and all forms of crime, while interacting with various community stakeholders at the Kaizer Sebothelo Stadium in the crime-ridden township with a population of 85 000, which is served by only two police stations, namely the Botshabelo and Boithuso Police Stations in the Selosesha Cluster.



Minister of Police flanked by his deputy, Mr Bongani Mkongi, the Free State MEC for Police, Roads and Transport, Mr Sam Mashinini, the Acting National Police Commissioner, Lieutenant General Lesetja Mothiba, the Deputy National Commissioner for Policing, Lieutenant General Selahle Masemola and the Free State Provincial Police Commissioner, Lieutenant General Jacob Tshumane, leading the march against women and children abuse.

The minister hoped to involve the community to cooperate with the police to eradicate crime in their neighbourhoods in his first 100 days in office.

Minister Mbalula responded to concerns raised by the community, as follows:

"The community of Botshabelo has been living under constant fear of gangsterism and it is about time that this stops. The cooperation between the police Community Policing Forums (CPF) and the Community Patrollers is important in ensuring that we get rid of gangsterism for good. We need to support our community crime-fighting structures and to address the issue on stipends. Gone are those days when criminals will be arrested today and they are out the next day, because we need to tighten the loopholes within our Criminal Justice System. Our police officers should also stop colluding with criminals, and do their work diligently.

Sexual Offences Units will be staffed with well-trained police officers to handle gender-based violence. All police officers will be properly trained to deal with sexual-related complaints at our community service centres, and ensure that the atmosphere is conducive to all victims reporting sexual and related crimes. On the cross-border crime issue, I have instructed the Acting National Commissioner, Lieutenant General Lesetja Mothiba, to ensure that the RSA and Lesotho border is adequately patrolled to prevent cross-border crime such as stock theft, illegal migration, human trafficking, theft of motor vehicles, drug trafficking, transportation of illegal goods, minerals and precious metals between the two countries.

We need to rope in the Social Services ministry to deploy social workers among communities and schools to help in

fighting social ills in communities, including bullying at our schools."

According to the Deputy Minister of Police, Mr Bongani Mkongi, when President Zuma appointed them to the ministry, he specifically instructed them to boost the morale of the police, inspire hope among the communities and declare war against criminals. The Deputy Minister also encouraged the police members to defend themselves against armed criminals, but they had to do so within the prescripts of the law.

Lt Gen Lesetja Mothiba, promised to provide police members with resources in order to respond swiftly to community complaints. He also promised the deployment of provincial SAPS members in the province to capacitate understaffed police stations with more police members, to ensure that communities feel and are safe. He further urged cooperation between the community and the CPF, as well as the Community Patrollers and committed to assist and capacitate them in order to continue fighting crime.

The Acting National Police Commissioner, Lieutenant General Lesetja Mothiba responding to community concerns on policing during the Ministerial Imbizo.



The Secretary of Police, Mr Alvin Rapea, the Free State MEC for Police, Roads and Transport, Mr Sam Mashinini, the Minister of Police, Mr Fikile Mbalula, the Deputy Minister of Police, Mr Bongani Mkongi, the Acting National Police Commissioner, Lieutenant General Lesetja Mothiba, and the Deputy National Commissioner, Lieutenant General Selahle Masemola acknowledging their warm reception from members of the community during the Ministerial Imbizo drive at the Kaizer Sebothelo stadium in Botshabelo, Free State on 9 June 2017.

FEMALE LAW ENFORCERS SET OUT TO EMPOWER JUNIOR COLLEAGUES

By Capt Kgabo Mashamaite

Photographs by WO Ndanduleni Nyambeni



The Divisional Commissioner for Research, Lt Gen (Dr) Bongwiwe Zulu advising the delegates on emerging leadership traits during her presentation on acquiring several leadership traits as a law enforcer.

Approximately 350 female officers were empowered and received law enforcement guidance at the 10th annual Leadership Development for Women in Law Enforcement Conference held in Fourways from 24 to 26 May 2017.

The event was aimed at developing a practical strategy on the mentorship and development of junior female officers at various law enforcement agencies, as well as sharing and learning best practices to be applied in their various workplaces.

In her presentation on acquiring leadership traits, the South African Police Service (SAPS)'s Divisional Commissioner for Research, Lieutenant General (Dr) Bongwiwe Zulu, advised delegates to lead with their hearts and heads.

"Female leaders need to inspire their workers to walk the extra mile for their organisation, because simply paying employees a fair salary is typically not enough – employees also need to be inspired. Leaders should create a favourable working environment and motivate their employees to foster positivity and boost productivity. Authentic leaders should be strategic, critical thinkers and plan in advance in

order to provide direction. A true leader should be willing to listen to feedback – especially the kind she does not want to hear," said Lt Gen (Dr) Zulu.

According to the Commander of the Tshwane Metro Police Department responsible for the Hammanskraal and Temba region, Ms Gerda van Rensburg, female leaders face different public challenges from men.

"There is a general perception that women rise to their positions because of gender equity, and not because of their hard work. Women in strategic leadership positions are often challenged in order to check if they really 'have what it takes' to fulfil their role. Prior to the first intake of women as fully enlisted members of the police, women were limited to administration and cleaning duties. Women were always expected to keep house, educate children and support husbands, which generally led to a false perception that these were the only roles women could fulfil. This perception ignored the fact that every man, be it in the frontline or in a management role, was raised and cared for by a woman," said Ms Van Rensburg.

Echoing the same sentiments, the spokesperson of the Johannesburg Metropolitan Police Department, Ms Edna Mamonyane, lamented the fact that female law

enforcers still faced a barrage of challenges such as sexual harassment, that hinder their career advancement opportunities – even after the last decade's significant strides in ensuring female employment in law enforcement.

The Provincial Head of the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (HAWKS) in Mpumalanga, Major General Zodwa Mokoena, did a presentation on the 'Characteristics of Effective Leadership'. Maj Gen Mokoena said that effective leadership required a strong character – a person who exhibited honesty, integrity, trustworthiness and ethics. She further said that good leaders should engage with staff members - listen to them, respond to their questions and concerns, be empathetic, be helpful and be truly concerned about their well-being.

In her presentation about the manifestation of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in the SAPS, the Head of Psychological Services in the SAPS's Employee Health and Wellness Division, Brigadier Pertunia Lenono, urged delegates to intervene timeously after being exposed to a traumatic event in an operation.

"The SAPS experiences a higher number of PTSD cases, which sometimes result in temporary incapacity or even medical boarding. Our operational risk factors such as the violent and aggressive nature of crime witnessed, the continuous exposure to traumatic events, and gruesome crime scenes, result in high levels of anxiety and PTSD. This is compounded by the fact that we also experience personal matters such as strained relationships, having large debts and domestic violence. It is therefore important that commanders offer support to their junior colleagues – especially those exposed to gruesome incidents," said Brig Lenono.

She further advised that commanders should, within twelve hours of an incident, report the incident to the debriefer, ascertain the identity of the member involved and report it to the trauma coordinator. She said that the written report must contain the following:

- An Occurrence Book number and a short description of the incident
- The particulars of the debriefer on standby
- The Persal number, rank, initials, surname, unit or office, and telephone number of the traumatised employee
- The name and contact number of the commander.

The event was attended by members of law enforcement agencies such as the South African National Defence Force, the Ekurhuleni Metro Police Department, the National Prosecuting Authority, the Department of Correctional Services, the Umhlatuze Traffic Police, the Eastern Cape Provincial Traffic Police, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the Department of Environmental Affairs' Environmental Management Inspectorate (Green Scorpions) from the Free State, the Mpumalanga Provincial Police Department, as well as a member from the United States' Secret Service.



The Commander of the Tshwane Metro Police responsible for the Hammanskraal and Temba region, Ms Gerda van Rensburg, told the delegates about challenges faced by female leaders within the law enforcement industry.



KwaZulu Natal Traffic Police's female officers were among the delegates attending the 10th Annual Leadership Development for Women in Law Enforcement conference.



Brigadier Pertunia Lenono, Head of Psychology Services at the SAPS Employee Health and Wellness Section, urging the delegates to intervene timeously after having exposed to a traumatic event in an operation during her presentation about the manifestation of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder within the SAPS context.

ONE OF THE SAPSET'S BENEFICIARY GRADUATES RECEIVES 10 DISTINCTIONS

By Lt Col Kabelo Marumo

Facing what many would deem insurmountable challenges, the triumphant Godfrey Monene managed to obtain 10 distinctions during the years of his tertiary education, thanks to his family and the financial support of the **South African Police Service Education Trust (SAPSET)**.

Godfrey Monene is the son of the late **Warrant Officer Tsietsi Monene**, who lost his life along with one of his colleagues, Sello Lepaku, while they were performing their duties during a wage protest in Marikana on 13 August 2012.

The 22-year-old graduate of a National Diploma in Journalism at Rosebank College, told the Internal Communications team at his graduation ceremony, which was held at the Tshwane Monument, how he had succeeded against the odds. The older of two children born to the late Warrant Officer Monene and Lieutenant Colonel Monene, did not lose hope following the tragic event of his father passing away. He successfully completed Grade 12, assisted financially by the SAPSET.

