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This bumper edition of the 2024/2025 financial year filled is with various activities of the department to reach out to communities as per our multi-pronged mandate. With advent of the 7th administration, our newly appointed young and energetic MEC Wessels Morweng is given the task to lead the department of Community Safety and Transport Management.

We were able to engage with communities through Crime Prevention Imbizo across the four districts of the Province to address the scourge of Gender Based Violence and Femicide. This is one of the most stubborn and gruesome criminal activities among others that department channeled a bulk of the resources in conjunction with South African Police Service and Community Policing Forums to bring it down.

As entrusted with the safety of the community, the department has ensured that law and order prevailed on our roads and motorists abides with the road rules to reduce the number of road fatalities.

A maximum awareness and educational road safety was conducted through joint law enforcement operations, including Trans Kalahari Corridors. The department also embarked on Road Safety School Debate competitions.

The journey was not smooth sailing, we encountered challenges along the way albeit department displayed a determination and commitment by attaining unqualified outcome report. The Head of Department Dr Hans Kekana expressed appreciation to officials for their tireless efforts to heighten compliance.

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MEC MORWENG ENCOURAGES LEARNERS TO EXCEL ON THEIR EXAMS

MEC Wessels Morweng

The MEC for Community Safety and Transport Management, Wessels Morweng while dealing with issues of crime and provision of effective and efficient transport in the Province, has recently engaged with learners from Mothelesi, Totonyane and Seoleseng Secondary Schools in the Greater Taung Municipality.

Not only addressing grade 12 learners of the above schools who were on official camp by then, however, his message cuts across all learners in the Province who are currently writing final year examination.

He shared words of encouragement to learners, especially those that are in Grade 12. "Today I come here with the belief that all of you belong in the categories of champions.

You are the fearless generation and there is no doubt that you will become excellent future leaders.

"Use this as an opportunity to implement what your teachers have taught you in the preparation phase, conquer and lead your schools to the victory they deserve.

"I was once in your position, coming from a very rural area and I can tell you that the decision to remain focused will pay off ultimately. Grab the opportunity to learn with both hands, because education is the greatest equaliser," said MEC Morweng.

New broom to sweep high level crime - MEC Morweng



In his first media interview during induction as the new Member of the Executive for the North West Provincial Legislature, responsible for the Department of Community Safety and Transport Management, MEC Wessels Morweng committed to fight the high levels crime in the Province.

He emphasized on **'arrest, arrest, and more arrests,'** of criminals, stating that criminals cannot be given leverage to torment communities as if government does not have powers and resources to arrest them and protect communities.

With his understanding of the Department's mandate, MEC Morweng immediately outlined his intentions to work closely with the communities in building relation with the police and bring all the stakeholders under one roof to fight crime on an integrated approach.

Government has resources, all we need to do is to bring everybody on board to stamp our authority and clampdown on criminals. We can never allow criminals to do as they please and continue to torment our communities.

Before becoming the Member of the Executive Council, I am the member of the community and I am here to represent the community therefore, I have committed all my energies to work for the community and in this case, building safer environment is the key responsibility," committed Morweng.

The youngest MEC amongst the North West Cabinet emphasized more on his intentions to fight crime, bringing positive change on the lives of communities when he presents his first budget speech at the North West Provincial Legislature.

"We are going to continue to mobilize communities to participate in the crime prevention initiatives in pursuit of creating a safer environment.

With the allocated budget, we will promote relations between the police and communities, by providing support to community structures in ensuring their participation in crime prevention initiatives.

Community police forums and all community-based structures will be supported through monitoring, capacity building and funding of initiatives," said MEC outlining the fight against crime.

In addition to crime issues, MEC also emphasized the importance of making livestock theft a priority as many rural communities survive through communal farming and the danger posed by criminal activities on it will diminish their dreams.



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Safer festive season activated to protect residents



Festive season normally comes with high rate of criminal activities, increase of movements in the townships, small towns and big cities, including increased population on national roads as most of people are traveling to their different destinations for holidays.

Given this, results on a need for the law enforcement agencies to integrate with main objective to implement an advanced crime prevention and combat strategy to address patterns of criminality that occur during the season. This includes a concerted effort by all law enforcement role players to drive sustainable solutions in addressing crime.

The South African Police Service (SAPS) 2024 Safer Festive Season Campaign has been officially activated in the North West Province.

Speaking at the official activation of the Safer Festive Season Campaign for 2024, in Mahikeng, the MEC for Community Safety and Transport Management, Wessels Morweng placed much emphasis on the province's readiness to combat all forms and levels of crime.

"Criminals have declared war on the state and we simply accepting the challenge. We are ready and all men and women in blue are hereby given a directive.

The directive is you must at all times fondly remember your oath. Among others your guides that you will address the root causes of crime in the community.

"Carry out your responsibility with integrity and dignity and never dishonour and degrade the image of the Police. Wear your uniform with pride and treat everyone courteously and respectfully whilst ensuring laws of the Republic are obeyed.

"Its going to be a long four months but we trust in your ability to ensure the citizens are safe.

We trust in you to ensure that all criminal speak ill of you whilst holiday makers speak well of you. In you we trust that your discipline will stand you in good stead in the face of provocation and vexation," said MEC Morweng while addressing the men and women in uniform.

The SAPS Provincial Commissioner, Lieutenant General Sello Kwena said the Provincial Joint Operational and Intelligence Structure (PROVJOINTS) has made a commitment to ensure the successful implementation of the campaign, where residents of the North West as well as holiday makers can feel and be safe.

"The safety and security of our people is an apex priority, this also includes travellers and holiday makers who will be coming to the province during a very busy time.

"Our efforts will speak to crime patterns identified such as the scourge of Gender Based Violence and Femicide, drug substance and alcohol abuse, effectively addressing trio crimes, stock theft which is a thorny one in our province, human trafficking and the spiking extortion which has shown its ugly face in all parts of the country," said General Kwena while outlining the crime picture in the province.

So far, over a 1000 suspects have been arrested for a variety of offences. These include murder, rape, attempted murder, assault with the intent to do grievous bodily harm, common assault, drug offences, illegal dealing in liquor, burglaries – both at business and residential premises as well as driving under the influence of alcohol.

Over and above these offences, 81 suspects are undocumented people who were handed over to Immigration Officials for processing. Of the 1 258 suspects, 421 were already on the police wanted lists and their arrest is a result of excellent detective work by our officers.

Learners sharpens road safety approach through debate



A long route to the Provincial Road Safety Schools Debate ended with Tiger kloof scooping position one to represent the North West at national level for the third time in nine years of their participation on this programme.

Two teams of six young girls from Tiger kloof in Vryburg and Tiragalo Secondary from Maquasie Hills took their counterpart competitors to task in Stilfontein.

With the debate topic: 'The enforcement of rail freight can reduce fatalities on the South African roads,' the four schools that are representing their respective districts from the Province took the audience by surprise with the level of preparations, research and debate qualities they expressed.

Head of Department for Community Safety and Transport Management, Dr Hans Kekana applauded the teachers of participating learners for great job despite challenges they are faced with in dealing with children on daily basis.

"Today's teachers are facing more challenges than those in the back days, however, they continue to produce future leaders and today's proceedings untested to their hardwork.

As the Department we are not going to leave this auspicious work unnoticed and we commit to extend our invitation to all these participating learners to our continuous Thuntsha Lerole Accelerated Service Delivery Programme in their respective districts.

This is because, we want them to have a first hand experience on road safety campaigns and law enforcement operations, which are programmes that they have been deliberating on, the entire debate," said Kekana.

He said road safety remains on top of the Department's agenda as the main objective is to create safer roads and safe lives.

The Tiger kloof Secondary school represented Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti, Tiragalo Secondary from Dr Kenneth Kaunda, Golfview Secondary from Ngaka Modiri Molema, while Leokeng Secondary was from the Bojanala District.

Both Tiger kloof and Tiragalo Secondary schools represented North West in Free State during the national debate competition.

From the Department of Education in the Province, Dr Shadrack Mvula said these learners are a one team of confident and brilliant learners who will represent the Province.

He appreciated the long lasting collaboration between the Department of Education and Community Safety and Transport Management in ensuring high quality of education in the Province. "Both departments continue to demonstrate this collaboration on yearly basis by this debate and learner transport programmes."

The debate competition is a national initiative aimed at encouraging learners to be cognisant of road safety issues and empower them with practical research skills.



North West Police Officers awarded for their courage



Members of the South African Police Service in most of the time are faced with dangerous situation, dealing with hard core criminals and some going beyond the call of duty.

At that time, they are looking forward to bring those that are tormenting the society to where they belong and make sure that they close all loopholes to make things easy for the judicial system to make right judgements with all the investigative information brought to them; however, this not to realise that their hard work will be noticed and appreciated at some point.

Following the above, the North West Community Safety and Transport Management MEC, Wessels Morweng has indeed awarded those members for their hardwork, courage and excellence in the fight against crime.

In his address at the ceremony held in Potchefstroom, MEC Morweng encouraged members to keep doing a good job and to remain true to the pledge of the badge.

"Today we honour all of you whose contributions are often overlooked, yet they silently and astutely put the people of the Republic first.

Continue to endure the scorn and never allow yourselves to lose temper in the face of provocation," said Morweng in appreciating and encouraging police to remain steadfast in the fight against crime and creating a safer and secured environment for people of the North West Province.

The excellence awards are held to recognise and acknowledge men and women in blue, including support staff, in their execution of their daily duties and beyond.

These awards are also meant to encourage and re-enforce a culture of excellence, exceptional conduct, and professionalism within the SAPS towards creating a safer and secured environment.

Provincial Commissioner Lieutenant General Sello Kwena said the awards are designed to thank members for the job well done.

"Your tireless efforts cannot go unnoticed, hence these awards to say to our members that we are full of pride and appreciate the good work you are doing," said General Kwena.

During the ceremony, about 20 retirees received awards for their loyal and dedication for long years of service by the Provincial Commissioner.

Amongst them, were Brigadier Steven Moodley and Colonel Hennie Kriel who both have 41 years of loyal service.

Some members received awards for the following categories: administration employee of the year, visible policing employee of the year, operations member of the year, detective service employee of the year, forensic service employee of the year, crime intelligence employee of the year

Community Policing Indaba charts path for an integrated approach to combat crime



Crime is a societal matter and requires all role players to do their part in creating a functional society with low levels of crime. Consequently, law enforcement stakeholders have signed a pledge to serve and protect all communities by way of strengthening relations in the quest to prevent and fight the prevalence of criminality.

This concession was undertaken at the Community Policing Indaba which took place in Mahikeng recently, to look into areas of improvement regarding the implementation of the Community Policing Strategy in order to enhance police services to the public.

The MEC for Community Safety and Transport Management, Wessels Morweng while addressing the multitude assembled at the Indaba, emphasised the support required to assist the police and community based structures to fight crime.

“Our forebears legacy to us is that as we say in Setswana letsema le kgonwa ka go tshwaraganelwa. We shall not and we will never defeat crime unless and until we begin to work together and report any kind of wrong doing to law enforcement. This country has laws and all of us are subjected to obeying them.

“One anomaly that needs to be corrected is that crime fighting is the responsibility of one or two entities. Crime is a collective responsibility for all of us,” said MEC Morweng.

Recently, MEC Morweng presented policy proposals and plans during the tabling of the 2024/25 budget speech to ensure the necessary support to capacitate Community Policing Forums (CPF's).

