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Editorial Comment



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I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you again in this edition, it's a bitter sweet transitional period for the entire directorate of communication, I am again being called to fill in the big shoes after resuming the duties as Acting Director, my predecessor Mr Thabo Sematle has officially moved to Permit and Licence Unit under Chief Directorate Transport Regulation in the department.

We wish him well and success in his new position, knowing T-man has hit the ground running, on behalf of team communication we send our sincere gratitude for leading communication Directorate for the past five years. Personally I had the time of my life with him as a manager, friend and colleague, learned a lot from him in our collective efforts to ensure community safety whilst traversing our provincial roads during the operations across the province.

We are grateful for the support received

from all tiers of management, their leadership is showing and the staff morale is slowly but surely improving, there is still room for much more improvements definitely.

As part of the departmental service delivery plan a service centre was refurbished in Mogwase at Bojanala District, the service centre offers Driving Licence and Testing Centre (DLTC), Registering Authority (AR) and Vehicle Testing Centre to expedite services delivery. It is envisaged that the department will reap good returns on investment through efficient and effective service delivery from the now fully refurbished service centre.

Another accolade goes to the Special Programme Unit in collaboration with Madibeng local Municipality observed the global road safety week by refurbishing parking bays specially reserved for persons with disability at Brits CBD.

The ceremony was coupled by handing over of thirty (30) brand new high performance vehicles fitted with latest incredible cutting edge technologically advanced equipments fit and proper to service new specialised law enforcement unit.

As a department we embarked on numerous awareness campaigns to fight the scourge of Gender Based Violence & Femicide, this was conducted in conjunction with relevant stakeholder across the province. The campaigns were aimed at dealing decisively with the concerning and rising rate of GBV&F in the North West. Following the release of fourth

quarter crime statistics MEC conducted anti-crime Imbizo's particularly in the police stations that are at the apex of crime in the province and national level.

Finally, I would like to send my heartfelt gratitude to team communication for their continued selfless work that they put daily to make our directorate in particular and the department in general shine brightly.

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Advanced vehicles to service new specialised law enforcement unit.



A fleet of 30 new highly powered vehicles, fitted with incredible technological advancements will be used in a soon to be established specialised law enforcement unit within the Department of Community Safety and Transport Management. The special unit which will deal specifically with monitoring compliance and enforcing the law on all major roads in the province on a 24 hour/ 7 day basis.

MEC Sello Lehari made the announcement at the handover event in Mahikeng and says the unit will be launched in August 2023.

"The department has made a commitment to ensure that the safety of our people remains a priority. The vehicles will enable us to effectively deal with lawlessness on our roads, particularly on those that have proven to be hotspots of fatalities.

"They will enable our law enforcement officials to patrol the national roads and also ensure that

visibility in increased," said MEC Lehari.

The MEC also took the opportunity to welcome 51 new traffic official recruits who completed their Diplomas in Road Traffic Management in December last year, through the department's learnership programme.

"I am impressed with the level of discipline that our new recruits have displayed, from the first day of their training to the last. Their determination will significantly improve the quality of our law enforcement, this is a part of an effort to build a capable and well resourced law enforcement," said MEC Lehari.



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Renovations at Mogwase Service Centre nearing completion



Residents in the Moses Kotane Local Municipality will soon benefit from a newly refurbished three in one traffic service centre, making it easier to access services at a convenience. The centre which will in the near future meet a 100% servicing capacity of Driving Licence and Testing Centre (DLTC), a Registering Authority (RA) and a Vehicle Testing Centre (VTC) all in the same vicinity.

The project forms part of government plans to take services to the public and closer to their residential areas in order to grow local economies. The station is also expected to service over 40 villages in and around the local municipality perimeter. The

Director for Transport Administration and Licensing, Mr Seubel Mmono says the refurbishment of the centre will improve the overall provision of services in the Bojanala District.

"The centre will now go through a practical completion and we look forward to the total completion of the project. To finalise everything within the stipulated time so as to ensure that all is above board, that the building is ready to be occupied and for the public to receive services." Given the increase in demand of services in the district, this centre will offload from the Rustenburg centre and people of Moses Kotane will



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no longer have to travel a distance to be able to renew their vehicle discs and do their driver license testing,” said Mmono.

