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MANDATE

The mandate of BPS is to ensure the safety and security of the people of Botswana. The organisation is established by an Act of Parliament under Section 6 of the Police Act, Cap. 21:01. The Act outlines the mandate of the BPS as follows,

“The Service shall be employed throughout Botswana to protect life and property, prevent and detect crime, repress internal disturbances, maintain security and public tranquility, apprehend offenders, bring offenders to justice, duly enforce all written laws with which it is directly charged, and generally maintain the peace.”



VISION

‘A modern and proactive law enforcement agency of repute’

The vision aspires a Police service that utilizes advanced practices and technologies to effectively address community needs while maintaining a strong reputation for integrity and professionalism

MISSION



‘To deliver innovative and community-centered policing services for a safe and secure Botswana’

It emphasizes commitment to employing creative and effective policing strategies that prioritises collaboration with the community, fostering trust and engagements to enhance public safety and security throughout the Nation.

OUR VALUES (B.A.R.A.T.E)

BOTHO

Emphasizes our dedication to serve with humility and compassion, ensuring that every individual is treated with respect and dignity.

AGILITY

Allows us to adapt swiftly to the ever-changing landscape of public safety

RESILIENCE

Empowers us to overcome challenges with unweaving determination. We hold ourselves accountable to the highest standards, fostering trust and transparency within the community.

ACCOUNTABILITY

We will take responsibility for our actions and decisions whilst upholding the law and ensuring public trust.

TEAM WORK

We will take responsibility for our actions and decisions whilst upholding the law and ensuring public trust.

EXCELLENCE

We will take responsibility for our actions and decisions whilst upholding the law and ensuring public trust.



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Honouring Service, Celebrating excellence

In this edition of our digital magazine, we are privileged to feature one of the most significant events in the calendar of the Botswana Police Service (BPS), the Medal Awards Ceremony presided over by the President of the Republic of Botswana who is also the Commander In-Chief of the Armed Forces, Advocate Duma Gideon Boko. The ceremony was not merely a formal occasion; it was a moment of national pride, recognition and reflection.

The medals bestowed upon 728 deserving police officers symbolised more than years of service. They represented countless hours of dedication, sacrifice and resilience in safeguarding communities across the nation. Each decoration carried with it a story of discipline, integrity and the unwavering commitment to duty that defines the ethos of policing in Botswana.

What made this year's ceremony even more remarkable was its historic timing. It is a year of celebrating the country's Diamond Jubilee, marking 60 years of Botswana's independence, and Botswana Police Service is on its 142 nd year of policing this great Republic of Botswana. These dual milestones remind us that the journey of our nation and the evolution of our policing service are deeply intertwined. As Botswana has grown into a beacon of peace and democracy, the Police Service has stood as a steadfast guardian of peace and justice.

As the Editor, I find it fitting that this story anchors our magazine's narrative. It is not only a celebration of medals pinned on uniforms but also a celebration of the values that underpin our society: loyalty, professionalism and service to the nation. The presence of the President of the Republic of Botswana underscored the importance of this tradition, affirming that the sacrifices of officers are seen, valued and honoured at the highest level. This edition therefore, serves as both a record and a reflection. It invites readers to appreciate the human stories behind the medals, to acknowledge the families who stand behind the officers and to recognise the collective journey of a Botswana Police Service that has grown alongside Botswana herself.

May this feature inspire pride in our policing heritage and encourage continued dedication to the ideals of justice, safety and national unity.



Let the Voice of the Customer Lead us

The tagline, “Let the Voice of the Customer Lead Us,” emphasizes the importance of listening to the concerns, expectations and experiences of members of the community in order to improve policing services and strengthen public trust.



Honouring Service: BPS Medal Awards Ceremony

By: S/I Kefilwe Bafana

Photos by: Cst Morgan Mmereki & Cst Gofaone Kobe

The winter chill hung stubbornly over the Special Support Group (SSG) Parade Ground on the morning of 7th August 2026, but the cold breeze did little to dampen the pride and anticipation among the men and women assembled for one of the Botswana Police Service's (BPS) most cherished traditions, the Medal Awards Ceremony.