“The Indaba follows a directive from the President that CPF's must be strengthened as an added arm to fight crime. The CPF strategy was drafted as well as Rural Safety Strategy.

When presenting the 2024/2025 Budget Speech MEC Morweng also indicated that the Department have implemented a number of campaigns in the past financial year to address issues related to the prevention of Gender Based Violence (GBV).

“For CPF's to be effective, we require support of our municipalities. We have to start educating our communities on the role of the CPF and how they, as ordinary citizens can play a role in reporting crime,” MEC Morweng added.

The South African Police Service (SAPS) Deputy Provincial Commissioner, Major General Patrick Asaneng says active citizenry in the prevention and fighting of crime allows police to assess public perceptions about the work of the police.





Our communities need to have an understanding of what the work of the police entails. This Indaba has provided a platform for that. It also provides us an opportunity to assess their perceptions on whether we are meeting expectations of those we serve.

“This Indaba is not done in futility, we develop plans and strategies, including identifying areas of priority under the premise of the fundamental pillars which are; public education, building community resilience to crime, multi disciplinary collaboration, community policing and public order, communication and marketing as well as capacity, capability and resourcing of CPFs.

“We need to mobilise our people and sensitise them on community policing. We take things a step further and say the inputs by commissions should form part of our annual performance plans”, said Major General Asaneng.

Fundamentally, Community Policing Forums (CPF) ensure police accountability, transparency and generally connects the police with the community. The CPF Provincial Chairperson, Robert Malungane highlighted the essence of supporting CPFs in their work.

“With the many challenges encountered in our line of duty, the unwavering commitment to uphold community safety is solidified.

“Our position is that while we need support especially resources, we must not be deterred in our active citizenry,” said Malungane.

Equally important, is the commitment made by all the stakeholders to chart the course in collaboration. This includes various structures within community formations such as the North West House of Traditional and Khoi- San Leaders as governance structures.

The Portfolio Committee on Public Works and Roads, Community Safety and Transport Management with their oversight mandate and many others who contributed meaningfully to the Indaba on ways to move the province forward and derail crime from undermining the gains of democracy.



Stakeholders gather to seek divine intervention to reduce GBV



“It does not matter how intense the case is or dangerous the perpetrators are, the law always seems to be in their favour, and they are fully aware that an arrest will result in them being granted bail in a few days.

The case will also drag, affording them time to enjoy themselves roaming the streets, tormenting our people further. We really plead with government and will not stop supporting our people in these difficult times,” she said.

On behalf of the South African Police Service, Captain Ndumiso Mayisela on his presentation regarding the arrest procedure and Domestic Violence Act (DVA), said the station is experiencing gender based violence and rape cases every weekend, hence they are amongst stations with high reported cases.

While outlining the DVA, Captain Mayisela further pleaded with the communities to refrain from withdrawing their cases.

“We have a serious challenge with people who come to the station to open a case, and in no time, return to withdraw the same case. It is a serious inconvenience, at which we will never bring an end to this scourge,” said Mayisela who concluded his presentation by requesting men and women to not provoke their perpetrators after opening protection orders against them.



Spirits were high as congregants sang at the top of their voices during the prayer session against Gender Based Violence and Femicide (GBV&F), held at Dinokana local sports ground in the Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipality.

Organised by the Department of Community Safety and Transport Management in collaboration with Lehurutshe police station and the local Community Policing Forum (CPF), numerous stakeholders including Faith Based Organisations (FBOs) and Non-Profit Organisations (NPOs) gathered in numbers to seek divine intervention to curb the scourge of violence against the vulnerable.

Speaker after speaker echoed the message of all parties playing their role in curbing gender based violence, instead of overburdening the police and accusing them of failing to protect the most endangered groups and communities at large. They all agreed that crime exists in communities they reside in and emphasised that fighting it should be a collective responsibility.

