



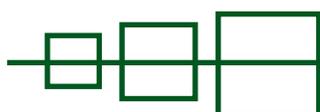
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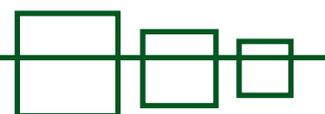


**This report is dedicated to the memory of the late
Minister Steven Vukile Tshwete - Minister for Safety and Security**



**Born: 12 November 1938
Died: 26 April 2002**

Lala Ngoxolo Thangana



INTRODUCTION BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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Executive Director*

This is the second ICD Annual Report tabled in terms of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) and presents the activities of the ICD for the financial year 2001/2002.

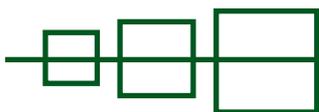
We wish to dedicate this report to the late Minister for Safety and Security, Minister Steve Tshwete, a man who worked tirelessly and at great sacrifice to himself and his family, for the betterment of policing and the safety and security of all the people in our country. Through his efforts the ICD received its first real increase in its budget for 2002/2003, of 17,5%. He was a true leader, a man of vision, a man dedicated to alleviating the plight of vulnerable communities, a man committed to our country, an inspiration to us all, a father figure, and a man who spoke courage and strength during troubled times.

Uyakuhlala usezingcingeni nasezintliziyweni zethu. Ubunengqiniseko nentembeko kwizakhono zethu noxa, maxawambi, besinentandabuzo, into eyenza ukuba sisoloko sinebhongo ngawe.

Our linkages with the South African Police Service (SAPS) at national management level has improved greatly during the year under review. This has been focussed on some of the following areas: monthly liaison with regard to the statistics for deaths in custody and as a result of police action; regular interaction with Social Crime Prevention for the purpose of addressing the responsibilities and obligations of the SAPS with regard to the Domestic Violence Act and liaison with SAPS Legal Services for the purpose of putting in place protocols of procedure or minutes of understanding between the SAPS and the ICD in order to facilitate execution on our mandates, eg facilitation of identity parades in respect of SAPS members who are not under arrest; clarifying the respective roles of the SAPS and the ICD with regard to our respective roles in the implementation of the ICD's extended civilian oversight mandate in respect of Municipal Policing Services.

During the year under review we received 3369 complaints which fall within our mandate and this represents an increase of 14.9% as opposed to the previous financial year. The figure for deaths in custody and as a result of police action is 585. This represents a decrease of 12.8%. The figure for the same period in the previous financial year was 671, which also presented a decrease of 9% from the 1999/2000 financial year. In all humility we must emphasise that our investigations, the resultant prosecutions, the sentences imposed and our liaison with the SAPS have ensured this success story, not only for the ICD, but also the SAPS. The decrease has been a steady one over the past few years and we further predict that this trend will continue.

During the Public Service Week and the Imbizo Focus Week, we visited various communities where we interacted with people by listening to and registering their complaints about policing in their areas. We also conducted "surprise" visits to police stations in the Gauteng, Mpumalanga



and Eastern Cape provinces. Our recommendations following these visits were positively received by SAPS national management and many of them have already been actioned.

With regard to international liaison, we hosted delegations from Palestine and Lesotho who were wanting to establish similar policing oversight agencies in their own countries and were seeking our advices on establishment, legislation and technical expertise relating to policing oversight.

During the period under review, the Head of the Department was invited to deliver papers on policing oversight and the South African experience in Canada, by the International Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (IACOLE); and in Mauritius, by the Southern African Human Rights Non-Governmental Organization Network (SAHRINGON). The Head of the Department also delivered a paper at a workshop hosted by the Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT), to draft a plan of action for the prevention of torture in Africa. The APT is based in Switzerland. She was also a member of the South African Observer Mission to Zimbabwe to observe the presidential elections.

All the aforesaid foreign travel was funded by the organizations who invited her to deliver papers. Wherever the Head of the Department travelled, the South African model of policing oversight has been commended and lauded, particularly because in our new democracy we already have had the existence of the ICD since 1997. We are also regarded as leaders in the practice of policing oversight since we do our own independent investigations.

I must emphasise that without the commitment and dedication of the ICD staff, the successes presented in this report would not have been possible. I commend the ICD team for their continued efforts even against the toughest odds.

We would like to commend the National Commissioner of the SAPS and his management team for their efforts in bringing down the number of deaths in police custody and as a result of police action. At this stage it can truly be said that we appear to be turning the tide with regard to these deaths and that we are moving towards ensuring that this figure decreases to a level which is more acceptable. Through the continued joint efforts of the ICD and the SAPS, this is possible.

In conclusion, we wish to reiterate our commitment to assisting in the transformation of policing in our country, as well as the eradication of brutality and criminality from the SAPS.



ADV. KD McKENZIE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

