



**PROMOTE**

# PROFESSIONAL POLICING

Reward a cop, Report a cop



The police are tasked with creating a safe and secure South Africa. But they cannot do this without greater numbers of South Africans becoming involved.

For a number of years, studies have shown that too many people have a negative view of our police service. They believe them to be lazy, corrupt or even criminal. Whilst there is no denying that some deserve that label, many police men and women in SAPS want nothing more than to serve the public with pride. We want to encourage South Africans to recognise and support those police officers who do their work with honesty, dignity and respect. Public support will strengthen their individual positions within the SAPS and surrounding communities, which, in turn, will assist in isolating those officers involved in corruption and misconduct.

Active civilian involvement is key to promoting a culture of police excellence. This requires the public to report incidents of police misconduct through the correct channels and to support good police service by showing gratitude both publicly and to the relevant station commanders.

It's easier than most people think to report good and bad policing. Formal channels do exist for reporting bad police that guarantee confidentiality and allow action to be taken – hundreds of officers are investigated and dismissed from the SAPS each year. Just as important, is to proactively spread the word within your communities and through our Promote Professional Policing social networks whenever you experience or witness excellent police service.

## How can YOU help shape a police culture of excellence?

This exciting campaign brought to you by the Institute for Security Studies, will educate the public about the value of supporting hard-working honest policing, while providing channels of communication for discussion and debate.



- Visit our Crime Hub on [www.issafrica.org/crimehub](http://www.issafrica.org/crimehub)

for all the information you need about promoting professional policing. We will be posting tips and information on how to reward good police service and what to do if you have been a victim of corruption. In addition you will find facts on how civilian involvement can contribute to building a proud police force that is trusted and respected by all.



- Like our Facebook page (**search: Professional-Policing**) and be part of a community forum to read and share stories and recent experiences of police service, good or bad. We will endeavour to answer questions and provide information on how to become more active in your own communities and support your local police.



- Follow us on Twitter **@RewardaCop** for the latest news on policing and crime with a focus on stories of excellent police service and cases of corruption.



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