

WARRANT

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

“Municipal/Metropolitan Police Service Canine and Equine Cross for Bravery”

is instituted

To all to whom these presents may come:

Greetings!

Whereas it is deemed desirable to recognize signal acts of valour displayed by dogs and horses 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 animals 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 as promulgated in Government Gazette No. 30523 dated 4 December 2007*, I do hereby institute a new decoration in recognition of acts of bravery by dogs and horses 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:

In respect of decorations or medals which may be awarded exclusively to service animals of Municipal/Metropolitan Police Services, the decoration shall take precedence immediately after the Municipal/Metropolitan Police Service 10 Year Loyal Service Medal, and also holds the position in the official table of precedence, as determined by the Presidency from time to time.

2. DESCRIPTION:

Canine and Equine Cross for Bravery:

Obverse: On a gold cross paty, another of purple, charged in the centre, within an inverted horseshoe with the head and neck of a German Shepherd dog in half profile, both gold.

Reverse: The national coat of arms of the Republic of South Africa, there above, the semi circular inscription, FORTES FORTUNA JUVAT.

Size: 40mm across.

Composition: Silver gilt and purple enamel.

Suspension: Pendant from a ring attached to the upper arm, attached to the necklet ribbon joined in the form of a "V" and passing around the neck of the recipient animal.

Bar A clasp 8mm wide charged in the centre with an inverted horseshoe, there within the head and neck of a German Shepherd dog, all gold.

3. RIBBON:

The Municipal/Metropolitan Police Service Canine and Equine Cross for Bravery shall be a pendant from a ribbon 35mm wide: 5.5mm red, 5.5mm white, 5.5mm blue, 2mm yellow, 5.5 blue, 5.5mm white, 5.5mm red.

4. BAR:

The bar to the medal, which may be awarded in terms of rule 6, shall be as described under rule 2 above.

5. CONFERMENT REQUIREMENTS:

The Municipal/Metropolitan Police Service Canine and Equine Cross for Bravery may be awarded to a dog or horse in the service of a Municipal/Metropolitan Police Service that has distinguished itself by performing a signal deed of bravery in dangerous circumstances.

6. CONFERMENT REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO A BAR:

A bar may be awarded to any dog or horse in the service of the Municipal/Metropolitan Police Service to which the decoration has already been awarded and that, subsequent to such award and while still serving in the Municipal/Metropolitan Police Service, has again distinguished itself in the manner described in rule 5. In respect of every such additional distinction, an additional bar may be awarded.

7. CONFERMENT, FORFEITURE OR RESTORATION OF MEDAL:

The medal, 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 medal may be awarded posthumously.

9. ENGRAVING OR STAMPING OF SERIAL NUMBER:

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

10. PUBLICATION IN DISTRIBUTION LIST & RECORDING IN REGISTER:

The names of the animals to which the medals are awarded together with the names of the handlers or riders at the time of the 'signal act of bravery', 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 dog or horse 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 MEDAL:

The medal shall be worn around the neck of the animal, and where a bar has been awarded; the bar shall be affixed to the ribbon as an indication of the award of such bar.

12. SEALED MODEL OF MEDAL:

A sealed model of the medal 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:



C NQAKULA
Minister of the Cabinet