Godfrey eventually enrolled with Rosebank College, but was faced with financial difficulties. To achieve his goals, the book wizard with 10 distinctions, knew that hard work and dedication would put him where he wanted to be in life, but financial difficulties were his nightmare.

The SAPSET's vision is "to be an organisation which provides the best education and training for the development of children of the SAPS's employees who died in the line of and on duty". The SAPSET stepped in to ensure that this vision was kept alive and that children of deceased employees were looked after, not only financially, but also through emotional support.

Similar to many other beneficiaries of the SAPSET, Godfrey's needs became a social responsibility, which the SAPS supported by funding his studies to obtain the education which would have made his late father proud.

"The bursary I received from the SAPSET saw me through financially. For that I am grateful. It is through this gesture that today I stand here with 10 distinctions," a delighted Godfrey told the Internal Communications team in an interview in front of hundreds of graduates. "I managed to pull through since 2015 with the help of a study group of hard-working, dedicated students. I hardly slept. My mother used to fight with me to sleep, including me nearly being hospitalised due to a lack of sleep. The journey has been very difficult since I lost my father, but I know that wherever he is, he is proud of me and my achievement," he said before being bestowed with a National Diploma in Journalism. Godfrey's mother, Lieutenant Colonel Monene, said that the passing of her loving husband had been very difficult for the family to deal with, but with the support the family had received from the SAPS and the SAPSET, the road became easier.

"For the past three years, Godfrey became a bookworm in an amazing way. I saw a different person who would study non-



stop and at some point I would ask him to at least take a break and rest. He was not sleeping and sometimes when I woke up in the wee hours, I would find him sitting at his study desk, hard at work. He did not have time to rest, hence the 10 distinctions," said Lieutenant Colonel Monene. "I appreciate the support from everyone who made it possible for us, especially the regular visits by personnel of Employee Health and Wellness (EHW), by keeping close ties with us even after we laid my husband to rest. They never turned their backs on us," said Lieutenant Colonel Monene.

The CEO of SAPSET, Ms Catherine Hendricks, joined the Monene family to witness and celebrate one of the education trust's own, writing a successful story for himself and the SAPSET. Ms Hendricks explained that taking care of deceased members' children was one of the SAPS's key intervention mechanisms.

"By giving opportunities to the children of our fallen heroes and heroines to educate themselves, the SAPS led them to a bright future, which would have made their parents proud. We cannot forget our fallen members, because they are a part of us. Their children are our children," said Ms Hendricks.

On 23 November 2010, the SAPSET was established and officially assumed its mandate to look after the educational interests of the children of the deceased members of the SAPS. The SAPSET is a non-profit organisation under the leadership of a Board of Trustees and an Executive Committee, chaired by Lieutenant General B Mgwenya. The SAPSET is funded by donations and individuals, and an appeal is made to all the SAPS's colleagues to support this noble cause in memory of our colleagues who have died in the pursuit of a safer country. **"Today it is you, tomorrow it may be me".**

Since the inception of the SAPSET, 455 beneficiaries have been registered from Grade RR to tertiary level. These learners have enrolled for their studies at a number of universities across the country, including universities in Limpopo, KwaZulu-Natal, the Rosebank College, a number of TVET institutions, the Tshwane University of Technology, the University of Johannesburg, Unisa, Mancosa, the Cape Peninsula University of Technology and the Mangosuthu University of Technology. To date, the SAPSET has supported 93 tertiary and matric students, of which 16 have successfully completed their studies.

ORS DIVISION HOLDS HIV/AIDS MEMORIAL SERVICE HONOURING LATE EMPLOYEES

By WO Percy Sepaela

Photographs by WO Tinyiko Mathebula

The South African Police Service (SAPS) recently held a candle light memorial service, under the theme **'Ending AIDS Together'**, at the St Anglican Church in Sunnyside, Pretoria, to offer moral support to members of the organisation who are infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.

The event was hosted by the Operational Response Service (ORS)'s Division and organised by the division's Employee Health and Wellness (EHW) coordinators, to honour the memory of employees who had died from this disease and help minimise the stigmatisation around HIV/AIDS.

In her welcoming address, the Section Commander for Skills Development Facilitation in the ORS Division, Colonel Brenda Mahape, told the attendees that the event should be used as a springboard to tackle other societal problems. "As we gather here today, we realise that there are many social ills our country is grappling with and we must be determined to deal with them decisively. Today, let us honour those who died from HIV/AIDS and ensure that we raise awareness about this scourge," she said.

