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SPECIAL AWARDS FOR MEMBERS OF SAPS FROM MEC MOTLHABANE

Sergeant Motaung, Constable Skhuza, Constable Manganyi, Constable Lefifi, Constable Mosadi and Constable Tau were all honoured with special awards by MEC Dr Mokgantsang Motlhabane yesterday, 04 November 2016. The accolades were given to the members for their indelible commitment to making sure Bokone Bophirima communities are and feel safe at the SAPS North West Excellence Awards. The prestigious event was held at Eagle Waters Wildlife Resort in Hartbeespoort Dam.

One of the special award winners, Sgt Motaung last month arrested a 54-year-old woman who tried to bribe him with R60 000 after he coincidentally discovered that her property was used as a drug manufacturing laboratory.

The award ceremony is held annually in order to recognise SAPS members of Bokone Bophirima who have gone beyond “the call of duty” to protect and safe the province citizens against criminals. MEC Motlhabane and the Provincial Commissioner, Lieutenant General Baile Motswenyane were there in person to honour and award a 2016 cohort of soldiers in blue for their excellent dedication spanning decades of selfless service.

Lt Gen Motswenyane said that she regards these awards as an opportunity to showcase that if SAPS members are innovative and dedicated to their work they will achieve beyond normal expectation. "As members we need to encourage each other to work innovatively in finding better ways of conducting our business smarter and faster, this way you will realise that we will be able to combat and reduce criminal activities with ease. These awards demonstrate tangibly the capacity to innovate and modernise service delivery, "said Lt Gen Motswenyane.

MEC Motlhabane retorted that he was extremely impressed by SAPS members who continue to show commitment and make a mark when doing their job. “We are here to recognise members who show commitment, who make their mark and those who are going beyond the call of duty to protect the citizens of Bokone Bophirima. You work tirelessly, at times face extreme dangers and threats to your lives, yet you remain unfazed, focused and relentless,” said MEC Motlhabane.

MEC Motlhabane further requested Lt Gen Motswenyane to continue to encourage

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the members to work harder. “Provincial Commissioner I am making a plea to you to continue encouraging men and women in blue to work tirelessly to better the services they provide so that they make life difficult for criminals to survive in our society.”

Amongst excellence award categories were; most improved station, reservist of the year, person living with the disability of the year etc.

MEC Motlhabane concluded by inspiring the SAPS members to continue putting their work first. “Continue prioritising your work, hoist the county's flag high, putting the SAPS badge in the map, make our communities safe and our protect our soil”.

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