One of the congregants made a call to the community saying “we should teach ourselves to care for one another in solidarity, because as much as a victim is your neighbour's child today, tomorrow it may be your own. If we are quiet, and do not fight against it, then we will not go anywhere.” A Chaplain from Kgaratlhelo Foundation, an NPO that supports the victims of GBV in the area of Ramotshere Moiloa, Ms Onica Masemola also pleaded with government to extend a hand of protection of victims rather than perpetrators.

She further made a call to government to review certain policies that she views as lenient to and favourable of perpetrators.



The Department of Community Safety and Transport Management representative, Ms Mpho Maleme who is the Chief Director for Provincial Secretariat for Police Service, also confirmed that the province is experiencing a high number of GBV cases, especially in the Ngaka Modiri Molema District, and Dinokana sits at the highest rate.

Ms Maleme further said the department, through MEC Wessels Morweng, tabled the departmental budget vote at the Provincial Legislature, and recommitted to strengthen the fight against crime.

“We have already started with the commitment that the MEC has made on strengthening the fight against crime and we are doing so by reviving our community structures and collaborating with all relevant stakeholders.

“We are no longer going to work in silos but will be coming here in District Development Model (DDM), bringing all government departments and sectors in unison to provide services to our people.”

Chief Director Maleme called on victims not to withdraw their cases, as she explained the role of the Department on ensuring that police service communities according to the policy.

“We are responsible to ensure that you get the service that you deserve at police stations, and upon our investigations, we are able to re-register your case if any discrepancies is detected from the police side upon their investigation,” said Maleme.

The prayer session was organised on District Development Model (DDM), where a number of government departments (National Prosecuting Authority, Department of Justice and Constitutional Development, South African Police Service, Home Affairs, Social Development and South African Social Security Agency), rendered presentations to communities pertaining to services they offer, with the core focus on cases of Gender Based Violence and Femicide.

Three Member States to support economic growth along the corridor



A clarion call has been made for the Trans Kalahari Corridor Three Member States to strengthen their initiatives on supporting the economic growth of the three countries by supporting spatial development initiatives along the corridor.

The Executive Director for the Trans Kalahari Corridor Secretariat, Mr Leslie Mlungisi Mpofu said a lot has been achieved since the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in 2003, however, more strategic issues still need to be attended to.

He said the 14th Joint Law Enforcement Operation is critical and a strategic proof that the MoU objectives have been given attention and it is now important to advance measures so that communities along the corridor can benefit.

Mpofu said the corridor connects intra and inter regional economic areas in a defined geographical sphere. He further said there are a number of perceived socio-economic development opportunities and benefits promoted by corridor development and these include but not limited to diversification of region's industrial base, regional approach in mobilizing for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), corridors are direct ways to bring about regional integration and this is key in promoting growth prospects to developing countries, Corridors help to prioritize development of infrastructure to plug out the missing links in developing regions.

“Corridors provide an important connection between economic nodes or hubs therefore it is high time the Three Member States support the regional economic growth, increase the rate of economic growth and create employment, both formal and informal,” said Mpofu, who further emphasised the need to identify policies and strategies which will provide a sustainable basis for empowering local communities.

On behalf of the Republic of South Africa, Co-Chair Mr Segodi Mogotsi said, “We remain committed as a country to the vision of our forebears to connect and integrate the region. Trans Kalahari Corridor remains one of our torchbearers in the continent with its success seen in the growth of traffic volumes, and infrastructure investment along the corridor in the Three Member States.”





In her speech representing Botswana, Ms Masego Gertz said the 14th JLEO presents a platform for reaffirmation and recommitment to the enhancement of trade and deepen socio economic integration.

She said the Three Member States have committed and pledged to eradicate poverty and place their countries on a path of sustainable growth.

“We have not done enough in the past 20 years as our communities are still not benefiting economically, particularly SMMEs.

”She called on the member states to ensure that communities along the TKC are the first to enjoy the benefits through business opportunities and employment.

