



SAFER SOUTH AFRICA FOUNDATION



Lieutenant General Cynthia Celiwe Binta
Provincial Coordinator: Limpopo

PROFILE

Lieutenant General Cynthia Celiwe Binta retired from the South African Police Service (SAPS) in July 2016 after having served as the Provincial Commissioner of the SAPS Eastern Cape Province for five years.

She has served the community of South Africa and members of SAPS with diligence for 35 years. As a dedicated officer of the South African Police Service, Lieut General Binta enjoyed working with different sectors of the community on various crime prevention programmes.

Lieut Gen Binta joined the Police in June 1981 as an operational member in the then Transkei Police and went up the ranks in different environments within the Operational and Support Services.

During the amalgamation process, in 1995, Lieut Gen Binta was appointed as a full Colonel at National Standards and Policy, at Head Office, Pretoria where she dealt with the co-ordination of various national operational projects and policy development.

She became the second woman to assume the position of Deputy Provincial Commissioner in the entire South African Police Service when she got appointed in the Limpopo Province in March 2002.

Lieut Gen Binta had previously served as a member of Polmed Board from 2009 to 2011 as an employer representative and had contributed meaningfully to several transformational issues within the Board during that period, including the notion of voting / election process by members that sought to address effective and equitable methods of representing members within the Board.

SAPS Women's Network Lieut Gen Binta had the interests and love of the members at heart.

She held the position of being the National Chairperson / Champion of the SAPS Women's Network for a period of over five years. She also served as the President of Police Women's Network in the SADC Region.

Lieut Gen Binta holds a Master's degree in Public Administration, Advanced Diploma in Labour Law, Higher Diploma in Education (Post-graduate) and Bachelor of Arts.

Currently, Lieut Gen Binta is involved with the training and development initiatives aimed at empowering the unemployed youth with the SETAs.