

WARRANT

By the President of the Republic of South Africa by which the

“Municipal/Metropolitan Police Service Gold Cross for Bravery”

is instituted

To all to whom these presents may come:

Greetings!

Whereas it is deemed desirable to recognize signal acts of bravery displayed by members of Municipal/Metropolitan Police Services who, in the discharge of their functions or in protecting or saving property or life, have lost or genuinely imperilled their own lives;

And whereas it is deemed expedient to honour such members in a fitting manner;

Now, therefore, by virtue of the powers granted to me to confer honours in accordance with the provisions of *Section 84(2) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, read together with Sections 44(2) & 64O of the South African Police Service Act, 1995 (Act No. 68 of 1995), Regulation 9 (Annexure 5) of the Regulations for Municipal Police Services as promulgated in Government Gazette No. 20142 dated 11 June 1999 and the Regulations for Municipal (Metropolitan) Police Services regarding Medals and Decorations as promulgated in Government Gazette No. 30523 dated 4 December 2007*, I do hereby institute a new decoration in recognition of acts of exceptional bravery by members of Municipal/Metropolitan Police Services, and further ordain that the following Rules as may be made under this Warrant, shall govern the award of this decoration:

1. PRECEDENCE:

The decoration shall take precedence over any other decoration or medal, which may be awarded exclusively to members of a Municipal/Metropolitan Police Service, and also holds the position in the official table of precedence, as determined by the Presidency from time to time.

2. DESCRIPTION:

- Obverse: The decoration shall be in the form of a gold cross paty nowy, charged in the centre with a blue roundel thereupon and a full laurel wreath surrounding a five pointed faceted star, all gold.
- Reverse: The national coat of arms of the Republic of South Africa, and there above, the semi circular inscription, FORTES FORTUNA JUVAT.
- Size: 40mm across.
- Suspension: Pendant from a plain suspender fixed to the upper arm of the cross and hanging from a breast ribbon.

3. RIBBON:

The Municipal/Metropolitan Police Service Gold Cross for Bravery shall be a pendant from a ribbon 32mm wide: 2mm red, 2mm white, 10mm blue, 4mm gold, 10mm blue, 2mm white, 2mm red.

4. BAR:

A bar may be awarded in terms of rule 6, and shall be of silver gilt, 6mm wide and 34mm in length, bearing a five-pointed faceted silver gilt star with a diameter of 10mm. For each subsequent award, the bar shall bear an additional five-pointed faceted silver gilt star.

5. CONFERMENT REQUIREMENTS DECORATION:

A decoration may be awarded to a member of a Municipal/Metropolitan Police Service who has distinguished himself or herself by performing an exceptional deed of bravery in extremely dangerous circumstances.

6. CONFERMENT REQUIREMENTS BAR:

A bar may be awarded to any member of a Municipal/Metropolitan Police Service to whom this decoration has already been awarded and who, subsequent to such award and while still serving as a member of a Municipal/Metropolitan Police Service, has again distinguished himself or herself in the manner described in rule 5.

In respect of every such additional distinction, a bar may be awarded: Provided that a bar shall be awarded only to a member who is already in possession of the decoration, otherwise an appropriate decoration shall be awarded and not a bar.

7. CONFERMENT, FORFEITURE OR RESTORATION OF DECORATION:

The decoration, as well as the bar in respect thereof, shall be awarded by the Mayor of a Municipal/Metropolitan Council upon the recommendation of the Executive Head of a Municipal/Metropolitan Police Service and may also be cancelled, annulled, declared forfeited or restored by the Mayor of a Municipal/Metropolitan Council upon the recommendation of the Executive Head of the Municipal/Metropolitan Police Service, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by the Regulations.

8. POSTHUMOUS AWARD:

The decoration as well as the bar in respect thereof, may be awarded posthumously.

9. ENGRAVING OR STAMPING OF SERIAL NUMBER:

On the reverse of each decoration awarded shall be engraved or stamped a serial number that is linked to the service number of the recipient.

10. PUBLICATION IN DISTRIBUTION LIST & RECORDING IN REGISTER:

The names of the members to whom the decoration or bar is awarded, shall be published in a national distribution list and shall, together with a copy of the certificate of award in respect of each decoration or medal which was awarded to a person in terms of the Regulations, be forwarded to the office of the National Commissioner for purposes of filing such certificate of award and making an entry in a register for the awarding of medals and decorations by Municipal/Metropolitan Police Services for record keeping purposes.

11. WEARING OF THE DECORATION:

The decoration shall be worn on the left breast and a bar in respect thereof, shall be affixed to the ribbon. When the decoration is not worn, only the ribbon in respect thereof shall be worn on the left breast, and where a bar has been awarded, a device in the form of a silver gilt five-pointed star, with a diameter of 10mm, shall be affixed to the ribbon as an indication of the award of each such bar.

12. ENTITLEMENT:

The award of the decoration or bar shall not entitle the recipient to any individual precedence, but shall allow him or her to add the letters "MPBG", derived from the initial letters of the name of the award, after his or her name.

13. DECORATION IN MINIATURE:

A reproduction of the decoration in miniature, half the size of the decoration, may be worn on fitting occasions.

14. SEALED MODEL OF DECORATION:

A sealed model of the decoration, as well as the bar and ribbon in respect thereof and of the miniature reproduction thereof, shall be kept in safe custody in the office of the National Commissioner of the South African Police Service or in such other place as the President of the Republic of South Africa may determine.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Pretoria on this Twenty-third day of July of the year Two Thousand and Eight



T MBEKI
President

By Order of the President in-Council:

