

SAPS as one of the state department which derived its mandate from section 205 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa; thus its tasks is to:

- Ensure that the Citizens of the Republic are and feel safe and secure
- Bring the perpetrators of crime to book
- Secure conviction and exonerate the innocent.

The police Act 68 of 1995 further bestowed the powers to the Minister of the Police as an oversight body and the appointed National Commissioner of the Police Service to establish suitable structure of the Organisation in order to ensure that the SAPS can fulfil its mandate as espoused in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa. The South African Police Service immensely contribute to the Objective to the National Development Plan by ensuring that a quality Service is rendered, perpetrators are brought to book, communities are made safe.

Furthermore the SAPS has created strides in the region by providing knowledge and sharing best practices.