Presiding over the prestigious occasion was the President of the Republic of Botswana and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Advocate Duma Gideon Boko who conferred medals upon deserving officers. Also present were the Vice President of the Republic of Botswana, Mr Ndaba Nkosinathi Gaolathe, and the Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Honourable Moeti Caesar Mohwasa and the Assistant



Vice President of the Republic of Botswana, Mr Ndaba Nkosinathi Gaolathe shaking hands with an officers after receiving his medal



President of the Republic of Botswana and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Advocate Duma Gideon Boko bestowing medals on deserving officers

Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Honourable Maipelo Mophuting-Dikoloti who bestowed honours on behalf of the President as provided for in the Botswana Honours Act. The ceremony was further graced by senior government officials, former Police Commissioners, retired police officers and families of the esteemed medal recipients, whose presence added depth and warmth to the occasion.

Against the pale winter sky, the 728 medal recipients presented a striking spectacle. Dressed in immaculate ceremonial attire of navy blue and maroon, the officers stood in disciplined formations, their boots polished and bearing precise. For many, this was no ordinary parade. It was a moment years and in some cases decades in the making. Behind the disciplined faces were individual stories of service, long nights responding to emergencies, investigating crime, maintaining public order, protecting communities and serving far from home.



The President of the Republic of Botswana, Advocate Duma Gideon Boko bestowing the Botswana Police Distinguished Service Order (D.S.O) medals on Deputy Commissioner of Police Crime Investigations, Mr Busang Cornelius Lesola

Four categories of honours were bestowed, each carrying its own significance. The Botswana Police Medal for Meritorious Service (BPM), The Botswana Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (LSGCM), The Botswana Police Jubilee Service Medal (JSM) and the Botswana Police Distinguished Service Order (DSO) Medal.

What made the 2026 Medal Awards Ceremony even more momentous was its historic timing. In the same year, BPS turns 142 years of existence, a testament to its enduring role in safeguarding communities since its founding, and the Diamond Jubilee, Botswana's 60th Independence Anniversary, marking six decades of nationhood. Thus, the medals stood not only as recognition of individual careers but also as symbols of the BPS' collective journey alongside Botswana herself.

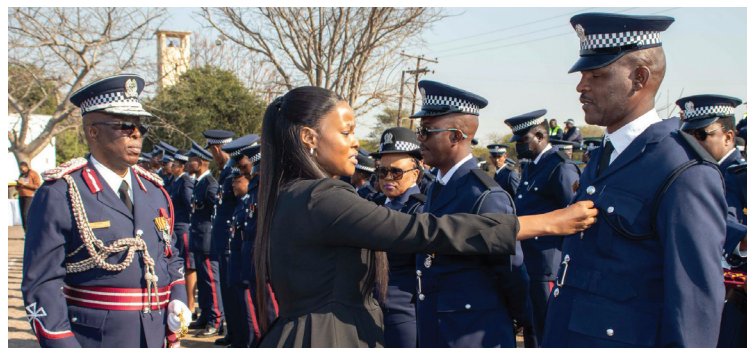
As the names of recipients were called, officers stood proudly at attention while medals were pinned onto their uniforms. The first name to be called was that of Deputy Commissioner of Police Crime Investigations, Mr Busang Cornelius Lesola who received Botswana Police Distinguished Service Order (DSO) Medal bestowed on him by the President. Each decoration carried a story, years of sacrifice, missed family occasions, demanding assignments and the responsibility that comes with wearing the police uniform. Families, colleagues and commanders shared in the occasion, knowing that policing is rarely a journey undertaken alone. Behind many long careers are families who endured late-night calls, interrupted holidays and prolonged absences. The medals therefore stood not only as recognition of longevity but as symbols of discipline, professionalism and resilience. They celebrated officers whose contribution continues to strengthen public safety, uphold the rule of law and safeguard communities across the country.

