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BUDGET SPEECH 2017/2018 HIGHLIGHTS



The Department of Community Safety and Transport Management continues to record a notable progress in building of safer, secured, and socially cohesive communities as well as provision of affordable transport services. The Department further continues to implement the National Development Plan (NDP) linked with the Five (5) pronounced concretes of the 5th administration.

CIVILIAN SECRETARIAT

Through the Provincial Secretariat for Police, the Department recorded a notable progress relating to fighting the trio crimes, drug related crimes and crimes against women and children.

The above were achieved through intensified Crime Prevention Programme; whereby our communities were mobilised to establish Community Policing Fora (CPF), Community Safety Fora (CSF), resuscitation of Justice Crime Prevention and Security Cluster Departments (JPCSD) and MUNIMEC Structures and other community formations.

In combating the challenge of stock theft in the Province, we trained One Hundred and Eight (108) Traffic Officers to handle stock theft in transit in the Province. Working together with the Road Traffic Management (RTMC), the Department hosted a summit with farmers and handed over livestock reflective belts and earings.

During the launch of Safety Month a dialogue with the Elderly was held to address sexual offences and abuse of the older persons. A total of sixty five (65) household safety gadgets with the value of R130 103 were installed in identified households of child headed households, victims of abuse and vulnerable groups.

In the Financial Year 2016/17, the Department managed to fund sixty (60) Non Profit Institutions (CPFs and NPOs) to assist in the fight against crime by implementing social crime prevention programmes. These Non Profit Institutions were funded to the amount of nine hundred and twenty eight thousand (R928 000).

TRANSPORT OPERATIONS

With the implementation of the National Development Plan (NDP), the Department is committed to provide a safe, affordable and quality public transport through the Village Townships and Small Dorpiets (VTSD) concrete.

Learner Transport Services

This programme is meant to assist the learners in rural and farm arrears who would normally not access education easily by walking distances exceeding 5 kilometres due to minimal educational infrastructure. The assistance is reliant on the availability of financial resources. In the year under review, 37 371 learners were transported to 223 schools by 421 bus operators.

Subsidised Commuter Transport Services

In the year under review, the Department was allocated an amount of R447 million to implement subsidised commuter transport by transporting nineteen million, seven hundred and eighty eight thousand, seven hundred fifty six (19 788 756) commuters in the three districts within the Province. In addition to the above a supplementary allocation of R100 million was transferred by National Department of Transport through the Public Transport Infrastructure Grant to assist in ensuring communities are transported in safe and reliable transport to access work opportunities, promoting domestic tourism and other related services provided by government.

Promotion of Non-Motorised Transport

In the 2016/17 financial year, the Department has accelerated the pace in the delivery of bicycles to learners who walk between two (2) and

five (5) kilometres to and from school and Animal Drawn Carts to communities in rural areas. In this regard, 707 bicycles were distributed to learners and 80 Animal Drawn Carts to deserving communities.

ROAD SAFETY

The Department has been committed in intensifying road safety activities by conducting 365 days awareness campaigns throughout the Province by implementing Road Safety Education, Safety Promotions and Safety Community Engagement initiatives. These awareness campaigns are aligned to Safety, Security, Comfort, Corruption and Crime-Free Society Campaign which is fourth in the Premier's 10 Point Plan.

The Road Safety Practitioners within the Province have been interacting with community members on road safety issues during the implementation of the Setsokotsane programme, which contributed to 8% reduction of road crash fatalities.

TRANSPORT OPERATION

Infrastructure Operations

In the year under review, the Department through its airports managed to airlift 14 462 passengers using 940 flights. This is an impressive increase of 4 954 passengers and 192 flights.

Department has partnered with Roucomm Systems and Denel Aviation to establish an Aviation Technical Academy at Mafikeng Airport. The first intake of 40 students will commence with classes in July 2017.

Training of SMME in the motor industry sector The Department with the assistance of Transport Education Training Authority (TETA) intends to up-skill/train approximately 100 Backyard Mechanics and 100 Panel Beaters/Spray Painters to acquire the necessary certificates since they have the required skills and prior knowledge to actively participate in the Motor Industry economy.

