



MEDIA RELEASE	PSA supports SA Police Service's Junior Commissioner initiative
DATE	2 June 2023
EMBARGO	None
ENQUIRIES	communication@psa.co.za

The Public Servants Association (PSA) commends efforts by the South African Police Services (SAPS) to sensitise learners about the scourge of crime, substance abuse, bullying, teenage pregnancies, and other social ills at schools across the country.

The PSA partnered with SAPS Pretoria Central Police Station on 31 May 2023 to kickstart the preliminary stage of the Junior Commissioner Competition, a debate and public speaking competition targeting Grade 8 to 10 learners. In the early stage of the competition, learners from various school across the Pretoria central area shared insight and came up with strategies against crime and other social ills plaguing the country and learners.

The winners of the first stage will go on to compete at district level, to be followed by a provincial level round and a final round at national level. All Junior National Commissioners will be subjected to an intensive induction programme that will provide them with in-depth knowledge about the SAPS, its constitutional mandate, organisational structure, roles and responsibilities, *etc.*

The PSA believes in building partnerships with stakeholders to ensure a secure and safe environment for learners, educators, and support staff at schools. This initiative will assist in reducing crime in schools and communities and will encourage learners to become responsible, law-abiding citizens. The SAPS is a critical pillar in the country's public services to citizens and the PSA appeals to all schools to allow learners an opportunity to participate in the competition and for communities to support and cooperate with the SAPS members to combat crime.

END