The SSG Parade Ground, characterised by precision and ceremony, provided a fitting stage upon which years of service were transformed into visible national honour. Yet beneath the formality were human moments: a medal carefully pinned, a salute, a handshake, a smile breaking through the disciplined expression of an officer and the unmistakable pride of families watching their loved ones honoured. By the time the ceremony progressed, the winter cold seemed secondary to the warmth of recognition. The navy blue and maroon uniforms now carried medals that told stories words could scarcely capture.

For the BPS, the annual Ceremony remains one of its highest traditions of recognition, an opportunity to honour officers whose loyalty, sacrifice, professionalism and distinguished service have contributed to the organisation and the nation. For the 728 men and women honoured, however, the day carried a deeply personal meaning. Long after the parade formations dispersed and the applause faded, the medals will remain hanging on uniforms and resting in family homes as reminders of a particular cold winter morning when Botswana paused to say: Your service has been seen. Your sacrifice has been recognised. Your country honours you. Congratulations to all the honourees.



Minister for State President, Defence & Security, Hon. Moeti Caesar Mohwasa bestowing of medals on deserving officers



Assistant Minister for State President, Defence & Security, Hon. Maipelo Mphuthing-Dikoloti bestowing medal on deserving officers



Members of the public who attended the event



BPS & AVIS PARTNER TO ENHANCE SERVICE DELIVERY

Story By S/I Kefilwe Bafana

Photos by S/I Kefilwe Bafana & S/I Kabelo Barogeng

Botswana Police Service (BPS) has launched a vehicle leasing pilot project in Maun and Gaborone as part of efforts to tackle increasingly complex crime and improve operational readiness across the country.

Delivering the keynote address, the Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Honourable Moeti C. Mohwasa, said the Botswana Police Service remains one of the country's most important institutions, whose role is central to protecting lives, maintaining public order and creating an environment conducive to national development. He said security remains the foundation upon which economic growth, investment and community wellbeing are built.

Honourable Mohwasa said the Twelve-Month Vehicle Leasing Pilot Project is intended to strengthen the Botswana Police Service's operational capacity by improving police mobility, reducing response times and enabling officers to respond more effectively to emergencies and public safety concerns. He further stated that the initiative forms part of Government's commitment to modernising public service delivery, improving operational efficiency and ensuring value for public resources through innovative and evidence-based

solutions. The Minister commended Car Rentals Botswana, trading as Avis Rent a Car, for partnering with Government on the pilot project, noting that strategic partnerships between the public and private sectors are essential in improving service delivery and advancing national development. He added that the success of the initiative would not be measured by the number of vehicles provided, but by improved police response, enhanced operational efficiency and the quality of service delivered to the people of Botswana. Speaking at the launch Commissioner of Police, Commissioner Dinah Marathe said criminals were now exploiting emerging technologies, making it critical for police to modernise resources and service delivery.

"The launch of the Botswana Police Service vehicle leasing pilot project is testament to government commitment to strengthening public service through innovation, collaboration and responsible stewardship of public resources," Commissioner said. Commissioner said under a 12-month agreement with Car Rentals Botswana (Pty) Ltd, trading as Avis Rent A Car, the police will lease 28 operational vehicles. She said the arrangement includes comprehensive maintenance, insurance cover and replacement vehicles when needed. Commissioner Marathe explained that 9 motor vehicles will be deployed to Broadhurst Policing Area to cover areas such as Broadhurst Police Station, Oodi, Phakalane and Gaborone North police posts. She continued to highlight that the remaining 28 cars will be deployed to Numer 5 Policing District to cover areas such as Maun



**Minister for State President, Defence & Security
Honourable Moeti Caesar Mohwasa**



**Commissioner of Police
Commissioner Dinah Marathe**



**Managing Director, AVIS Rent-A-Car
Mr Unathi Sigabi**

Police Station, Maun Airport Police Station and posts at Khwai, Mababe, Shorobe, Matsaudi, Chanoga, Komana, Somelo, Nxaraga, Boseja, Makalamabedi and Sedie.