According to the World Health Organisation, South Africa has one of the highest HIV/AIDS rates in the world and the largest Antiretroviral Treatment programme, which millions of people are now part of, which was rolled out to reduce new infections so that we may ultimately have an AIDS-free generation. Many speakers at the memorial berated the fact that people still stigmatise the disease and do not offer enough moral support to those infected and affected by it.

In her keynote address, Maria Sekaja-Khambule, a prominent HIV/AIDS ambassador and literary treatment practitioner in the country, said she was baffled that a lot of stigmatised thoughts about the disease still exist, even after numerous campaigns to raise awareness about the disease had been implemented. Sekaja-Khambule is one of the four founders of the Treatment Action Campaign with the mission to lobby the Government to make antiretroviral drugs freely available to people infected with HIV/AIDS in the early 1990s.



They celebrated an early victory, when the Government made Nevarapine, a medication that is given to pregnant women to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV/AIDS, available to pregnant mothers. "It took us many years to lobby the Government to provide treatment care. At times, we were even harassed by the authorities due to the Government's stance at that time. We had to fight to ensure that our people could be given life-saving treatment," she said.

She also appealed to members from the EHW section to test people themselves instead of relying on service providers, because "it compromises the element of confidentiality". Relating her tragic story, Sekaja-Khambule revealed that she was raped by a relative who had just returned from exile when she was only 12 years old and that the doctors at the time, had told her that she would die within three months. She also spoke about how, in later years and due to the stigma of the disease, she was discriminated against at many workplaces, while seeking employment.

The Section Head for Support Service in the ORS Division, Brigadier Kenneth Motlogeloa, speaking at the memorial, said he was pleased that the SAPS was making positive strides in dealing with issues around HIV/AIDS and that it was up to employees to raise awareness about them. He said it was imperative to offer support and show love to those who are infected and affected by the disease.

7 SIMPLE STEPS TO BEAT THE WINTER BLUES

Adapted from Dr H Fall



Our mood tends to mimic nature: When it is sunny and warm outside, we feel upbeat, light and raring to go out and be active. The opposite happens during the autumn and winter seasons, when we are more likely to feel sluggish and opt to stay indoors, rather than going out. Your symptoms may vary, but for the bigger part, you are likely to experience a combination of -

- having a harder time waking up in the morning
- plummeting energy levels
- craving sweets and processed foods
- gaining weight
- having a decreased concentration and desire to socialise.

These symptoms usually magically disappear, after about five months, when the weather improves and the sun appears.

If you are someone who is down or depressed during the autumn and winter seasons, and feels better during spring and summer, you probably suffer from Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) – and you are not alone.

How many people actually have SAD?

Studies show that with less sunlight in the winter months, as many as **one in four people** suffer from what is commonly referred to as the winter blues. Technically, physicians recognise this as Seasonal Affective Disorder.

There are different theories why SAD may occur, which includes genetic factors, poor regulation of serotonin (a neurotransmitter that has been found to be lower in

individuals with SAD in winter) and melatonin (a hormone that regulates people's sleeping). Low serotonin levels in combination with higher melatonin levels wreak havoc on the natural circadian rhythm (sleep-wake cycle).

Having SAD or the winter blues exists more commonly than reported, especially with the advent of computers and smartphones that have negative effects on people's melatonin and serotonin levels. Screen time in general has also been found to increase fatigue, stress and depression.

If you are feeling more blue than usual this autumn and winter, here are a few natural and holistic ways that can help to uplift your spirits. Should symptoms persist, you are encouraged to see your doctor, naturopath or therapist who can help with more individualistic treatment.

1. Do not indulge in 'comfort sugar'

Sweets and processed food are high in hydrogenated fats and only give you temporary comfort and press your positive neurotransmitter levels to lower than what they were before you had the sugar, which causes more inflammation making you feel worse overall.

Nurture yourself with healthy food loaded with antioxidants. Dark leafy greens, colourful vegetables and fruit, especially berries, are rich in antioxidants.

2. Try light therapy

Light therapy has been found to be effective for the majority of people suffering from SAD. This involves sitting in front of or near a light therapy box that emits 10 000 lux of brightness with your eyes open, without looking at the light for approximately 30 minutes. It is said that it is best to do this as soon as you wake up in the morning.

Start in autumn or early winter to get a kick-start. First check with your doctor before using light therapy when you are taking antibiotics or medication for psychosis, melatonin, lithium, glaucoma or any other eye damage as there may be negative side effects.

