

A SNAPSHOT: SAFETY & SECURITY MID YEAR

COMMENDATION CEREMONY

- **Traffic Officer, Nkuthalo Zantsi** was on his way to work on 29 January 2018, when he spotted someone lying next to the road between Wolfgat and Mnandi Beach. The officer stopped and found that the person had been hijacked and left for dead. The 30-year-old male was bleeding profusely from his head and face. Officer Zantsi called for an ambulance and provided medical assistance by trying to stem the bleeding while they waited. The man informed him that several enforcement agency vehicles had driven past, but no one had stopped to assist. Had it not been for Officer Zantsi's actions, the gentleman might not have survived. His commitment and dedication to the job speaks volumes about the caliber of person he is.
- On 17 March 2018, a Water and Sanitation Department worker fell down a sewerage hole and was in desperate need of assistance. **Firefighters, Wade Brandt and Gabriel Williams**, attached to Belhar Platoon 1, were critical to the 'confined space rescue' that was required. The firefighting duo entered the manhole and found their City colleague in respiratory distress and dipping in and out of consciousness as he was running out of oxygen. They administered oxygen whilst awaiting the arrival of specialised equipment to complete the extraction of the patient. He was transported to hospital and made a full recovery.
- **Metro Police Constable, Lindsey Lotterie** graduated from the Metro Police Training College in July 2017. She has been blazing a trail since day one, and could be a candidate for Rookie of the Year if there was such a prize. Lotterie's passion for her calling has caught the attention of her seniors and she's described as a leading light in her division. Her arrest record is also not to be sneezed at – she's made 75+ arrests in her relatively short career with the Metro Police Department.
- **Law Enforcement officer, Siyabonga Landingwe** spotted two men on a ramshackle scooter while on patrol in Hanover Park on 8 April 2018. The occupants nearly ran over a 6-year-old child after noticing the patrol vehicle. Officer Landingwe decided to pull over the driver, and while interviewing him, the passenger tried to make a run for it. Landingwe took this as his cue to search a box attached to the scooter and found a big bag of compressed dagga, apparently meant for delivery in Hanover Park. The officer continued questioning the suspects until they relented and offered to show him where a bigger stash of dagga was

being kept. At the given address in Brown's Farm, Philippi, the suspect led Landingwe straight to eight large bags of compressed dagga. The men were arrested on charges of drug dealing.

- **Public Emergency Communication Centre staff member, Nosipho Ntshoko** is described as an individual who is flexible and able to think on her feet. She is focused on the community and enjoys networking opportunities and making a difference within the community she serves. She relates well to different target audiences, and is always available to offer up time after hours or on weekends to assist with the promotion of, and public awareness around the 107 call centre number. She is a crucial link in gaining valuable feedback from the communities and how the City can improve service deliver and has also helped strengthen inter-departmental/governmental relationships around public education.
- **Rashied Isaacs is a Disaster Risk Management official** and took it upon himself to help raise awareness around the drought and the need to curb water use. In January, he approached schools in the Macassar area and started a competition for learners in grades 6 and 7. Learners who were able to come up with the best water saving tips were awarded prizes. The response was overwhelming and his actions are acknowledged for helping to build a more resilient Cape Town in the face of the continued drought.



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