



**Address by Cllr Bongmusa Dlamini,
On the Occasion of the SAPS Excellence Awards
Ceremony**

**07 October 2016 – 09h00
Coastlands - Umhlanga**

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- Programme Director,
 - Acting KwaZulu-Natal Police Commissioner, Major General
P.B Langa,
 - Award recipients,
 - Representatives of the South African Police Service,
 - Government and Municipal representatives,
 - Stakeholders,
 - Distinguished guests,
 - Members of the media,
 - All protocol observed,

Ladies and gentlemen, on behalf of eThekweni Mayor Cllr Zandile Gumede, it is an honour to welcome you as we recognise members of the South African Police Service who have gone beyond the call of duty to protect our citizens.

Today, we salute the men and women serving in the police service of our country. Our police officers work tirelessly, at times facing great danger and threats to their lives, to maintain public order and to rid our communities of crime.

Police men and women, we appreciated your sacrifices and putting your lives on the line to ensure the safety of the communities you serve. Most of you are family men and women but despite the dangers, you perform your duties with pride and dedication.

Today, we are not only honouring you as members of the South African Police Force, but we are also honouring your families for their unwavering support during hard times. Also, tonight we pay tribute to all police officers who were killed in the line of duty.

Ladies and gentlemen, we have seen your relentless efforts and attempts to decrease crime in our communities.

Therefore, the Excellence Awards are a token of appreciation for your commitment to the South African Police Service. Through these awards, we wish to encourage you to continue performing your duties with dignity, pride and integrity.

Ladies and gentlemen, once again, I warmly welcome you. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the police officers who will receive recognition tonight.

Continue flying the South African Police Service flag high and making a positive impact in our communities by getting restoring peace and order by fighting crime!

Thank you!