



DIRECTORATE OFFICER OF THE YEAR		
NAME	SECTION	MOTIVATION
Sandile Sololo	METRO POLICE	Sergeant Sandile Sololo continues to go beyond his scope of duty to bring to book the smash and grab criminals who have been tormenting motorists along Jakes Gerwel Drive. He has been instrumental in a number of arrests in and around the Langa area. In June 2017, Sgt Sololo commanded successful operations with Langa SAPS to find and arrest the suspect who attacked and shot his colleague, Constable Mini. On 10 September, Sgt Sololo followed up on information received involving smash and grab suspects. During an ensuing shootout, two suspects were killed and five others arrested. The firearm stolen during the attack on Constable Mini was also recovered.
DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER OF THE YEAR		
Kevin Baker	TRAFFIC SERVICE	<p>Officer Baker assumed duties in March 2016 for Traffic Operations in area North, Bellville and has been leading by example in his unit. In the past six months he has made 12 arrests for reckless and negligent driving, driving while intoxicated and housebreaking, amongst others. He has also issued 1 757 notices and suspended 21 vehicles.</p> <p>Most notably, in May while attending to a complaint in Boston, he noticed a person at a house in the area acting very suspiciously. He stopped to investigate and saw someone running from the house. The residents informed him that the person had broken into the house. Officer Baker chased after the suspect and arrested the 19-year-old on a charge of housebreaking and theft.</p> <p>On 15 June 2017, while regulating traffic at an intersection in Belhar, Officer Baker noticed a minibus taxi driving recklessly. He managed to stop the vehicle and arrested the driver who was found to be unlicensed and operating contrary to his operating permit. Upon further inspection, the officer found 32 passengers in the vehicle that was certified to carry just 14 passengers.</p>

Nicolette Sass	LAW ENFORCEMENT	On 20 August 2017, while on duty conducting routine patrols at the Kapteinsklip MyCiti Station in Tafelsig, Officer Sass observed an adult male and a small girl waking in her direction. The child was crying. The man explained that while he was collecting empty bottles in the bush, he heard a child crying. He investigated and came across a suspect in the act of sexually assaulting and choking the child. He managed to scare the attacker off. The 6-year-old girl indicated that she knew who the attacker was and directed Officers Sass to his address. She proceeded to arrest the suspect for rape and attempted murder of a minor.
Ricardo Fourie	FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE	For his outstanding contribution to the development and embedding of the EPIC system in the Fire and Rescue Service. He is always willing to walk the extra mile regularly and is truly dedicated and passionate about his work in the department.
Johan Van Der Westhuizen	DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT CENTRE	Johan comes across as a quiet, unassuming person. Contrary to this, he is actually a team player who interacts well with his peers. He is highly experienced and has accumulated 30 years of knowledge in emergency services. He has demonstrated the ability to have an acute sense of cultural diversity working across the community spectrum. He is passionate about policy formulation within Disaster Management and has contributed significantly to the formulation of the emergency planning guidelines for Early Childhood Development Centres.
AWARDS FOR BRAVERY		
Ferdinand Snyders Oscar Frantz	TRAFFIC SERVICE	On 1 May, the officers arrested two suspects on the N2 for possession of illegal firearms and ammunition. Mowbray SAPS confirmed that the firearms had been stolen. The same officers also arrested two suspects in Klipfontein Road in February for possession of dagga with the intent to sell.
Devano Apollis Norman Pretorius	LAW ENFORCEMENT	In Sea Point at Sunset Beach, security officers alerted the Law Enforcement Officers in the area that a man was preparing to hurl himself off a rock into the surf. Huge swells were running at the time and the man would almost certainly be taking his own life if he jumped. The officers attempted to convince him not to jump, but he did nonetheless and disappeared beneath the waves. A huge wave forced him to resurface and pushed him towards the rocks. This gave the officers an opportunity to bravely go in; risking their own lives and rescue the victim. They managed to grab and hold onto him in the roiling surf and were eventually swept onto a rock. Still holding on to the patient they made their way out of the water. The 24-year-old patient was transported to Somerset Hospital in a stable condition.

