

Policing should be professional - govt

Cape Town - The government wants to make policing a professional occupation by offering better training and recruitment programmes, according to report on Thursday.

The **Cape Times** newspaper quoted Police Minister **Nathi Mthethwa** as saying the police should be trained, disciplined and accountable to the communities they served.

He said police were not the only ones to combat crime.

"The police are and always must be, subject to the will of the people they serve."

Mthethwa was addressing delegates at the International Centre for the Prevention of Crime Colloquium in Cape Town on Wednesday.



john.barbarian.9 - February 23, 2012 at 10:26

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Policing a professional occupationbriliant
and...what exactly was before and/or currently? Non-proffesional?

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DMoerin - February 23, 2012 at 10:46

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It's currently called organised crime.

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Gerhard - February 23, 2012 at 10:54

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They will offer better training: -

How to pick a lock

Stealing cars 101

Fraud and corruption, it's not just for politicians

Using gloves to prevent fingerprints

Taking bribes to improve your cashflow

How to properly pack a lounge suite in the back of an SAPS bakkie

How to use up all your sick leave

Getting suspended on full pay for dummies

Effective toyi toyi methods for the strike season

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dirkr.swart - February 23, 2012 at 10:59

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A good start would be for the "government" to be professional and not a gang of kleptomaniac thieves.

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vicker.man.5 - February 23, 2012 at 11:14

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This is an absolutely profound revelation, Minister Mthethwa, absolutely profound. Who would have thought??? This is cause for another Police celebration, no?

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tommy.sierrajonas - February 23, 2012 at 10:29

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"The police are and always must be, subject to the will of the people they serve."

nice line...

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George Anderson - February 23, 2012 at 10:58

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anc now realise the police force for what it is. 20 yrs on and still a dummy run

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This statement is 100% factually true. The police serve the Gumment, thus are subject to their will...

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dlawre30 - February 23, 2012 at 10:41

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Huh???? Should it be anything but professional??

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cliff.drysdale - February 23, 2012 at 10:42

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That is well thought out but are the passing criteria going to be raised for this new profession. Continued development implemented and a separate body monitoring the operations of the profession. Oh!!!! and will all existing police force members need to reapply and if they fail will they lose their jobs???? that then is not job creation??? more questions so please can we get the answers to this?

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michael.bourbon.1 - February 23, 2012 at 10:44

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I thought they were supposed to be professional...!!!! WTF????!???

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charlie.poon.391 - February 23, 2012 at 10:45

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so what is the police now, a department to reduce unemployment, supply criminals with ammo and enable bigwigs to enrich themselves with scams such as leases?

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aprilia.mille - February 23, 2012 at 10:49

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What you mean Mr Mthethwa is that you want it to be like it was before you and your ANC cronies stuffed it up completely.

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gouws2 - February 23, 2012 at 11:00

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s0 what the hell are they n0w!!!!

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jou.bliksem.5 - February 23, 2012 at 11:03

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WE TOLD YOU THAT 15 YEARS AGO - cANcEr IDIOTS!! YOU ARENT FIT TO RUN AN ANT FARM!!

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Terrence Schwartz - February 23, 2012 at 11:05

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A bit late now..... the horse has bolted. We were professionals, they have never been. Just look at images of policemen then, and now!!

Get back to these basics, employ honest and capable people. Some cannot even take a statement or secure a crime scene.

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Gerhard - February 23, 2012 at 11:15

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Reading and writing is not really a requirement. It would be an advantage but it's not going to exclude you from the recruitment process.

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Freddie Miller - February 23, 2012 at 11:10

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Yes, and don't recruit 41 year old cadets!!

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yolandansimbi - February 23, 2012 at 11:25

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or overweight cadets who will be outrun by the criminals!

