

MEDIA RELEASE PSA commends SAPS and all role-players for dedication in rescue efforts in Crocodile River drowning

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) extends sincere condolences to the families and loved ones of the three persons who tragically lost their lives after the vehicle in which they were travelling was swept into the Crocodile River in Mpumalanga.

The PSA commends members of the South African Police Service (SAPS), search-and-rescue teams, emergency personnel, divers, and all other stakeholders who worked tirelessly under extremely difficult conditions to locate the missing persons. The recovery of the third person on 16 June 2026, after nine days of relentless searching, demonstrates the commitment, professionalism, perseverance, and dedication of the officials involved. Their determination provided much-needed closure to the grieving family and the community during this painful period.

The PSA recognises that these officials often perform their duties under dangerous and emotionally challenging circumstances. Their selfless service and unwavering commitment to serving communities deserve the highest praise and appreciation.

This tragic incident serves as a reminder of the importance of investing in adequately resourced emergency and rescue services to ensure that public servants are equipped to respond effectively during times of crisis. The PSA salutes all officials who participated in this operation and thanks them for their dedication to duty. Their efforts reflect the true spirit of public service and demonstrate the invaluable role that public servants play in safeguarding and supporting communities.

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