<p>Michael Steyn Aaron Jansen</p>	<p>METRO POLICE</p>	<p>Just after midnight on the 14th of October, the officers were on patrol along the Atlantic Seaboard when they were flagged down by a woman just after midnight in the vicinity of Sea Point pavilion. The woman indicated that their party of five were robbed by a gang of eight men who also sexually assaulted the three females in the group. She told officers that the suspects were still in the area. The officers followed up and tracked down the suspects. Two of them were apprehended, but the rest bolted towards the water and rocks to evade arrest. The officers called for assistance and waited for the suspects to emerge from their hiding place. One by one they turned themselves over, but the final suspect had to be taken to hospital for treatment after suffering hypothermia. He was detained after medical staff gave him the all clear. The suspects, aged between 18 and 29, were arrested on charges of robbery and sexual assault. It was later established that they are linked to a syndicate and that one of them had at least three cases registered in Belhar, including robbery and possession of a firearm and ammunition.</p>
<p>Lorenzo Johannes</p>	<p>FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE</p>	<p>Firefighter, Lorenzo Johannes and his colleague were inside a burning house, fighting flames when the ceiling collapsed, sending roof beams, debris and even the geyser falling down on them.</p> <p>Johannes dragged his colleague out of the house into the driveway as he had sustained serious injuries. Johannes continued to provide medical assistance to his colleague, in spite of his own injuries.</p> <p>His actions were courageous and saved his colleague from further injury as he was unable to move after the ceiling collapse. His training kicked in and they were both out of the building within minutes of the incident.</p>
<p>AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE</p>		
<p>Judith Cummings</p>	<p>LIPRO/TRAFFIC SERVICE</p>	<p>She plays a crucial role in assisting with administrative queries and complaints in respect of traffic fines and related issues, including tracing motorists who are using false licence plates and assisting with E-Natis queries.</p>
<p>Nasiera Petersen</p>	<p>LAW ENFORCEMENT</p>	<p>Officer Petersen heads up the Graffiti Unit and oversees all illegal graffiti issues on behalf of the City of Cape Town. She has proven herself to be a competent Unit and Project Manager. Officer Petersen performs at a level well above her job description, without demanding any recognition and is willing to go the extra mile to ensure that the Graffiti Unit performs optimally and that complaints are speedily dealt with.</p>

Rudi Van Rooi Adrian Isaacs	METRO POLICE	<p>On the morning of 11 October at approximately 06:30, the two Metro Police Officers were driving in the Blue Downs area. While driving along Rotterdam Road, the officers noticed a white Corsa Lite turning into the road at speed. They gave chase and tried to stop the vehicle, but it collided with a bus in Eersriv Way. The two occupants fled on foot, but officers managed to arrest the driver (30) who was found in possession of two firearms.</p> <p>He was detained on charges of reckless and negligent driving, illegal possession of a firearm and ammunition, possession of a suspected stolen vehicle and pointing a firearm.</p>
Craig De Lange	FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE	<p>Craig De Lange was on a weekend away with family at Goudini Spa when he heard cries for help from the swimming pool. A little girl had fallen into the water and drowned and was brought poolside by someone in the water. By the time Craig arrived on scene, she was unresponsive and her eyes had rolled back in her head. He immediately started performing CPR on the little girl who became responsive after about 10 minutes. He then turned her on her side so that she could bring up the water she had swallowed. He stayed with her until paramedics arrived and visited her in hospital the following day. Consensus is that Craig saved her life through his actions.</p>
Deon Le Roux	DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT CENTRE	<p>Deon is involved with the management of the DRMC volunteers and always executes his duties with diligence and enthusiasm, especially with regards to the programme that saw the erection of 10 Volunteer Bases across the metropole. He regularly stands in for the Head: DM Volunteer Management when required and has headed the programme to review, standardise and rewrite training programmes for the DM Volunteers. Deon also manages the volunteers' activation onsite.</p>
Charlene Saayman	107 PECC	<p>Charlene started at the 107 PECC just a few months before the FIFA 2010 World Cup. She quickly learned the ropes and handled the influx of calls in a professional manner and has continued to retain this professionalism. She is an asset to any team she works with and is consistently friendly and efficient with whomever she deals with, be it the citizens of Cape Town or the departments within the Safety and Security Directorate.</p>
Them bani Ntozini	Executive Director's Office	<p>Following on from the violence that erupted in the Marikana informal settlement towards the end of September, Them bani who is a Community Safety Liaison Officer was asked to make contact with the local community and see how the City could assist in contributing to a safer environment. He immediately understood the significance of this assignment and made it his absolute priority during the following days and weeks. This entailed the establishment of immediate communication with community leaders and other stakeholders including the new SAPS station commanders; meeting with these stakeholders on an almost daily basis to, on a collaborative basis, work on a safety strategy for the area;</p>