From Namibia, Dr Cedric Limbo said the MoU is an important initiative as it is a step towards eliminating non-tariff barriers. “The global economy is still far from the ideal model of a barrier-free market and free from trade barriers as it was noted in the Doha Development Work Programme of 2018.

Although tariff barriers erected at the borders and within countries have been reduced considerably in the course of successive trade negotiations following the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and the World Trade Organisation (WTO) rules; there is an increase in the relative importance of non-tariff measures both as an instrument of protection and a means of regulatory trade,” he said.

Different key stakeholders from the Three Member States delivered presentations on their country reports during the two day information sharing session, which was then followed by three day law enforcement operation and road safety campaigns.

This year's JLEO is held under the theme “United in Deepening Regional Integration and Growing Economies.”

The Trans Kalahari Corridor is a road network spanning approximately 1900 kilometers across the territories of Botswana, Namibia and South Africa.

The corridor is a conduit for economic growth and development for the entire region in fulfilling the objective of SADC Protocol and African Union Vision 2063.

MEC Morweng honours Madiba's legacy through mobility programme



The MEC for Community Safety and Transport Management, Wessels Morweng remains resolute in his commitment to transform the lives of the most vulnerable in society. In upholding and celebrating the infinite legacy of the former President of South Africa and global icon, Rolihlahla Nelson Mandela, MEC Morweng, spent Mandela Day with learners of Mmakgaje Secondary School.

During this occasion, MEC distributed 80 Shova Kalula bicycles to learners who walk not less than 3kms to school. The Shova Kalula Initiative is an ancillary programme, aimed at providing low cost mobility solutions such as bicycles in order to ease the difficulty of walking a long distance to school. In many cases, bearing the strain of a long stretch to access learning facilities can demotivate learners to continue their studies. Thus, contributing to the drop-out rate amongst school going pupils.

As a former student at the school, MEC Morweng is dedicated to ensure that the future of the current generation is secured. Therefore, relentless about limiting conditions that prohibit learning. "Nelson Mandela has instilled in all of us a great sense of humility. Moreover, it is because of him that we fully comprehend that education is a great equator, 'Education is the great engine of personal development.

It is through education that the daughter of peasant can become a doctor, that the son of a mine worker can become the head of the mine, that a child of a farm worker can become the president of a great nation. It is what we make out of what we have, not what we are given, that separates one person from another'

"I leave you with those words of Tata Madiba, so that you use education as a tool to reach out for your dreams. That is the reason why, we saw it fit to bring our campaign here today, to encourage you to prioritise your education, stay in school and win the race against all odds," said MEC Morweng while addressing the learners.

Mmakgaje Secondary school is located in Moshana, a remote village just outside Zeerust and is one of the only two schools in the area. The school principal, Mr Phuthologo Mokhotu welcomed the distribution of bicycles, adding that the school will be able to meet their desired pass targets of 90%.

"We have refocused our efforts to ensure that learners attend their extra classes as well as weekend lessons. This is now very much possible by the solution presented by the department. We pledge a 90% pass in all our exams.

"As of now, the learners will be able to move easily and make it on time for school as late coming will now be a thing of the past," Mokhotu said.

Declaring war against GBVF



Battle lines have been drawn to lift the burden of Gender Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) on the overall development of our communities. In the main, cases of abuse and killings of women and children continue to be reported at staggering heights.

This violation and unjust treatment towards vulnerable people is met with the utmost rejection by the Department of Community Safety and Transport Management in the North West Province.

As such, the department has rolled out GBVF Community Engagements in all districts within the province, particularly in areas deemed to be hotspots. This approach is done in line with the District Development Model (DDM), bringing together all spheres of government and partners to intensify services delivered to the public effectively and in a coordinated manner.

The engagement provides communities with the opportunity to express their concerns directly to policy makers and most importantly become part of the solution making formula.

In the rural village of Lerome outside Rustenburg, links have been drawn between the consumption of alcohol including the use of drugs and high cases of domestic violence.