3. Take vitamin D

Lower levels of vitamin D have been associated with depression and altered mood conditions. You should consider taking a daily supplement of at least 1 000 IU (international units), especially in the winter months.

Have your levels checked and if your vitamin D level is indeed low, you will need to take a much higher dose and check with your health care provider for the correct dosage and a possible prescription.

4. Move your body

Exercising has tremendous benefits, not only for your physical health, but your mental well-being too. Exercising stimulates the release of endorphins, which can prevent feelings of depression. Working out for 30 minutes a few times a week may improve your overall mood. Exercising can also help to ease stress and promote relaxation, which can be particularly helpful for individuals who struggle with sleep disturbances.

5. Improve your sleep quality

One of the hallmark characteristics of seasonal mood disorders is poor sleep quality, due to the decreased serotonin and disrupted melatonin levels. Chronic sleep disturbances are a major risk factor of depression and anxiety disorders, among other detrimental health

conditions. A study found that people suffering from insomnia were nearly 10 times more likely to have clinical depression and anxiety than those who slept normal hours.

The lesser sleep you get, the more depressed you may become. The problem with SAD is that sleep cycles are often unbalanced. As such, you want to begin your sleep routine in the fall, making sure you go to bed at the same time every night and wake up at the same time every morning.

Computer screens and smartphones can have an added negative effect on your sleep patterns, so keep all electronics out of the bedroom and rather relax yourself to sleep through mindful meditation, which in itself has been shown to improve the mood and outlook.

6. Give your serotonin levels a boost

The body's ability to synthesize the feel good neurotransmitter, serotonin, depends on the amount of tryptophan available in the brain. One study found that acute tryptophan depletion can negatively affect your memory, attention and executive functions.

5-Hydroxytryptophan (5-HTP) is the immediate precursor of serotonin from tryptophan. Numerous human studies suggest that this nutrient may aid in the treatment of depression. Supplemental 5-HTP can also minimise symptoms such as low mood, anxiety, insomnia and poor appetite control that may stem from insufficient serotonin levels.

7. Supplement with minerals

Minerals are involved in all aspects of the brain function and mineral deficiencies have been linked to the pathophysiology of depression. Zinc, magnesium and lithium are some of the most important minerals in the body, as they are involved in several enzymatic reactions that influence neurotransmitter synthesis.

Research showed that dietary zinc and magnesium deprivation may result in behavioural disturbances, which includes anorexia, impaired cognitive function and neurological disorders. A study found that women who received 7 mg of zinc daily for 10 weeks reported significant improvement in their moods. Lithium, which is present in our environment, food and drinking water, is an essential nutrient for the human body. The last two decades have clarified lithium's abilities to protect brain cells, stimulate neuronal growth and help to balance the mood. A placebo-controlled study found that the group receiving nutritional lithium reported increases in positive mood, happiness and energy.



HEFTY SENTENCES TO DETER POTENTIAL CRIMINALS

The South African Police Service's provincial management in the North West welcomed two lengthy jail terms handed down to two accused by the North West High Court sitting in Klerksdorp, recently.

In the first conviction, Tshidiso Robert Radebe (37) was sentenced to 129 years' imprisonment for 17 counts of various crimes, which includes murder, rape, robbery, assault with the intent to cause grievous bodily harm, abduction, arson and attempted rape.

Radebe committed these crimes on numerous Regina farms near Orkney between 19 and 22 April 2016. He raped a 15-year-old girl in the bushes at knifepoint, held her captive on a farm and repeatedly raped her before she was able to untie herself from the ropes Radebe had ensnared her with, after he had left his lair. Having found that the girl had escaped, Radebe fled to another farm.

On his way to that farm, he met two women and assaulted one of them with a knobkerrie and forced the other to accompany him. The woman shouted for help when she saw a cattle herder and Radebe left her and ran away. When he arrived at his destination, Radebe assaulted a man with a knobkerrie and raped his wife.

In another incident on a different farm, Radebe assaulted and killed his girlfriend's brother with a knobkerrie and burnt his corpse. Again, Radebe fled the farm and went to another farm in the Free State, where he had previously worked. On this farm, Radebe forced a woman into a storeroom, tied her up and left her there. The woman's calls for help were heard by a passer-by who freed the woman and alerted the police. Radebe returned to his victim only to find the farm owner and police waiting for him and fled again.

After a four-day crime spree, Radebe was arrested on one of the farms near Leeudoringstad on 23 April 2016, following an intensive manhunt by various SAPS units. The accused was kept in police custody until his sentencing.

