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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IS OUR TOP PRIORITY SAYS MEC MOTLHABANE

The Department of Community Safety and Transport Management is taking "combating youth unemployment" so seriously that it has committed itself to contributing immensely towards the reduction of unemployment during the 2016/17 budget speech vote. The department has once again recruited 30 unemployed youth to undergo Traffic Learnership Training commencing today, 8th August 2016 and ending in July 2017, a 12 months long training program offered in partnership with SASSETA and RTMC. MEC, Dr. Mpho Motlhabane hosted the send-off function on Sunday, 07 August 2016 in Mahikeng, at Mocoseng Village.

The program succeeds in alleviating unemployment among the youth who are drawn from across all four districts of the province and especially from deep rural areas like Mokgalwaneng in Bojanala and Ganyesa in Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati. Whilst there were many applicants, among the 30 selected learners 20 are females and 10 are males, Coloureds and Africans. A recruit, Kopano Majaja from Mocoseng was overjoyed and excited about the opportunity since, "It was not the first time I applied for the learnership. I came for interviews before but I did not make it. I am glad that I finally got the opportunity and I am going to make it worth my while", he said"

MEC, Dr Mpho Motlhabane was happy and told learners to make the department, the parents, the community they come from and the province of Bokone Bophirima proud. "Going there, you are representing us, so represent us well and make us proud. We will be keeping a close eye on you and on your progress, so please behave. You are entering an environment of law enforcement, and you will need high discipline in order to survive. This is a semi-military training, team work is vital so we need you to persevere and work as a group. Forget everything for a year and only focus on your books and training. Read and obtain good marks", said the MEC.

The MEC encouraged the recruits to stay focused and to be passionate about the career path they chose. "I hope you chose this fraternity out of love, out of sense of purpose and a feeling of wanting to change your own life, the lives of people around you and add value to the community. I hope you chose this fraternity out of love, because if you did not then you are going to face problems. Your character, loyalty and dedication will be tested in this field. We urge you to be disciplined and refuse to be bribed. Stand firm and remember your principles. Live by Thomas Sankara's words that says, **"I want people to remember me as someone whose life has been of help to humanity"**, I want each one of you to be remembered for the good work that you will be doing", concluded MEC Motlhabane.

The department has been providing learnership programmes to unemployed youth for the past 5 years. The youth undergoes an NQF level 4 training on Traffic Law Enforcement for a year, upon successful completion they get absorbed on a permanent basis as Provincial Inspectors (PI). During the training the department pays trainees a respectable stipend, tuition, accommodation, meals as well as provide transport to and from the College, i.e. R120 000, 00 per Traffic Trainee per year.

The department wishes the recruits the best of luck and encourages them to work hard.

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