

MEDIA RELEASE Fallen SAPS members remembered: PSA calls for more support

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With more than 100 police officers are killed in South Africa every year, which is amongst the highest rates worldwide, the Public Servants Association (PSA), is calling for more to be done to protect and support police officers.

As the country and the (SAPS) on 1 September 2019 remember those officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty, the PSA expresses sincere condolences to the families of SAPS officers who made the ultimate sacrifice. In a democratic society, law enforcers are tasked with the prevention of crime, the apprehension of offenders, and the maintenance of peace and security in communities. Determined steps need to be taken to address multiple factors affecting police officers.

The PSA that represents thousands of SAPS employees, notes attempts by SAPS to ensure the safety of officers, including the adoption of a strategic plan aimed at making the killing of officers a priority for the Justice, Crime Prevention and Security. The Union, however, calls for more measures to be implemented to not only assist and capacitate officers on duty, but to also manage their job-related stresses.

The PSA thanks every SAPS employee for the tireless and selfless efforts in combatting the scourge of crime in pursuit of ensuring a safe environment in South Africa.

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