

SAFETY AND SECURITY

ANNUAL AWARDS - DECEMBER 2019

AWARD FOR BRAVERY		
TRAFFIC SERVICES		
NAME	SECTION	MOTIVATION
Esejiel Kiewietz	Traffic Officer Technical Services	On Tuesday 6 August 2019, Officer Kiewietz observed a smash and grab on 35th Avenue where a suspect grabbed a driver's phone. The driver gave chase into the nearby informal settlement and Officer Kiewietz followed suit. While arresting the suspect at a shack, members of the community started stoning Officer Kiewietz and the driver. Officer Kiewietz fired a warning shot to disperse the crowd, so that he, the driver and the suspect could leave the scene. The suspect was later convicted of theft. Officer Kiewietz could easily have fled the scene when his life was in danger and he and the driver were outnumbered by the community, but he stuck to his task and effected the arrest which led to a successful conviction. Officer Kiewietz' selfless act of bravery must be commended and he is hereby nominated for this award.
METRO POLICE		
Keith Swartz Mtimkhulu Mtintsilana	Sergeant – Area East Sergeant – Area East	The officers responded to a kangaroo court incident in Town Two, Khayelitsha on 13 October 2019, after being alerted by a concerned member of the public. On arrival, officers found a group of people with metal pipes, sticks, bricks, stones and other items in their hands, surrounding a bloodied man lying on the ground. He had been accused of committing robberies in the area, using an imitation firearm. Officers started shielding the person being attacked, despite taunts and threats from the group. They then addressed the crowd, indicating that it was best to report any criminal activity to the police instead of taking the law into their own hands. Although the crowd remained hostile, the officers were able to arrange an ambulance and assist in removing the man from the scene for hospitalisation.
AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE		
TRAFFIC		
NAME	SECTION	MOTIVATION
Bronwyn Agulhas Hardy Benjamin Randall Petersen Mbulelo Mfakadolo Mario Batist Phathizwe Mashaba Zizipho Mnayini	Traffic Service – Area East	The Task Team came across a syndicate that was dealing in the manufacturing and sale of fraudulent driving licenses on 3 October 2019. Officer Petersen was stopped by a member of the public who informed him of illegal activities at an internet café in Brooklyn, Officers found three males inside the shop, and in a back room, they discovered computers, printers, hard drives and USB memory sticks, as well as many different documents including driving licenses, passports, diplomas, marriage certificates and even payslips. Three suspects were arrested and the documents and computers were seized, as well as R12 000 in cash. All the evidence was booked in at Maitland SAPS.
Ferdinand Snyders Claude Boswell Jody Benjamin	Technical Services	On the 28 th of March, the officers tracked down a drunk driver who had threatened staff at a vehicle dealership in Milnerton, before driving off without paying for fuel at a nearby garage. When they pulled him over, he was found to be intoxicated, and a rifle was found in his vehicle which was found to be untraceable. After questioning the suspect, the officers called on SAPS for help and searched his home in Pinelands. There they found two more firearms, more than a hundred rounds of ammunition, 30 shotgun cartridges