Commissioner Marathe said the model allowed the service to maintain high fleet availability while cutting the financial and operational costs of ownership, maintenance and repairs. The Commissioner noted the pilot aligned with the police corporate strategy launched recently ; A key focus is Priority One: Enhancing Operational Readiness and Service Delivery, specifically Objective Five: Reinforcing BPS Mobility and Deployment Readiness.

“Through this initiative, we are strengthening our operational mobility to improve deployment, increase police visibility , enhance emergency response capability and ultimately deliver more effective policing across the country,” she said. Ms Marathe added that policing must be guided by the service mantra, ‘Let the Voice of the Customer Lead Us.’ “Every strategic decision we make must ultimately enhance the quality , accessibility and responsiveness of policing services delivered to the people of Botswana.” Annual crime figures for Maun show violent crime remains a challenge, including store breakins, murder, threats to kill, and stock theft . The Commissioner expressed confidence that the additional vehicles, combined with the recent introduction of airborne law enforcement capability in the area, will help address crimes of concern and assist in detecting missing persons.

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For his part Mr Unathi Sigabi, Managing Director of AVIS, Rent A Car said the handover of the outsourced fleet represents more than the transfer of vehicles, describing it as a shared commitment to enhancing public safety, strengthening policing and building public confidence. Mr Segabi highlighted that, the vehicles would enhance the Botswana Police Service’s operational capability by improving mobility, increasing visibility in communities and enabling officers to respond to incidents more quickly and efficiently.

The managing Director reaffirmed its commitment to partnering with the Botswana Police Service, noting that collaboration between the public and private sectors plays a vital role in strengthening law enforcement, supporting national development and creating safer communities. Mr Segabi commended the Botswana Police Service, project teams and local service providers for their collaboration in successfully implementing the initiative, expressing confidence that the vehicles would support officers in delivering quality policing services



A New Home for Those Who Protect the Nation



Story by: Cst Mpho Phologolo
Photos by: Cst Tshepang Boemo
& Cst Justin Gaogakwe

Aerial view of the Newly built Police Houses

The atmosphere at the Special Support Group (SSG) Camp in Gaborone was one of celebration and renewed hope as police officers, government officials and invited guests gathered for the official opening of newly constructed accommodation and ablution facilities designed to improve the welfare of hundreds of officers.

For years, accommodation shortages had forced some officers to live

in temporary and compromised structures, with some enduring the conditions for more than eight years. That chapter came to an end when the Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Honourable Moeti Caesar Mohwasa, officially commissioned the new facilities.

The project comprises four modern prefabricated accommodation blocks and two ablution facilities, providing accommodation for 368 officers. The development represents Government's commitment to improving the dignity, welfare and working conditions of Botswana Police Service (BPS) members.

"These facilities are not merely structures of brick and steel, they represent our commitment to ensuring that those who safeguard our communities live and work under conditions that promote their well-being and enable them to perform their duties effectively," said Minister Mohwasa.



Minister for State President, Defence and Security,
Honourable Moeti Caesar Mohwasa



Commissioner of Police
Commissioner Dinah Marathe



Mr Fortune Nyenye
CEO and Executive Consultant,
Express Link PTY (Ltd)

He noted that peace, security and stability are fundamental to national development, economic growth and social cohesion, making investment in police officers an investment in the nation. Commissioner of Police Dinah Marathe described the occasion as particularly significant, recalling that the project followed a visit to the camp by President Advocate Duma Gideon Boko and Minister Mohwasa, during which the accommodation challenges faced by officers were brought to their attention.

Government subsequently approved P16 million outside the normal budgeting cycle to address the urgent accommodation crisis. "This intervention demonstrates a Government that listens and responds to the needs of its people. Today, we are witnessing the fruits of that commitment," said Commissioner Dinah Marathe. Commissioner Marathe explained that accommodation is particularly important for the SSG

because of the specialised and demanding nature of its operations. As a paramilitary branch of the BPS, the SSG has 1,496 officers who are required to reside within police camps to remain readily available for duty.

The unit's responsibilities include VIP protection, city policing, K9 services, scuba diving, mounted patrols and high-risk SWAT operations, requiring officers to remain on standby.

"Reliable accommodation is therefore not simply a welfare issue; it is an operational necessity," she said.

Before the project, nearly 300 officers were housed in makeshift and compromised facilities. The new blocks are expected to ease overcrowding while providing safer, more dignified and comfortable living conditions



Officers in Attendance



Ablution Block

that can contribute to improved morale and operational effectiveness.

The accommodation was constructed by Express Link (Pty) Ltd, with Chief Executive Officer and Consulting Officer Mr Fortune Nyenyeny noting that the project was completed within 12 months of the contract being signed in February 2025.

The four prefabricated modular polyurethane blocks contain 184 rooms. According to Nyenye, the structures offer heat-retardant properties, improved energy efficiency, reduced maintenance requirements and cost savings, with an expected maintenance-free lifespan of between 20 and 25 years.

The new development replaces years of discomfort with improved living spaces, modern amenities and adequate sanitation. It also highlights the importance of investing in the people behind the uniform, recognising that effective policing depends not only on equipment and operational resources but also on the welfare and morale of officers.

Closing the ceremony, Minister of International Relations and Member of Parliament for Gaborone Central, Honourable Dr Pheny Butale, urged officers to take pride in the new facilities and protect them for future generations.

For the officers of the Special Support Group, the opening marks a new chapter, one in which their commitment to protecting the nation is matched



Unveiling of the Plaque by the Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Honourable Moeti Caesar Mohwasa, accompanied by the Minister for International Relations, Hon. Pheny Butale and the Commissioner of Police, Commissioner Dinah Marathe.

A Lifetime of Service Never Retires

Photos & story Sub Insp Kabelo Barogeng



Commissioner of Police
Commissioner Dinah Marathe



Former Commissioner of Police
Mr. Norman Seduma Moleboge



Former Commissioner of Police
Mr. Thebeyame Tsimako

Retirement may mark the end of active duty, but it should never signal the end of service.” This was the enduring message from Commissioner of Police Dinah Marathe during the 6th Annual General Meeting of the Botswana Police Service Retired Members Association, held at the North Central Division Headquarters in Palapye on 25 June 2026.

More than an annual gathering, the meeting celebrated the legacy, sacrifice and continued contribution of former police officers who dedicated their careers to safeguarding Botswana. Held under the theme “Resilience and Unity, a Key to an Improved Life Beyond Active Service,” the gathering reaffirmed that although officers may retire from the uniform, the values of discipline, integrity and patriotism remain with them.

Addressing retired officers from across the country, Commissioner Marathe described them as the “living history” of the Botswana Police Service, recognising their experience and institutional knowledge as valuable assets that can continue to shape the future of policing.

“Our retired officers are the living history of the Botswana Police Service. Their dedication, sacrifice and experience remain a priceless national asset.” Said Commissioner Dinah Marathe

The Commissioner acknowledged the generations of officers whose courage, professionalism and dedication laid the foundation for the Service as it exists today. Among those recognised was former Commissioner of Police Simon

Adolf Hirschfeld, whose visionary leadership continues to influence the organisation.

To ensure that retired officers remain part of the policing conversation, Commissioner Marathe proposed the establishment of a Police Veterans Advisory Mechanism. The platform would allow retired officers to provide strategic advice, mentor younger officers and share practical knowledge gained throughout their careers.

The Commissioner also highlighted the changing nature of crime, particularly the growing threat posed by cybercrime, identity theft, online fraud, financial scams and organised crime. She encouraged retired officers to use their influence within communities to educate the public and protect vulnerable groups, particularly pensioners and senior citizens who are often targeted by online fraudsters.

