

# RTM Learnership Candidates Heading to Traffic College

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**MAHIKENG MAIL-MAHIKENG:** The department of Public Safety has embarked on a vigorous annual recruitment drive for traffic learnership candidates.

This recruitment is not only aimed at increasing the visibility of traffic officers on the national and rural roads within the province but also meant to realise a decrease in the accidents, especially halving the fatal accidents on the roads of Bokone Bophirima. This is in line with the 2020 Road Safety strategy, a 'Decade of Road Safety, 2011 to 2020'. This last 20 completed the quota of 40 RTM learners recruited they are going to start their 12 months traffic training programme for 2018. "As part of creating employment opportunities in our community, in 2016 our department took a bold step in line with NPD Youth Brand Ambassador Programme by starting a Road Traffic Management learnership program".

This is an intervention aimed at recruiting and training young men and women from across the length and breadth of Bokone Bophirima, with a bias towards villages, townships and small dorpiets. Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond the department's control the departure of this group had to be postponed twice before. But good things comes to those who wait," said MEC Mokgantsang.

The MEC strongly encouraged the learners to conduct themselves in a disciplined manner during their training period and also urged them to maintain the same discipline even after their training. The MEC further condemned the element of greed, fraud and corruption, especially bribery which is perceived to be rampant amongst the traffic officers.

"I am warning you, 'fore warned is fore armed', do not become involved in those criminal activities. Do not let yourselves to be corrupted after your training pass-out. A word of advice to you learnership candidates is to have passion for this profession and possess determination. I plead with you to remain committed to the philosophy of saamwerk, saamtrek in order for you and us to win this battle against lawlessness on our roads," concluded Mokgantsang.



MEC Dr Mokgantsang Mokgantsang, Departmental Management and RTM Learnership Learners standing

# More trainee traffic cops off to training

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THE North West community safety and transport management department has sent another group of 20 young men and women for a traffic police learnership training.

The first group of 20 trainees left the province in January as investment is made in recruiting more cops.

"It is an exciting moment for some of us who have been looking for opportunities to end poverty in our lives. I'm sure we will do our best to repay the trust government has shown in us," one of the students said.

The department said the recruitment is not only aimed at increasing the visibility of traffic officers on the national and rural roads within the province but also to realise a decrease in the accidents, especially halving the fatal accidents on the roads in the province. This is in line with the 2020 Road Safety strategy, a Decade of Road Safety, 2011 to 2020.

Parents of Road Traffic Management learnership candidates came in numbers to witness the official send off conducted by MEC Dr Mokgantsang Motlhabane before their departure to the traffic college in Tshwane.

Motlhabane said the 20 recruits completed the department's quota of 40 Road Traffic Management students recruited for this year.

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Motlhabane called on the recruits to conduct themselves in a disciplined manner during their 12 months training period and even beyond.

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