The second conviction was that of 35-year-old Philip Seun Booysen, who was sentenced to 50 years' imprisonment by the same court. Booysen was convicted on charges of murder, rape, arson, robbery with aggravating circumstances and kidnapping. He committed these crimes during the same incident in January 2016 at the Utlwanang Township in Christiana.



Booyesen had a quarrel with his 37-year-old friend and bludgeoned him to death with homemade weightlifting equipment. The victim was with his girlfriend when the incident occurred. After killing him, Booyesen attacked and raped his girlfriend. He then set his friend's shack alight. Booyesen remained in police custody until he was convicted.

The Provincial Commissioner of the SAPS in the North West, Lieutenant General Baile Motswenyane, appreciated both investigation teams' efforts. She said that the good work the teams had done led to the hefty sentences and that such sentences would serve as deterrence to potential criminals.



911 BIKERS RIDE AGAINST CRIME

By Personnel Officer Faniswa Sibiya

More than 80 motorbikers, led by Pastor Tobias Mare from the Oasis Revival Centre, went on a 911 Bikers' Ride across Mpumalanga in support of the South African Police Service (SAPS)'s fight against crime. They rode to 24 police stations and conducted crime awareness and community development campaigns to help prevent crime, enrich communities and encourage members of the public to work with the police in fighting crime.

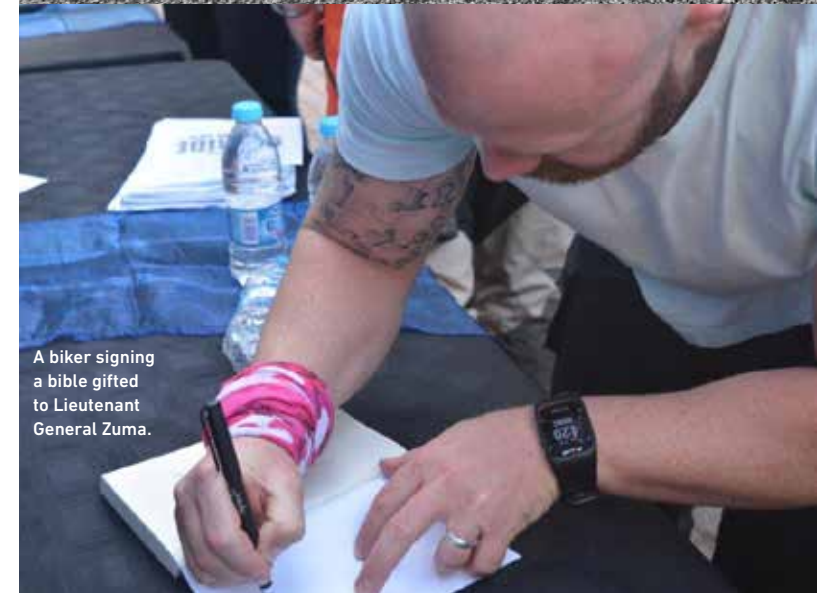
The bikers began their journey at the Nelspruit Police Station on 9 June 2017. They paid visits to various police stations, including Hazyview, Graskop, Lydenburg, Badplaas, Komatipoort, Malelane and Matsulu, before returning to Nelspruit on 11 June 2017. On the day of their return, the bikers went to the SAPS's Provincial Office in Mpumalanga to show their appreciation for the good work the police in the province had done in preventing crime and safeguarding the community.

The bikers pledged their support to the Provincial Commissioner of Mpumalanga, Lieutenant General Mondli Zuma, and vowed to do all they could to help the police fight crime. Lt Gen Zuma condemned crime and he too, pledged to do all he could to combat it and keep all the inhabitants of the country safe.

The bikers will be visiting other provinces to conduct similar activities. Lt Gen Zuma said that making the campaign a national initiative, would help combat crime because criminals moved between provinces. He also appreciated the bikers' initiative and said that police-community cooperation was very important in fighting crime. He lauded the involvement of young children in the project, because that meant the zeal to help would be passed down from generation to generation.



Lieutenant General Zuma shaking hands with Pastor Mare.



A biker signing a bible gifted to Lieutenant General Zuma.





VIVA FITNESS

DETERMINED POLICE OFFICER

By WO Percy Sepaela
Photographs supplied by WO Yolanda Beytell

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JAVELIN THROWER IN THE WORLD

Warrant Officer Yolanda Beytell was stunned when she was crowned the World's number one Javelin thrower in May 2016. She said that she could not believe it because she had been inactive in javelin for three years prior to her crowning. This, due to a terrible Achilles tendon injury she sustained in 2013, which caused her to have a transplant in her left leg.