She further urged members to remain ambassadors of crime prevention, noting that retirement from active policing does not mean an end to their responsibility to contribute to safer communities. Their experience, credibility and community presence can continue to strengthen public trust and police-community relations. Commissioner Marathe also informed the gathering that the Police Amendment Bill was expected to be presented during the July 2026 sitting of Parliament. The proposed legislation seeks to modernise policing, strengthen accountability and improve service delivery, while providing a framework that better recognises the welfare and continued contribution of

retired officers.

President of the Botswana Police Service Retired Members Association and former Commissioner of Police, Norman Seduma Moleboge, expressed appreciation to Commissioner Marathe for hosting the AGM. He called on members to intensify recruitment and remain united in advancing the welfare and interests of retired officers.

Former Commissioner of Police Thebeyame Tsimako, in delivering the vote of thanks, commended Commissioner Marathe for officiating at the gathering and for according the late former Commissioner Hirschfeld a ceremonial funeral, describing it as a powerful demonstration of the Service's respect for those who dedicated their lives to the nation.

"Honouring those who served reminds every police officer that their sacrifice will never be forgotten," said Former Commissioner Tsimako.

The AGM ultimately demonstrated that policing is more than a profession, it is a lifelong commitment. While active service may end, retired officers remain an important source of experience, mentorship and community leadership.

In celebrating its veterans, the Botswana Police Service reaffirmed a simple truth: the uniform may be retired, but the legacy of service endures for a lifetime.



Retired Police Officers in attendance



SEBIGI HANGS HIS BOOTS

Story By: S/Insp Tono Moatswi
Photos By: S/Insp Tono Moatswi

After 32 years of dedicated service, Senior Assistant Commissioner of Police (SACP) Pilane Ishmael Sebigi has retired from the Botswana Police Service (BPS), leaving behind a legacy defined by professionalism, strategic leadership and unwavering commitment to public service.

His distinguished career was celebrated during a colourful farewell ceremony held at Police Headquarters in Gaborone on 23 July 2026, where Commissioner of Police Dinah Marathe, members of the Police Senior Management Team, colleagues, friends and family gathered to honour his contribution to policing in Botswana.

SACP Sebigi joined the BPS in 1994 as a Cadet Assistant Superintendent and steadily rose through the ranks, serving in several key leadership positions, including Director of Music, Head of Planning and Development,



President of the Republic of Botswana, Advocate Duma Gideon Boko bestowing a medal on Retired SACP Pilane Sebigi



Retired SACP Pilane Sebigi

Director of Air Support, Director of Operations and Director of Traffic.

As Director of Operations, he provided strategic leadership for frontline policing, overseeing operational deployments, crime prevention initiatives and national policing programmes. His leadership strengthened operational coordination and supported intelligence-led approaches to crime prevention.

As Director of Traffic, he became a strong advocate for road safety, consistently calling for stronger enforcement of traffic laws, responsible road use and greater cooperation among stakeholders to reduce road crashes and fatalities. At the 2024 National Traffic Commanders Conference, he stressed that despite a slight decline in road fatalities, the continued loss of lives on Botswana's roads remained unacceptable.

Beyond operational policing, SACP Sebigi played a significant role in organisational development. He served on the Air Support Establishment Task Team and Conditions of Service Task Force, contributing strategic insight to institutional reforms and improved service delivery. His expertise also earned him appointments to several national committees, including the National Celebrations

Committee, National Aviation Committee, Human Rights Committees and the Trans-Kalahari Corridor Committee, where he served as National Vice Chairman.

His commitment to service was recognised through several honours. In 2025, he received the Botswana Police Distinguished Service Order Medal for 30 years of devoted and exemplary service. He described the medal as recognition of “hard work, devotion, dedication and commitment” and encouraged younger officers to remain professional and committed to protecting lives and property. Earlier, he had received the Botswana Police Meritorious Service Medal for exemplary conduct and diligence.

Commissioner Marathe described SACP Sebigi as a leader whose integrity, professionalism and dedication earned the confidence of the Service. She said he leaves behind more than an impressive career record, but a legacy of servant leadership that will inspire future generations of police officers.