		and hundreds of thousands of rand stuffed in bank bags. The suspect could not account for the firearms and indicated that the money was from his importing business. The officers should really be commended for their perseverance with this case and ensuring that the suspect was held responsible for his actions. They went beyond the scope of their normal duties and should be commended for their quick response and thorough work ethics.
LAW ENFORCEMENT		
Faldelah Scholtz	REU	In June 2019, Inspector Scholtz was instrumental in assisting a young Delft resident with delivering her baby. The mom-to-be was visiting friends in the Cape Town CBD when she went into labour. Inspector Scholtz reacted quickly and drove the woman to Somerset Hospital in her patrol vehicle. On arrival, the baby was born and nurses came to assist with cutting the umbilical cord. The act garnered extensive media coverage and positive publicity for the Law Enforcement department.
METRO POLICE		
Selwyn Daniels Garnet Hendricks Mervin Logenstein	Camera Response/Video Unit	Video unit members assist all departments within the Safety and Security Directorate and are called upon during protest actions and land invasion operations, covering all hostile areas. Members capture evidence during extreme volatile circumstances, and are required to testify in court to the evidence captured from their footage and photographs. There has been a 99,9% conviction rate in cases where members have testified. The members further capture moving violations on behalf of the Traffic Service, as well as Mayoral events and are on standby 24/7. They are always willing to go beyond the call of duty and deserve to be commended.
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE		
Grant Bougaard	Operations: Lakeside Fire Station	Firefighter Bougaard entered a burning building (store). He found a two-week-old kitten which appeared to be dead. He rescued the kitten, checked for vital signs and briefly revived the kitten before handing it over to other staff, went back inside to do more firefighting, and when he returned, the kitten was revived completely and ready to be transported to the vet.
DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT		
Edwina Olivier		Edwina is a mainstay in the procurement matters of the DRMC, taking responsibility for all the procurement administration in support of the various divisions within the department. She also manages the levying of tariffs for events and the administration around catering approvals and procurement. Edwina has a heavy workload, but manages to stay effective and efficient in carrying out her significant responsibilities while maintaining a positive and helpful attitude. Edwina also administers the medical insurance administration for DRM volunteers.
107 PECC		
Patricia Harmse	Emergency Call Taker	Patricia Harmse returned to the 107 Centre in 2016 after she took a 2-year break from the City. With her experience over the last 25 years in emergency services, she developed the EPIC training manual for call taking and in the absence of a trainer, Patricia also stepped up and unselfishly offered her time and energy to train the last three intakes of staff at the PECC. Patricia is not only an excellent call taker, but also a mentor and mother to the new and young staff working in the centre.
EVENTS		
Rowelna Williams	Head: Events Planning	Rowelna has played an integral part in landing two World Cups in one year, i.e. Netball 2023 World Cup and

		the Rugby 7s 2022, including the 3-year stay of the Rugby 7s.
SUPPORT SERVICES		
Cheslyne Jacobs	Specialist Clerk - Finance	Cheslyne was appointed on 2 January 2014 as a Clerk and has steadily been promoted to Specialist Clerk. He is primarily responsible for the creation of both Operating and Capital projects, Project screening and brick wall reviews.
TEAM OF THE YEAR		
TRAFFIC		
Traffic Fleet Office		The Traffic Fleet Office consists of an Inspector, three Traffic Officers and a Traffic Warden. They operate behind the scenes and yet perform a very crucial function – helping to keep cars on the road and thus ensuring visible policing and enforcement are able to take place. The team does everything from sourcing quotes for vehicle repairs to ensuring vehicles are clean and all of the administrative responsibilities that go with documenting accidents/damage/repairs etc. The Traffic Fleet Office personnel go above and beyond what is required to help their colleagues which is a good example of team spirit. In many organisations there are individuals or teams that are the backbone of the organisation. They do important work, but are not often in the limelight. The Traffic Fleet Office definitely falls within this category. The many compliments forwarded to the Traffic Service on the good condition of the fleet is the result of an effective and efficient Traffic Fleet Office in ensuring that the assets belonging to the City are used optimally and well looked after.
LAW ENFORCEMENT		
Delft NST Crime Prevention Unit		This was the first Neighbourhood Safety Team deployed when the project first started in 2017. The team members have shown a level of dedication and commitment that deserves to be commended. Their presence in the area has helped build a relationship between law enforcement and the community, developing trust and confidence. This team has arrested 142 suspects in the current calendar year and 15 unlicensed firearms were confiscated. They also do social crime prevention interventions, in particular, to ensure the safety of schools and learners in the area. They have provided the blueprint for the future rollout and development of the NST programme. This team is supported by two Inspectors who need to train and equip new NST members continuously as new staff are recruited into the project and members leave the project for permanent positions. Despite all the challenges, this team has shown they have the grit and resilience to achieve as a team and perform their function to the best of their ability.
METRO POLICE		
Information Management Section		This team epitomises teamwork. Their commitment is evident in their daily obligations, interactions and conversations. It is all hands on deck in order to ensure that all requests are attended to in great detail. Together, their imagination allows for the effective designing of reports, dashboards and presentations that