		<p>Contributing to initiatives of the MEC for Community Safety and providing continuous support to these initiatives; committing City resources and making sure that these commitments were delivered on; contribute to the establishment of well trained and resourced neighbourhood watches.</p> <p>By early November, Thembani had trained more than 400 community members in the methodologies of Community Orientated Crime Prevention and issued them with basic patrol equipment. He also secured additional budget allocation for the purchasing of more robust equipment and managed to oversee the Supply Chain Process by early November for delivery shortly thereafter. During this time he provided guidance not only to the local community but also to other stakeholders in the safety and security environment.</p> <p>During this time, Thembani represented the City in a highly professional manner and contributed significantly to the collaboration effort that succeeded in making the area safer. I am proud of his achievements and honoured to have the privilege of working with him on a daily basis.</p>
Patricia Esau	CES SUPPORT SERVICES	Ms Patsy Esau is an overall competent professional who excels in all aspects of her work. She displays absolute professionalism and competence in the execution of her duties as Head: Resource Planning within Fire and Rescue Service, Disaster Risk Management, 107 PECC and Support Services. In addition, she performs a vital support function to the office of the Human Resources Business Partner. Ms Esau played a pivotal role in the ODTP project phase of our Directorate in drafting job descriptions and filling positions. Ms Esau is highly committed, which allows the departments she serves to perform in a highly effective manner.
Mark Brookes	SSII	For his exemplary service and leadership shown over the past year. He is a stalwart of this unit and is always willing to go the extra mile even after hours. He has developed a good network and is well regarded by his peers.
Warren House	SSII	For exemplary service and dedication to duty over the past year. The quality of work that he produces is of a consistently high standard as reflected in the excellent results he achieves. The SSII has received constant requests for his services from other departments.
TEAM OF THE YEAR		
Transport Enforcement Unit	TRAFFIC SERVICE	The unit issued a total of 56 036 fines for the time period January 2017 - September 2017. In addition, they also impounded 1 168 taxis and arrested 123 suspects for various offences. The unit played a leading role in quelling the taxi and public violence that plagued the Retreat/Vrygrond areas during the course of the year. The unit provides valuable assistance

		to all areas within the metropole and is eager to assist when called upon by external role players. Apart from public transport enforcement, the unit provides a valuable service to residents and is definitely an asset to the City of Cape Town.
Informal Trading Unit	LAW ENFORCEMENT	The Grand Parade Informal Trading Unit was established to address criminal and by-law infringements within the Grand Parade precinct. Through dedicated enforcement and commitment in partnership with role players like the CCID, SAPS and other City departments, they have curbed incidents of crime and general disorder. To date, they have made 37 arrests for offences ranging from drug dealing, theft and bag snatching to tracking down wanted persons. They also confiscated 8 567 counterfeit DVDs and closed down seven trader stalls for dealing in illegal items and drugs. The unit is receiving daily praise from the public for restoring order to the Grand Parade.
Gang and Drug Task Team	METRO POLICE	The team has confiscated a number of firearms and ammunition and made countless drug arrests. These successes were only made possible by their commitment and dedication and following up on information received from informants – underlining the growing confidence that the public has in the service and their willingness to share information to help track down criminals.
Knysna Firefighting team	FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE	The team members availed themselves at very short notice and without reservation to assist Knysna Municipality with the devastating fires over the period 7 - 12 June 2017. The team is made up of officers (and the current trainees/recruits on their 8 month training course) from our Training Academy, Operational officers and staff from our Operations sections, as well as two of our reservist firefighters. The teams were acknowledged wherever they were deployed and received positive comments from all those they worked with. The compliments were all regarding the professionalism and conduct of the staff being of the highest order. The team wishes to thank the Executive Director and the City Manager for their assistance in authorising their deployment to Knysna to assist the town in its time of crisis.
Special Planning and Critical Infrastructure	DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT CENTRE	The team has played a leading role in coordinating and formulating the Water Emergency Disaster Management Plan for the City. This entailed arranging many meetings with numerous role players to obtain inputs to the plan, as well as organising two workshops with multi-disciplinary role players. The team recommended the declaration of a local state of disaster on 3 March 2017, which later was declared a provincial state of disaster in May 2017, thus giving elevated status to deal with this emergency. This team still managed to produce this excellent work in the absence of a direct supervisor. The team consists of Amina Varachia, Farzaana Israel, Deserea Bruintjies, Werner Loock, Fadeelah Adams and Lynn Worship.

Team B	107 PECC	Team B, led by Crizelle Dempers, has worked very hard to be the top team every month. They are a new team and quickly developed an excellent work ethic. They provide an efficient and effective service as the liaison between the public and various departments within the Safety and Security Directorate. They pride themselves with their service delivery and consistently show how different personalities can be combined to produce an excellent team who work extremely well together.
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