Her javelin career was written off, but the resolute WO Beytell refused to give up on her first love, javelin, and vowed to participate after she had recovered. "I had won several awards in javelin throw before that bad injury and I was devastated when the doctors told me that I would never play again. I am a very strong-willed person and I believe in God. I love this sport so much that I kept praying that I would return to it one day," said the 42-year-old mother of two.

Beytell achieved her number one world ranking with a distance of 40,42 m and said that it was a significant record for the Masters' age group because "not many can achieve that range due to age and diminishing technique". Her passion for javelin throw began in high school at the tender age of 15. She actively participated in sports throughout her childhood and would even jog before and after school.

The Pretoria-born police officer, stationed at the South African Police Service (SAPS)'s Financial Management and Administration Division, said that she realised her potential to be a professional javelin thrower when she came across a book by the renowned javelin thrower and coach, Terteus Liebenberg, at her high school library.

"I believe reading that book was the turning point for me and it kind of set me on a new path. I had to learn a lot of things, like technique and physical balance. I would throw anything I got my hands on at home. My mother's broom sticks, bricks, tennis balls and cricket balls," she said. Beytell has actively participated in javelin and other sports, including shot put, high jump and discus, for the SAPS since she joined the organisation as an administration clerk in 1994.

She is also affiliated with the Gauteng North Athletics

Club, but said that the lack of sponsorships was a constant problem.

"I affiliate with the club out of my own pocket. There are not a lot of sponsors who can finance our activities. I always qualify to compete, but can sometimes not compete, due to a lack of funds – even in international games. However, that must not be a deterrent to achieving my goals," she said. She, however, applauded the continuous support she received from her Commander, Brigadier Marius Marais, whom she described as a gentleman and a true leader.

When asked what drives her to keep competing in sport, Beytell said that she enjoyed challenging her limits. She said that she no longer participated to win medals, but competed to have "that intrinsic feeling in your heart and to also set the example that anything is possible, even with minimal resources".



Beytell has, over the years, participated in numerous athletic events at various levels of competitiveness and amassed a number of titles, awards and medals. Some of her major achievements include:

- South African Masters' Champion
- Gauteng North Athletics Masters' Champion
- Central Gauteng Athletics Masters' Champion
- SAPS's Champion
- Africa Master Athletics Record holder for the age group 35-39
- Africa Master Athletics Record holder for the age group 40-44.
- Pretoria Athletics Club 2011 Sportswoman of the Year
- Three gold medals at the Southern African Regional Police Chiefs Cooperation Organisation Games
- A gold medal in the World Police Fire Games.



NEW FLEET OF VEHICLES

TO BOLSTER PUBLIC ORDER POLICING

By Capt Vincent Mukhathi
Photograph by WO Anne Magakoe



POP Units receiving new fleet of vehicles during the handing over ceremony held at the SAPS Tshwane Academy.

The South African Police Service (SAPS)’s Public Order Policing (POP) units have received a new fleet of vehicles and high-tech cameras, in an effort to strengthen police response to violent public protests, strikes and other major events in the country.

The last time the POP units received resources was in 2010. The SAPS’s top brass lauded members in POP for being able to restore peace and stability in times of violent protests with minimal resources at their disposal.

Controlling community unrest, especially violent ones, is a daunting task. Therefore, the SAPS’s top management endeavours to support members of POP units by supplying sufficient resources that enable them to do their job safely and effectively.

More than 80 Ford Ranger bakkies and 35 cameras have been equitably distributed to the POP units countrywide. This is part of a bigger plan of rolling out a programme of action to improve POP in the country. Existing POP units

will be further enhanced through the re-establishment of previous POP units that had been closed during various restructuring processes and the establishment of new POP units.

There are currently 27 provincial POP units and one reserve POP unit. With the implementation of the Strategic Plan, these will increase to 50 provincial and four reserve units. On average, each POP unit will serve four clusters and 22 police stations.

The enhancement of POP units will ensure better reaction time and save money that would be spent on travelling and accommodation to allocate fewer members to different parts of the country whenever unrest arises, if changes are not implemented.

The POP units have now also strengthened intelligence, legal and detective resources to support their operations. This, as well as new technology systems at their disposal, enables and fast-tracks the identification of unlawful protest leaders and participants, the recovery of stolen goods, and the arrest of perpetrators of crime.

PLEASE HELP US LOCATE THEM... MISSING PERSONS

HAZEL ZANDILE MAZIBUKO



(18) Female
Last seen:
2017-05-20

The missing person left her home to go to school and has not been seen since. She was wearing grey trousers, a white shirt and a navy blue jacket.