The centre promises to offer unique services encompassing of traditional means as well as new computerised system. The DLTC Management Representative, Ms Mmoniemang Makhubela says the centre will have capacity to do both.”The current fixes to the facility will allow us to accommodate a higher number of clients.

From our analysis there is still a high demand for

the conventional system of testing especially for learners testing, so we hope to also attract more clients through the new technologies we will adopt.”We used to have challenges of long queues and a building which was dilapidated and not conducive especially during harsh weather seasons, we now look forward to uninterrupted and smooth delivery of services”, said Makhubela.

The project site was handed over in late December 2021 for renovations and repairs. The launch and handover is expected within the 2023/24 financial year.



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Increased awareness on the plight of people living with disabilities.



The Department of Community Safety and Transport Management as well as the Madibeng Local Municipality have directed efforts towards creating awareness around persons with disabilities and the challenges they face as road users.

Accessing public places especially as pedestrians, passengers or motorists can be challenging for persons with disabilities which prompts careful consideration as well necessary support by the public as a whole.

In celebration on Global Road Safety Week; which is observed every other year, the Department along with stakeholders refurbished designated parking bays and pedestrian crossings in and around Brits, in an effort to make them easily identifiable as well as to improve access to transport, social services, healthcare and other

government services.

The Bojanala District Director, Mr Sipho Maduma, says highlighting the plight of the vulnerable people in society is part of road safety education which is aimed at influencing road user behaviour. "Many people do not understand the kind of challenges that one faces when for instance when their mobility, eyesight, speech is limited.

People tend to use designated parking bays that are not meant for them, this adds on to the existing challenges that a person with a disability already has. "Through this campaign we have lobbied our social partners to raise awareness and educate people on being more mindful of others when using and accessing roads.

This initiative, we believe will ultimately have a huge impact on reducing road accidents and fatalities," said Mr Maduma.

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A 45 year old paraplegic, Veronica Baloyi has been driving for most of her life. She says the most challenging thing about her experience on the road is the lack of adherence to road rules by other motorists and believe that this intervention will go a long way in ensuring compliance with the law.

"The CBD often gets busy and parking becomes limited. As a motorist with a disability I struggle to reach designated parking bays as most people would claim that they don't see the signs.

"I believe repainting will change that and hopefully people will think twice before taking designated spots. We are being provided a platform to express our concerns and most importantly have them addressed as they are today," Ms Baloyi said.

The Acting Executive Mayor for Madibeng Local Municipality, Cllr Esther Bopape says strategic areas around town have been identified for

repainting.

"It is important that basic services be accessible to the public; we have identified the municipality, police station, Behrens taxi rank, schools, the local clinic and the social services centre for remarking.

"We have also reached out to the Meerhof Special School, to engage with learners and empower them so that the message of responsible road usage and general road safety is understood at a young age," added Cllr Bopape.

Global Road Safety Week is a biannual 7 days set aside in May to focus on awareness about road safety and the significance of taking the necessary measures to prevent road accidents. Activities for the year 2023 were celebrated under the universal theme: "Rethink Mobility".



MEC Lehari mobilises Moeka Vuma community in a debushing letsema



Closing off the Mandela month, MEC for the Department of Community Safety and Transport Management, Sello Lehari, lead a cleaning campaign at the Moeka Vuma Police Station and the local cemetery. The aim of the campaign is to create cleaner, safer communities and limit crime opportunities by targeting bushy areas that often become crime hotspots.

MEC Lehari said the most important thing is to be selfless as Madiba was. "On this day, we remember the words of Madiba when he said 'safety and security don't just happen, they are the result of collective consensus and public investment.

The community has now taken it upon themselves to work with the Moretele Local Municipality to identify more areas that require debushing as a means to keep the initiative going.

We owe our children, the most vulnerable in our society, a life free from violence and fear'. "We have all dedicated today to this selfless cause, we worked together and indeed sowing the seed in order for the entire community to reap the benefits and that is how we continue to advance the legacy of Tata Mandela," said MEC Lehari.

The activity is part of the department's Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design



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Gender based violence has no place in Huhudi Community in Vryburg



Gender Based Violence continues to have a negative effect in the Phola Park in Vryburg, Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti District.

The Community Safety and Transport Management, has once again mobilised different stakeholders around Naledi Local Municipality using the District Development Model (DDM) to visit the informal settlement area of Phola Park in a door to door visit and targeted forty (40) households.