		ensure the promotion of the Metropolitan Police Department. Although some processes require lots of time, imagination and creativity; the members are always enthusiastic and always exceed the expectations of their clients. The clients are either strategic, tactical or operational, hence it is vitally important that the type of report/dashboard is designed with the recipient in mind. When meeting with foreign representatives, their skill, knowledge and expertise is commended. No one person of the team is self-righteous, they all have humility and never think twice about sharing their individual skill and knowledge. It is imperative to realise that the Information Management Section is actually responsible for show-casing the difficult tasks performed by the operational environment by producing effective, easily comprehensible reports and dashboards to the respective recipients albeit internal or external.
FIRE AND RESCUE		
Operations: Goodwood and Bellville Fire Stations		The officers responded to an incident in May. The initial calls received indicated a person stuck in a manhole, persons stuck in a ditch and a building collapse. On arrival, officers ascertained that it was a HAZMAT incident. Officers recovered three bodies from a pipe at a construction site. They also saved the lives of three other persons and provided medical assistance.
DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT		
Event Safety Course Team		The team is responsible for delivering the four-day Event Safety Course - conducting the training and managing the administration thereof. This is a team consisting of members from various DRMC sections and their dedication is commendable. The DRMC Training Centre is the only one in the Directorate that provides training to outside entities.
107 PECC		
Team A		With an excellent group of people and a leader totally committed to service excellence, the team that consistently exceeded the departmental target is A Shift under the leadership and guidance of Crizelle Dempers. This is a very committed team who take a great deal of pride in their work and constantly work on their team dynamic in order to render a professional service to the community and colleagues in the Safety & Security directorate.
SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR		
TRAFFIC		
Sizwe Siyo	Inspector Technical Services	There is no doubt that to be the best you have to be led by the best. The Ghost Squad is such an example of how a team has reached the highest standards due to the excellent work by individuals within the team, led by an enthusiastic supervisor who not only manages the team but leads from the front. His skills are near flawless, his work ethic is exceptional and he has the vision to continuously get the best out of his subordinates. Inspector Siyo definitely deserves the nomination for supervisor of the year. He has the team to back him up, the results speak for itself and he is held in very high regard by his colleagues.
LAW ENFORCEMENT		
Daryl Smith	SRO	Motivating and encouraging students to partake. His passion for drilling had a knock-on effect. School morale increased and students eager and willing to excel in school. Substance abuse rates decreased in the schools where drilling took place. Through this initiative, he has touched the lives of close to one thousand children in the Delft area.
METRO POLICE		
Cecil Plaatjies	Sergeant – Area East	Sgt. Plaatjies is a hardworking person who will go the extra mile to assist his team members by means of giving them the necessary field training and to equip them with the knowledge needed to become good, honest members of Metro Police. He is dedicated and very disciplined and completes his tasks with

		diligence, and on time. Sgt. Plaatjies is a people's person and gets along with everyone. He has also built a remarkable relationship with other law enforcement agencies and City of Cape Town Departments. Sgt. Plaatjies is always first on a protest action scene, co-ordinating, giving instructions and providing feedback to his superiors. He makes good decisions and is able to think on his feet. His team has made numerous arrests under his command, including recovering stolen vehicles and arresting suspects in connection with those cases. They also apprehended a suspect involved in a gang-related shooting incident in Site C, Khayelitsha, who opened fire on the members. A firearm was also recovered in this incident. This is the result of the calibre of Sgt. Plaatjies as a supervisor.
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE		
Mark Smith	Milnerton Fire Station	<i>I am sending this email as I feel not enough people give praise or appreciation for the work that our fire fighters do and putting their lives at risk so often. On 15 April 2019, we had a fire in our complex that started in a bedroom on the top floor. I contacted Forum Security (who we use for our complex security and issues) and notified them of the fire and to contact the fire department. When Mark Smith arrived, him and his colleagues worked so fast and efficiently to control the situation. I was very impressed with the calmness and manner in which it was handled. This in turn put a lot of people at ease with a stressful situation. The main reason for this email is to let you know that Mark Smith went a bit further in assisting us.</i> <i>After the second call out we had one family here that we were struggling to find shelter for a few days. Unfortunately, it is a stressful situation for the family to relocate. Mark explained to the field officer on site and to the family that their flat was not fit to stay in due to being waterlogged and the ceiling not being sound. He assisted me by talking to the women who did not want to listen to me and calmed the situation and even offered to try call a shelter or place for this one family to stay when he returned back to the station. The whole team was fantastic and some even answered a question or 2 when children queried about something. We have children here that are now wanting to become fire fighters. They say because it is cool, haha. I take my hat off to the whole team for all they do and a big thank you for Mark stepping in to assist me with an emotional bunch of people.</i>
DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT		
Monica Du Toit		Monica du Toit is responsible for Logistics and Fleet Management at the Goodwood HQ of DRMC. Monica involves herself in all aspects of Disaster Management, including exercises, assessments, catering, facility management and booking of venues. She has contributed aspects beyond her job description such as HR administration, recruitment and selection, staff advancement, succession planning strategy and the DRMC staffing strategy. She is a good organiser and is dedicated in her tasks and has the wellbeing of her staff at heart. She is studying towards an HR degree.
107 PECC		
Crizelle Dempers	Emergency Centre Officer	With her 19 years of experience in the 107 centre and 3 years as an Emergency Centre Officer, Crizelle has developed into a good leader. She has a strong code of ethics which resonates with her team who respect and trust her resulting in consistent, excellent team work and service delivery from them all.
DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER OF THE YEAR		
TRAFFIC SERVICE		
Vusumzi Nyengane	Traffic Officer – Area South	Senior Traffic Officer Nyengane has shown to be a reliable member who strives to improve his performance at all times, and completes tasks and functions assigned to him in an exemplary manner. Vehicles and