She encouraged him to remain connected to policing through mentorship and community service, assuring him that his experience and institutional knowledge would continue to be valued. She also recognised Mrs Sebigi for the unwavering support and sacrifices she made throughout her husband’s career.

Colleagues remembered SACP Sebigi as a humble, approachable and disciplined leader who remained calm under pressure and invested in developing others.

In his farewell address, SACP Sebigi thanked the Commissioner, colleagues, friends and family for their support, describing service to Botswana as one of the greatest privileges of his life.

As he steps into retirement, SACP Pilane Ishmael Sebigi leaves active service as a respected police leader and dedicated public servant. His 32-year journey stands as a testament to discipline, loyalty, professionalism and selfless service.



Retired SACP Pilane Sebigi with his family



Commissioner of Police, Commissioner Dinah Marathe shaking hands with Retired SACP Pilane Sebigi



Retired SACP Sebigi with BPS Senior Management Team



JWANENG POLICE GETS A FACELIFT

Story By: Cst Justin Gaogakwe

Photos By: Insp Macdonald Kengaletswe

In a powerful demonstration of multi-sectoral collaboration, Jwaneng Police Station has undergone a comprehensive refurbishment aimed at elevating service delivery and modernizing infrastructure. The successful renovation, realized through a joint effort between the Government of Botswana, the private sector, and the local community, stands as a testament to the impact of public-private partnerships in public safety and civic infrastructure.

Officially handing over the newly refurbished facility, the Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Honourable Moeti Caesar Mohwasa, emphasized the broader societal impact of maintaining high standard public infrastructure.

"A police station is where justice begins for many of our people. Today's handover is about restoring pride in a public institution, improving the working environment of our officers and strengthening public confidence in the Botswana Police Service," stated Minister Mohwasa.



Minister for State President, Defence and Security,
Honourable Moeti Caesar Mohwasa



Deputy Commissioner of Police - Operations
Deputy Commissioner Katlholo Mosimanegape

The Minister noted that beyond enhancing operational efficiency, creating a conducive workspace directly correlates with boosted officer morale and improved public trust.

Commencing in May, the intensive renovation project brought together an impressive coalition of stakeholders. Key contributions were delivered by Debswana Jwaneng Mine, Dulux Botswana, Security

Systems Botswana, the Jwaneng Town Council, the Department of Building Management, Jwaneng Technical College, and local BPS officers themselves.

The total investment pooled by the project partners amounted to P328,786.30. Through direct contributions, shared labor, and localized procurement, the initiative achieved results that Minister Mohwasa observed would have cost the Government in excess of P620,000 under conventional procurement processes.

Accepting the modernized facility on behalf of the organisation, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Operations), Deputy Commissioner Kattholo Mosimanegape highlighted that the project directly aligns with the Service's ongoing Adopt-A-Police Station initiative. The strategy that focuses on upgrading law enforcement facilities to ensure they are welcoming, secure, and fully equipped for both officers and the public.

Deputy Commissioner Mosimanegape extended appreciation to every participating organization, reaffirming that robust community engagement and strategic corporate partnerships remain essential components of modern, proactive crime prevention.

Speaking on behalf of Dulux Botswana, Country Sales Manager, Mr. Ayanda Sempe emphasized that Corporate Social Responsibility must extend beyond physical structures. He said the initiative also delivered meaningful socio-economic benefits to the local community

As part of their commitment to sustainable impact, Dulux Botswana conducted structured training for 40 local community members during the project. Participants gained practical, industry-standard painting skills designed to open up future employment opportunities and foster long-term self-reliance within the Jwaneng township.

With its restored structure and refreshed operational environment, Jwaneng Police Station now stands as a model of how community-driven partnerships can transform state infrastructure and bolster law enforcement capacity.



Members of the public who attended the event



Unveiling of the Plaque by the Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Honourable Moeti Caesar Mohwasa accompanied by MP for Jwaneng/Mabutsane Hon Omphemetse Kwapa, Deputy Commissioner Kattholo Mosimanegape and Jwaneng Mayor His Worship Ronica Ntsimako.