Upon the inception of the door to door process, stakeholders encountered numerous challenges that the community are facing such as, gender based violence, high unemployment rates, gangsterism, drug abuse, teenage pregnancy, burglary, rape, children not attending schools due to lack of birth certificates and elderly not having identity documents to access government basic services.

The solemn intention of this campaign is to educate the public on how and where to access the government services and mainly reporting of gender based violence that turned to be the pandemic in the whole country.

The Huhudi Police Station Commander, Lt Colonel Mhlanganiso Mbotho said the community members of Huhudi makes their job difficult by not reporting gender based violence cases and other crimes or reporting them and later withdrawing the cases and they would be left with no choice but to let the perpetrators go and repeat the same crimes or even worse.

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Department strongly condemns GBV deeds in Bloemhof



The Department of Community Safety and Transport Management in partnership with various stakeholders visited Extension 12 & 13 in Bloemhof, Lekwa-Teemane Local Municipality in response to the increasing of Gender Based Violence and Femicide in the area.

According to the local police statistics most reported cases are gender based violence and femicide, rape, assault and malicious damage to property influenced by abuse of alcohol especially during the weekends.

Another concerning factor in the area is withdrawing of reported cases by victims that perpetuates the problem and impacts negatively on South African Police Service.

“The department is committed to reduce crime in all the communities to create a safer and conducive environment for people of the North

West Province.

This can only be achieved through cooperation of key stakeholders and will definitely yield desirable outcomes.

Community members are equally responsible for their safety by reporting any criminal activities taking place in their areas and working together with existing authorities to combat crime” said coordinator Tshenolo Mosoahle from Crime Prevention and Partnership directorate in the department when outlining the purpose of the campaign.

Invited stakeholders had a great opportunity to engage with the community members of Extension 12 & 13 regarding their vital services and encourage members to take advantage of them according to their various needs.

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MEC Lehari led crime and violence intervention Imbizo in Tlhabane



The MEC for the Department of Community Safety and Transport Management, Sello Lehari led the anticrime Imbizo in Tlhabane in Rustenburg Municipality.

The recently released Fourth (4th) Quarter Crime Statistics indicated that Rustenburg stands at position seven for all the crimes reported to the police in the first three months of 2023.

Bojanala District of which Rustenburg is the biggest conurbation has recorded 41% of the total crime stats in the Province and the city had 10.3% more than the previous quarter. For the quarter, Tlhabane and Phokeng had reported 1 180 crime incidents and these are only those reported at the police.

It was for this reason that MEC Lehari led the Anticrime Imbizo in Tlhabane. "What worries more is the ever rising figures of robberies, car hijackings, residential breaking-ins, domestic violence and gender based violence", said MEC

Lehari.

Most of the crime incidents seemingly emanate from alcohol selling premises like taverns and often both victim and perpetrator know each other.

As part of ensuring that there is a holistic approach to fighting crime, MEC Lehari will lead the Department in variety of activities. These include search and seizure, joint law enforcement operations, oversight visits to assess the police stations, analyse resource allocation as well as the capacity and ability of these stations to service their communities.

Communities are also encouraged to work together with relevant authorities in their areas and engage the Civilian Secretariat Chief Directorate of the Department if they are unhappy with processes of cases.

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TKC Inter - Provincial Joint Law Enforcement Operations yield impactful results.



Trans Kalahari Corridor (TKCS) National Committee in the Republic of South Africa held the Inter - Provincial Joint Law Enforcement Operations between Brits and Tshwane sphere to educate the road users about the importance of road safety and the same time celebrating "Mandela Day" a birthday of the renowned struggle icon and former president of South Africa Dr Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela which is on the 18th July.

Law enforcement officials took to the N4 road after the opening parade to conduct stop and check in all vehicles coming and going to North West and Gauteng to ensure compliance of drivers, passengers and roadworthy of these vehicles.

During his welcoming and key note TKCS Executive Director Mr Leslie Mpofo welcomed both delegates from two Provinces, and the delegation from Eswatini, stakeholders invited and thanked them for their continues support in

order to achieve the objectives of TKC.He also welcomed delegations of Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Accident Fund (MVA) led by its Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Mr David Mfanimpela Myeni from Eswatini.

The Eswatini MVA visit is informed by the SADC bi-lateral agreement on harmonization of systems and processes in ensuring a better Africa trade.