Sandringham 1/4/2017
Investigating Officer: WO MM Ndlangisa
Tel: 011 719 4822

KHANYILE SIBEKO



(19) Female
Last seen:
2017-04-18

The missing person left home with her child and has not been seen since. She was wearing navy blue trousers and t-shirt.

Sandringham 2/5/2017
Investigation Officer: WO MM Ndlangisa
Tel : 011 719 4822

GONTSE BRENDAN PIETERS




(20) Male
Last seen:
2017-05-22

The missing person left home and has not been seen since.

Pretoria Central 2424/5/2017
Investigating Officer: Const RT Molepo
Tel: 012 353 4031

GREGORY MOHALE



(20 - 26) Male
Last seen:
2017-05-15

The missing person left home and has not been seen since. He was wearing a white long-sleeved shirt, blue jeans and brown shoes.

Rosebank 768/5/2017
Investigating Officer: WO MJ Moswane
Tel: 011 778 4736

KABELO ALEX MASHILE



(26) Male
Last seen:
2017-05-20

The missing person left home and has not been seen since. He was wearing a white t-shirt, black jeans and black sport shoes.

Sandton 30/5/2017
Investigating Officer: WO MD Mojapelo
Tel: 071 702 8656

PROFFECOR MANUEL



(28) Male
Last seen:
2017-04-16

The missing person left home and has not been seen since. He was wearing white shoes, blue trousers and a red shirt.

Brakpan 7/4/2017
Investigating Officer: Sgt JCJ Reynders
Tel: 011 744 4940

ZIYAAD CHOORARA



(31) Male
Last seen:
2017-05-13

The missing person left home and has not been seen since. He was wearing a grey tracksuit, beige trousers and grey sport shoes.

Boosens 10/5/2017
Investigating Officer: Const CP Mabala
Tel: 011 433 5200

LINDIWE MOKOENA



(42) Female
Last seen:
2017-05-13

The missing person left home and has not been seen since. She was wearing a grey jersey, pink trousers and maroon boots.

Tsakane 13/5/2017
Investigating Officer: WO LT Kgomo
Tel: 011 363 5353

MAREME SAMUEL SHAKU



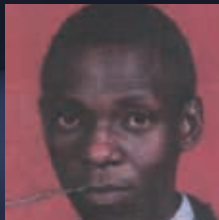
(65) Male
Last seen:
2017-05-30

The missing person left home and has not been seen since. He was wearing black shoes, a pink t-shirt and a brown jacket.

Mid Illovo 1/6/2017
Investigating Officer: Sgt VM Komane
Tel: 013 249 1788

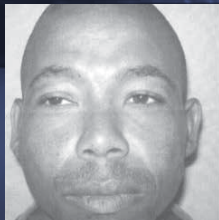
WANTED PERSONS

The South African Police Service requests urgent assistance from members of the public in tracing the following alleged perpetrators wanted in connection with various criminal offences committed countrywide.



ARMED ROBBERY
SIYABONGA RODGERS
CELE

Investigating Officer:
Const T Nxele
033 845 6520
072 108 1738



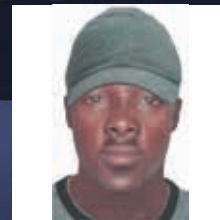
RAPE AND VIOLATION
OF PROTECTION ORDER
WESLEY JACOBS

Investigating Officer:
Sgt PIC Barker
012 810 0700
072 777 3238



KIDNAPPING AND
ASSAULT
XOLANI

Investigating Officer:
Const H Ngoveni
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078 104 1070



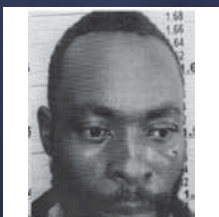
RAPE
UNKNOWN

Investigating Officer:
Const NL Sithole
011 407 1600
079 185 1538



RAPE
UNKNOWN

Investigating Officer:
WO SZ Sithole
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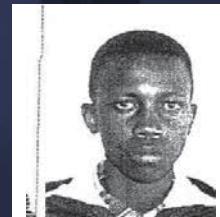
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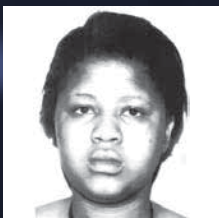
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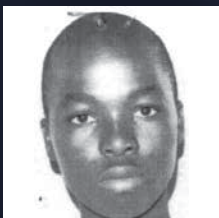
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