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bomb.technician.5 - February 23, 2012 at 11:10

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The most hilarious thing i've read all year. Funny, pre-94 we had a brilliant police force who served and protected the citizens of the country. Post 94 we have to be protected FROM the police, and they think that helping you should be seen as a hell of a favor. Is there anything this government and its puppets touch that DO NOT fall to sh*t???

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Barry Mercer - February 23, 2012 at 11:42

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The rest of Africa is the perfect example.

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Alani Banani Keiser - February 23, 2012 at 11:10

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People commenting on here should stop living in the past and pointing out the errors... move forward and "thumbs up" the news...

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Gerhard - February 23, 2012 at 11:19

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I would but I don't see much to get excited about. Lets see a couple of things promised and not delivered: -

Free housing to all

Free land for all

Running water to every home

Unemployment to drop

Education to improve

And my personal favourite, Government to tackle corruption

It's all talk and they are just saying the things people want to hear. They don't actually have to honour their promises.

Where have you been?

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brett.bruce.121 - February 23, 2012 at 11:43

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Please share your drugs with the rest of us.

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vicker.man.5 - February 23, 2012 at 11:16

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Eish now all the fat cops are going to have real cause for striking - they are now PROFESSIONALS and as such deserve biiiiiig salaries.....now they will be able to buy KFC by the bucketload and not just 2-piece anymore...

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Victor - February 23, 2012 at 11:20

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Well, well. It's about time. What about start looking at recruit's criminal records. Secondly, they must have a proper education, like in the old South Africa, atleast matric. And then why employ these total overweight people??? And then, there should be no union. Police members joins the force voluntarily, and tehly know the circumstances required to be and officer. If they don't like it, they should just get another job. Then we should look at the senior police members, and the same should apply to them. Then we'll start making progress. Ask me, my advise is free and based on true facts.

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yolandansimbi - February 23, 2012 at 11:22

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I am sooo confused. So, basically policing is currently not professional? This seriously does NOT make sense!

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murechen1 - February 23, 2012 at 11:28

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Every year we hear the same story, why was this not done when Bheki Cele became a general?

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Terrence Schwartz - February 23, 2012 at 11:32

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Not living in the past Looney, pointing out facts, obvious to any right thinking person. Police fire 9 shots at a suspect who was allegedly running away (handcuffed too) oh, was hit in chest and died. What was this policeman thinking?

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Jeffrey Jones - February 23, 2012 at 11:39

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It was self-defence!

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bomb.technician.5 - February 23, 2012 at 12:26

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Self-defence after the handcuffed suspect attacked TWO policeman, using his two big toes as potentially deadly weapons.....HAAAAAAAAAHAAAAAAAA!

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Piet Jakhals - February 23, 2012 at 11:35

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first.

Close all the recruitment offices at all the jails....

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Barry Mercer - February 23, 2012 at 11:39

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Didn't policing used to be a professional and trained organisation? How and why did it change?

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ivinauthopublisher - February 23, 2012 at 11:41

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The quality of service provided by the police shouldn't be determined on the size of their wallets, sure. But i think we all as South Africans have a better part to play in helping them up - they get paid next to nothing for doing the most important field of work out there - as are the rest of emergency services.

And we sit back and criticize.

Nice on folks.

Why don't you walk a mile in their shoes.

And who are the politicians to speak? (Them with their halos).

Thumbs up, for all being players in the game, folks.

SaVicSupport.

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Lambert - February 23, 2012 at 12:15

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Thank You!

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Garth - February 23, 2012 at 11:51

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The useless, worthless anc reinventing the wheel again!

They took a competent police force and replaced it with their armed, untrained, criminal followers that are marginally less destructive to this land than the criminals themselves.

Now, if this scheme is successful and they are able to field a professional force, they are going to fluff out their green, yellow and black feathers whilst crowing from the highest rooftops about how the anc saved the land from criminality.

And the major problem is, that the ignorants will believe them and use their votes to maintain them as the ineptocracy running this land(into the ground.)

Trouble is, it is probably only mugabe-esque hot air.