The programme will also include the small business support to 30 youth and women and apprenticeship development to 29 candidates.

TRANSPORT ADMINISTRATION AND LICENSING

In ensuring maximum collection of motor vehicle licence tax, the Department will be embarking on a revenue enhancement initiative to recoup the large amount of debt outstanding due to arrears and penalties accrued from unpaid motor vehicle licenses.

The target group will be motor vehicle owners, Farmers, Mining Companies, Public Transport Operators, Businesses and Construction companies in the Bokone Bophirima Province.

In its effort to directing the resources and taking services closer to the people, the Department has identified a need for the establishment of Motor Vehicle Registration and Licensing Authorities and Driving Licence Testing Centres at Villages and Small Dorpiets.

These will be at areas situated at the borders with other Provinces which the majority of the vehicle owners and community members receive these much needed services from those neighbouring Provinces as they are not available within their areas. The Department commits to launching these services at the following Villages: Kgomoiso (Greater Taung Local Municipality), Tosca (Kagisano Molopo Local Municipality), Setlagole (Ratlou Local Municipality), Tweelaagte and Mokgalwane (Moses Kotane Local Municipality).

Police Commissioner protects Mahumapelo, charges McGluwa

MAHIKENG MAIL – MAHIKENG: The SAPS in the North West has today blocked the laying of charges against Premier Supra Mahumapelo for incitement of violence, at the Coligny police station.

The Acting Provincial Police Commissioner, Patrick Asaneng, was personally present to decline to accept the DA's charges against the Premier.

These charges follow the Premier's racial remarks made at the funeral service of Matlhomola Jonas Moshoeu (16) who was tragically killed in Coligny, where the Premier abused the occasion to politic.

He referred to white people as "visitors who came empty handed to South Africa. None of them came with sunflowers or cows here..."

Without a trial Supra referred to the accused people, in the killing of Moshoeu, as racists and said the boy died at the hands of white people.

Instead of calling for calm and solutions to unite the community he abused the opportunity to lash, and divide races, at a time of immense volatility.

The DA believes that the situation in Coligny requires our diverse community to come together, and not to be polarised by those who seek to divide us.

Not only did the ANC fail to manage this tense and dangerous situation, but they also fuelled the

community's rage.

Their irresponsible, bias, criminal and unconstitutional remarks from public podiums are uncalled for and they should be held responsible for their actions.

The public has the right to lay charges and it is the responsibility of the police to investigate.

In this case, the acting commissioner was waiting for the DA in the Coligny charge office and said that the police will not take the statement. It is nothing short of unconstitutional for the SAPS to reject a criminal complaint, on flimsy grounds that our statement wasn't in the form of a sworn affidavit, and refusing to take a statement from us.

We can only assume that the Acting Provincial Commissioner was acting on political instructions.

"We will report this incident to the acting national police commissioner, General Pahlane.

"A police officer should serve every member of the community without fear or favour, and not act to protect ANC cadres. Our communities deserve better and politics must be separated from the police service," McGluwa argued.

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DA condemns violence, business attacks in Zeerust

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MAHIKENG MAIL – ZEERUST: The Democratic Alliance (DA) has strongly condemned the violent protest action and attacks on businesses in the Zeerust area of the North West.

The actions led by community members followed the recent scenes of violence and unrest in Lichtenburg and Coligny.

In a statement this week, DA Whip in provincial legislature, Jacqueline Theologo said "as so sadly happened in Coligny, we urgently call upon the Premier and all political parties to refrain from sowing racial divisions that can fuel the situation.

Incidents of looting and burning of property have been reported. The SAPS must swiftly bring order to these acts.

"At this stage, service delivery issues seem to be the root of the unhappiness. This being so, there is no reason to ransack and attack private businesses. Anger towards government must be expressed by peaceful

protests against government.

"We condemn actions whereby businesses are targeted. Businesses had to close their doors which will have a further negative impact on the local economy. We call upon the community to be calm and not to take the law into their own hands", Theologo said.

She said burning and looting will not resolve any issues, but it will rather contribute to the slow pace of economic development in the area.

"Our communities have a right to participate in protest actions if they adhere to the law.