		equipment issued to him are treated with the necessary care to ensure maximum utilization of such equipment. We recognise him as the Officer of the Year due to his outstanding performance in terms of enforcement (Top performer for Area South). In terms of Officer Errors, for the past 2 years he never received any errors and is still issuing fines manually as well as no disciplinary issues from his side. A recent overview of his enforcement statistics for the past 13 months ending October 2019 revealed the following: Total fines issued 7 976, Taxi Impoundment 49, Arrests 12 and Cellphone Impounds 21.
LAW ENFORCEMENT		
Jason Hamilton	Regional Inspector	For his continued dedication and support to both the Delft Neighbourhood Safety Team and the Law Enforcement Auxiliary Volunteer members.
METRO POLICE		
Elroy Marshall	Constable – Area East	A strong all-rounder, Constable Marshall not only excels at office administration, but also operationally. He exhibits his value daily by assisting in all fields within the policing environment. He is instrumental in gathering the necessary information in the obtaining of search warrants and the relevant details from the South African Police Intelligence Division from respective areas. He was instrumental on Thursday 25 July 2019 in the arrest of two suspects in the Blue Downs area. He managed to obtain information of a stolen motor vehicle within the area. Officers managed to locate the Nissan NP200 that was hijacked earlier the morning at gun point in Paarl and was then used in a business robbery. The suspects were busy offloading the goods to another vehicle when they were caught. The second vehicle that was used during the crime was also confiscated.
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE		
Jeffrey Moses		For 39 years, Station Commander Moses has been the backbone of the Atlantis Fire Station, ensuring that every aspect of operations, logistics and administrative control within the station has been kept up to standard. He has also been instrumental in ensuring staff advancement. Many staff members who have been under his guidance and mentorship have been transferred across the shifts in order to balance the skills, which he has helped them achieve. He is a giant in the organisation, but keeps a low profile. He recently entered into his 40th year of loyal service within the City of Cape Town Fire and Rescue Service and his attendance, as well as disciplinary record is flawless.
DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT		
Samuel Freeman		Samuel Freeman was based at the Area West Disaster Risk Management Service Delivery Office as an ADMO and was recently promoted to DMO in the Public Awareness and Preparedness section. During his tenure at Area West, he was exemplary in providing guidance to commerce and industry and critical facilities regarding their emergency preparedness planning. In particular, the emergency planning for Groote Schuur hospital and several retirement facilities. He received widespread appreciation from the managers of many of these facilities. He funded his own training for a NEBOS certificate in health and safety. He has also completed his degree in Disaster and Safety Management and certificate in ODETP. He has used his knowledge to build capacity within DRMC.
107 PECC		
John Alexander		John has been in the service of the City for the past 25 years, with the last 14 years being spent with the 107 centre. He has been an asset to the section from the outset and he has excelled as a call taker and mentor to the rest of the staff. With his wealth of knowledge, he not only does his job with confidence but also shares his know-how with his colleagues and peers.

DIRECTORATE OFFICER OF THE YEAR		
Jason Hamilton	Law Enforcement	
DEPARTMENT OF THE YEAR		
Events		