The Trans Kalahari Corridor (TKC) is a road network ranging approximately 1900 kilometers across the territories of South Africa, Botswana and Namibia. Mpofo was accompanied by Trans Kalahari Corridor National Chairperson, Mr Suebel Mmono, Trans Kalahari Corridor Management Committee: Co-Chair Mr Segodi Mogotsi, Sincephetelo MVA Fund CEO, Mr David Mfanimpela Myeni and Gauteng Department of Community Safety, Head of Department Ms Nontsikelelo Sisulu and various stakeholders.

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NW bids farewell to Crime fighter - Mr Dixon Ngamlane



active on CPF activities but community at large. Lehari said he will be missed by the Department and the community at large.

Ngamlane was an active member and Chairperson of the Provincial Community Policing Board. He assumed the position in 2016.

Prior to that, he served as the Chairperson at Mahikeng Police Station where he actively participated in community policing activities.

Due to his commitment and the will to serve the community, he was elected as the Chairperson of Mahikeng Cluster Board in 2000.

The sudden death of Mr Dixon Ngamlane and his wife Thozama has left North West communities with broken hearts.

The couple met their ultimate death on a tragic accident in Fochville.

Ngamlane was an active member and the Chairperson of the North West Provincial Community Policing Board. He was described as an ambassador of safety in the Province as he wanted all citizens of the Province to be safe.

North West Community Safety and Transport Management MEC Sello Lehari said Ngamlane was a dedicated community leader who believed in participating in programmes of government specifically on fighting crime.

"We had a meeting with him when he was leading his CPF Board just recently. It was a very productive meeting," said MEC Lehari, who further explained that Ngamlane was not only

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Hats off to women breaking barriers in the workplace



Law enforcement, safety and the transport fraternity historically were sectors which remained largely untransformed and male dominated.

In this day and age women have become part and core of the very existence of those sectors. Leading in industries that contribute immensely to the growth of the country's economy.

Women have become advocates for the change they want to see in the workplace. Borrowing the strength and resilience of the women who set our path in 1956 and fought against unjust laws. Today we remember their placards, we hear their voices and chants because we have become pioneers in our own right.

We celebrate women who take pride in their line of duty. Those who keep our communities safe, who uphold our laws and many others who continue to thrive in the many domains of our transport sector.

The department of Community Safety and Transport Management honours our women in all fronts, our

stakeholders and employees who are dedicated to serve our public diligently and with integrity. The department is committed to ensure that women are provided with the necessary support to carry out their duties.

We intend to have more women focused initiatives that are aimed at empowering women in their respective fields in the department. We are also encouraged to meet the minimum 40% threshold in support of women owned businesses. And further strive to achieve 50% representative of women in Senior Management.

Salutations to you for the sterling work you do. May we continue to transform the lives of our people as we create safer communities and ensure effective transport services.

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By: Community Safety and Transport Management, Acting HoD Ms Mpho Maleme.





Spot the difference between PRE and NWPTIT

The North West Department of Community Safety and Transport Management strives to accelerate in delivering an effective and efficient public transport system in the Province. This, by ensuring proper regulation on public passenger transport, specifically the taxi industry through adjudication of taxi operating permits through the Provincial Regulatory Entity (PRE), which is established in accordance with the National Land Transport (NLT) Act 5 of 2009.

However, following the escalation of taxi violence which at some point led to loss of life in different parts of the Province, the Department MEC Sello Lehari deemed it fit to establish and appoint an intervention team, in line with section 10 (1)(a) of the Act.



PRE functions:

- Monitor and oversee public transport in the Province
- Receive and decide on applications relating to operating licenses for intra-provincial transport

In the case where no municipality, the entity carries the operating license functions. The Act also makes provision for powers of the entity to make inquiries or hold hearings in appropriate cases to enable the entity to perform its functions.

The Act further provides a blueprint on how to deal with operator license applications, renewals, transfers as well as amendments.

Currently in the Province, the entity works with 84 transport associations who carry 16 632 active members.

NWPTIT functions:

- Receive and investigate cases
- Conduct route verification
- Intervene on conflicts
- Make recommendations on their investigation findings to the Department

Since the establishment, the team received 35 cases to attend and so far has resolved 29 of such. The team has adopted strategic approach to sustain stability on resolved cases is that the department took a posture of continuously monitoring and overseeing all resolved matters by entering into Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with SANTACO which is the highest national structure and the mouth piece of the sector.



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