Minister for State President, Defence and Security, Honourable Moeti Caesar Mohwasa cutting the ribbon, looking on is MP for Jwaneng/Mabutsane Hon Omphemetse Kwapa, Deputy Commissioner Kattholo Mosimanegape and Dulux Sales Manager, Mr. Ayanda Sempe



POLICE VI VOLLEYBALL TEAMS TRIUMPH

Story By: Cst Tebogo Sebadieta
Photos By: Cst Tshepang Boemo

Protect, serve, and score, “ are the motivational words that were echoed in the heads of the Botswana Police VI volleyball men and women team players as they held their heads high, emphasising how their police discipline and teamwork had transformed them into winners.

In a sporting landscape where women often have to work harder for recognition, the Police VI women’s volleyball team, affectionately known as DITAUGADI, has emerged as a dominant force. Under the guidance of their dedicated coach, Thatayaone Ngwanaotsile, the team enjoyed a remarkable 2026 campaign, winning every league match to be crowned National Volleyball League champions and finishing the season at the top of the standings. Ngwanaotsile attributed the team’s success to the unwavering commitment of both the players and the technical team.

He emphasised that rigorous physical preparation was a key factor behind their outstanding performances, helping to build a formidable side that many opponents fear to face.

He also noted that the team’s continuous effort to improve its tactical awareness have strengthened its competitive edge. Confident in his squad’s abilities, Ngwanaotsile said Ditaugadi is determined to maintain its winning streak as it competes at the highest level as all of his players are of a high standard.

For his part, assistant coach Constable Steve Odisitse, highlighted that, they face challenges like having long gaps between fixtures that sometimes leave the players waiting through nearly three match rounds without playing, nevertheless, his players remained highly motivated and ready for any challenge. He added that, despite these challenges, the team has won eight consecutive matches, all by 3–0 scoreline. Facing formidable rivals such as BDF VI, perennial title contenders who consistently finish as champions or runners-up across both the men’s and women’s divisions, alongside Kutlwano VC, one of the most historically successful clubs in Botswana volleyball, the competition is exceptionally fierce. Adding to the challenge are other established powerhouses such as Kalavango VC and Botswana Prisons (Prisons VI), all of whom have built strong reputations for consistently competing at the highest level.



Ladies Volleyball Team in Action in one of their league games



Ladies Volleyball team

Meanwhile the men's team, DITAU, meaning "Lions", also made a thunderous roar in the National Volleyball League. Displaying exceptional teamwork and discipline 'Ditau' marched through the entire 2026 season unbeaten, emerging as league champions without suffering a single defeat. Their remarkable achievement did not only cemented their place among the country's volleyball elite but also earned both the men's and women's Police VI volleyball teams the honour of representing the nation at the upcoming Zone 6 Volleyball Championship in Namibia scheduled for later this year.

According to the team captain Alec Engleton, says he continuously motivates players to attend training sessions regularly, emphasising that consistent preparation is essential to win the competition. He noted that the team last won the tournament in 2018 in Durban, and this year they are determined to reclaim the title and bring the trophy home. As they prepare for the regional tournament, both teams carry with them, a strong sense of unity, and the determination to build on their winning legacy.

The duo celebrated together, not only because they had won championship trophies but also because they had demonstrated the core values of the Botswana Police Service discipline and teamwork. As they returned to their regular duties of, they took with them the same unity, determination, and spirit of excellence that had made them champions on the volleyball court.



Commissioner of Police, Commissioner Dinah Marathe (lifting trophies), celebrating with mens team 9 lifting trophies)

CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CDS)

2026 - 2030

PRIORITY 1

**CRIME MANAGEMENT & POLICE
RESPONSE MODERNISATION**



**EVIDENCE
BASED
POLICING**



**AUTOMATED
ENFORCEMENT
TECHNOLOGIES**



**MOBILITY AND
TACTICAL
CAPABILITY
ENHANCEMENT**