The MEC for Community Safety and Transport Management, Wessels Morweng attributes this behaviour to the high unemployment rate in the area and concedes that a solution to curb the root cause is a sustainable way to address the challenge.

“In Lerome and surrounding villages, there is a clear resistance of illegal trade of liquor through the mushrooming of taverns all in the name of creating economic opportunities, this contributes immensely to the unwarranted behaviour of victimisation imposed on women and children.

“Our mission is to create a functional society where the safety and security of our people is not compromised. We therefore work together with other government institutions such as municipalities, Social Development, SAPS, Home Affairs and many others in order to come up with sustainable ways to ensure that our people participate meaningfully the development and growth of the local economy.

This is how we can ensure that we put a lid on the effects of unemployment and other social ills impeding the lives of our people,” said MEC Morweng at the Bojanala Community Engagement.



The Bojanala Platinum District Municipality has also pledged to establish a network to foster development and create opportunities in the district.

“Let us join hands to work together, as a community and all stakeholders to reflect on the kind of society we want to see and cultivate all resources towards that.

“As government we intend to bring sustainable opportunities in our remote areas to uplift communities, attract investment and get the economy running,” said the Acting Executive Mayor, Cllr Mohammed Karani.

The integrated and multi stakeholder approach demonstrated by this initiative is highly significant in that the fight against crime becomes a collective responsibility and a comprehensive area of priority. It also points to the requirement of community participation in the transformation of a better society for all.

The Chief Director for Civilian Secretariat for Police Service, Mpho Maleme says this approach is in line with the National Crime Prevention Strategy.

“We have been able to display in all our campaigns in each district, a sheer collaboration forward initiative bringing together all role players in the Justice, Crime Prevention and Security.

“We have also taken an approach of dealing with issues on the spot, where we can refer matters brought forth by the community to the relevant entities and departments without delays,” said Maleme.



It does not pay

Prospects for TKC Road Safety Debates unfold!



Part of activities underlined for the 14th Trans Kalahari Corridor Joint Law Enforcement Operation (TKCJLEO) hosted by South Africa, was the Road Safety School Debates in the Bojanala Platinum District Municipality. This first of its kind for the TKC has now sparked an interest and propelled the three member states to agree to a joint debate session each time they host.

Delegates from Botswana and Namibia, observed the debates in Rustenburg where Leokeng Secondary School from Brits won the district title against President Mangope Technical, Moedwil Combined, Ithuteng Commercial and Tidimane Secondary Schools.

The Department of Community Safety and Transport Management's Acting Director for District Development Model, Lesego Motsatsi says the involvement of TKC representatives reveals an opportunity for further collaboration in the future.

"We are greatly honoured to have international guests who have embraced the call to observe how we conduct our debate sessions.

"This is an extension of our collaboration as three member states of the TKC to advance and achieve our development goals. In the near future, we would like to see how we can develop a model for a TKC schools debate," said Motsatsi.

The Executive Director of the Trans Kalahari Corridor Secretariat, Leslie Mpofu says observing presentations of the learners was a delight, as learners deliberated on real road safety challenges as well as solutions.

"The motion for this debate which is *The enforcement of rail freight can reduce fatalities on South African roads* is a very important topic to consider as for policy formation,"

"Transport as an industry is an enabler of the economy, which is why we need to understand these issues and come up with solutions to address them effectively and with much needed innovation," said Mpofu.

Speaking on behalf of the Bojanala Platinum District Municipality, MMC for Technical Services Cllr Victoria Makhaula says learners have displayed great understanding of the topic and were able to apply it to issues within the district.

"Learners were able to articulate their views on the matter and it shows that we can borrow from those ideas at council level and at the level of TKC as we work towards reducing fatalities on our roads, particularly in Bojanala which remains a hotspot for fatalities caused by accidents," said Cllr Makhaula.

The Road Safety School Debate Competition is a programme to cultivate responsible road safety behaviour amongst young people. It also nurtures their research, analytic and presentation skills as young leaders in their communities.

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