"We hope that politicians will not further abuse this as a platform to divide races", she added.

Farmer killed, wife injured in attack

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A FARMER was killed while his wife was injured after they were attacked at their farm near Delareyville on Tuesday evening.

North West police spokesperson Sgt Kelebogile Moleko said the attack happened at Leeukruil Farm between 7pm and 8pm.

"Allegations are that two people entered the house and attacked the couple. They stole three cellphones belonging to the victims and drove off in the farmer's vehicle that was later found abandoned in Ottosdal," Moleko said.

Moleko said investigations were ongoing to apprehend the culprits.

"Cases of murder, attempted murder and house robbery have been opened and are under investigation."

Meanwhile, the DA in the North West strongly condemned the brutal farm attack

"We call on the SAPS to urgently investigate this senseless attack, making use of all resources at their disposal to ensure that the offend-

ers are apprehended for this horrific attack," DA member Carin Visser said.

"We extend our heartfelt condolences to the victims' family, friends and loved ones. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time of bereavement."

She said it was clear that South Africans in rural areas, farmers and farm workers alike, are living in fear without the guarantee of safety.

"The DA calls on the police to establish specialised rural safety unit within the police to be visible in the community and deal with the rising cases of rural violence.

"We call on the community to remain calm and not to take the law into their own hands.

"They should allow the police to do their job and fully investigate the matter."

Visser further said that violence in rural communities needed to be dealt with as a matter of urgency.

"We cannot afford to keep losing lives," Visser said.

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Mass funeral for 12 Wolmaransstad taxi accident victims

MAHIKENG MAIL – WOLMARANSTAD: Hundreds of Wolmaransstad residents braved the cold wintry weather to pay their last respect to twelve victims (10 women and 2 men), of a minibus taxi that was involved in a head-on collision accident on the R505 road between Ottosdal-Wolmaransstad on Saturday, 08 April 2017.

The mass funeral was held at Tsweleng township in Wolmaransstad.

Among the mourners was North West Premier, Supra Mahumapelo, MEC for Community Safety and Transport Management Dr Mpho Motlhabane and the Executive Mayor of Lekwa-Teemane Local Municipality, Cllr Noni Kgabi.

In conveying the provincial government's heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased, Premier Mahumapelo said while the final report on what caused the accident was yet to be released, the provincial

government was grateful for the patience and cooperation shown by the affected families during the time of forensic investigations.

"We know that the past six weeks have been extremely difficult for everyone. But because of the severity of this accident which left all 12 victims burnt beyond recognition, we had to do thorough forensic work before confirming the results", said Mahumapelo.

He said the provincial government was continuing to provide support such as trauma counselling to the affected families, especially the only two survivors of this tragic accident,

a mother and her 9-year old son.

Urging road users to exercise extra caution and patience on the road, Premier Mahumapelo said while the provincial government had a responsibility to ensure that its road infrastructure was maintained and safe for use, it also remains each road user's responsibility to obey the rules of the road.

The victims of this horrific accident were all members of the Zion Christian Church. The drivers of both vehicles, a minibus and an SUV, also died.

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Minibus crash kills 3

THREE people were killed and 12 injured yesterday when a minibus taxi rolled on the N4 highway outside Brits in the North West.

According to ER24, paramedics found the taxi lying on its side.

Three men nearby were declared dead.

Twelve people had suffered injuries that ranged from serious to minor.

The seriously injured were put on life support and transported to Mediclinic Brits for urgent treatment.

The cause of the accident was not immediately clear, but authorities were combing the scene for clues. – ANA

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Illegal miner sentenced

A 62-year-old man was sentenced to one year imprisonment or a R50 000 fine for illegal mining and the unlawful possession of unpolished diamonds, the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (Hawks) in North West said.

Hawks spokesperson Captain Tlangelani Rikhotso said Bernhard van Niekerk was sentenced at the Schweizer-Reneke District court on Tuesday.

The Hawks, acting on information received, searched the Eerste Begin farm in Amalia on December 1, 2016, and the suspect was found with four unpolished diamonds worth R14 000 and arrested, she said. - ANA

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