

Active cases

Active cases as at March 2014	Number
Death in police custody	52
Death in or near of police actions	79
Discharge of an official firearm	82
Escape in police custody	9
Escape by police officer in or of jail	23
Firearm	2
Assault	292
Obstruction	10
Assault on a person	1
Non-compliance with the JPD Act	9
Other criminal matters	202
Miscellaneous	6
Total	767

COURT MATTERS

Current number of court matters – Investigations	
Cases for SPP/DPP decision	57
Cases in courts	69
Total	126

Introduction

- Gauteng is the smallest province occupying 1.4% of land area in South Africa, but it is highly urbanised containing the city of Johannesburg, Tshwane and Ekurhuleni.
- Gauteng is home to 12,3 million people.
- Gauteng there are 127 Police Stations, ±40 satellite Police Stations and 3 Metro Police Services.
- There are 34 949 members
- The police - population ratio is 1 : 277
- The IPID – police ratio is 1 : 1 398

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Gauteng Establishment

PROVINCIAL		SUPPORT	
Provincial Head	- 1		
Director investigations	- 1		
Investigators	- 24	Investigators	- 4
Admin support	- 3	Admin support	- 0
Total	- 29	Total	- 4

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Cases on the court roll

NATURE OF COMPLAINT	Number	Grand Total
Aiding to Escape	1	1
Assault Common	6	6
Assault GBH	1	1
Assault, Malicious Damage to Property	1	1
Attempted Murder	6	6
Carjacking	3	3
Childlike Homicide	1	1
Defeating the Ends of Justice	1	1
Murder	26	26
Murder x 2, Attempted Murder x 4	1	1
Poisoning of Freeman	1	1
Rape	20	20
Rape, Assault	1	1
Grand Total	69	69

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CHALLENGES

- The delay in the receipt of PMT reports in some instances by some Pathologists.
- Inconclusive PMT results.
- Medical reports in cases where victims died in Hospital are difficult to get.
- Delay in processing of Toxicology and Histology reports.
- Photos are not being printed by local record centres because of lack of time as a result of budget constraints.
- Investigations spending a lot of time in courts verifying and transporting witnesses to and from courts especially during trials and consultations.
- Closing of ranks by certain Police Managers in cases where there are being investigated and in providing information during investigations.
- Delay by some Police Managers in dealing with their members in cases of criminality.
- PMT photos not taken at Government Marriages.
- Torture cases reported after a considerable lapse of time making it difficult for certain evidence to be obtained.
- Some members of specialised unit especially TR's not wearing name plates making it difficult for victims to be identified.
- Specialised Unit and Officers from other posts conducting operations in precincts that are not their own but not reporting their presence to the local police station.
- S/O's/15 not completed during large operations.
- Certain Police Members and Units conducting operations with vehicles bearing false registration numbers or no registration numbers at all.
- Certain Units in particular C/1 conducting their operations wearing submachine and helmets to deliberately hide their identity.
- Certain Units in particular the Hawks removing their firearms from the scene after shooting incidents.

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PROPOSED WAY FORWARD

1. Holding consultative meetings with the Police Management on a monthly basis;
2. Establish proper working relations with Department of Health in trying to resolve at Government Mortuaries.
3. Conducting regular workshops on IPID's Act with all relevant stakeholders in particular SAPS;

Thank You

