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MEC MOTLHABANE HONOURS FALLEN SAPS HEROES

MEC for the Department of Community Safety and Transport Management, Dr Mokgantsang Motlhabane honoured fallen heroes of the North West South African Police Service (SAPS) today, 18 September 2016 at the SAPS Provincial Head Office in Potchefstroom.

The commemoration is held annually across the country to honour police officials who died in line of duty. The four heroes, Warrant Officer Mathe, Sergeant Jonathan, Constable Mokotedi and Constable Tlhoale died while attending their duties during the 2015/ 2016 financial year.

MEC Dr Motlhabane raised a concern on the increasing number of police killing across the country. "As government we condemn the police killings and we are committed to support the hard working police men and women who put our lives on the line every day to protect us," said Motlhabane.

The departmental MEC conveyed his message of condolences to the families of the four officers. "May their souls rest in peace and to their families, we pray that you heal and gain strength as you rebuild your lives. May you all find comfort in the knowledge that millions of us truly value your loved ones and the service that they rendered with distinction to the nation," he said.

The North West SAPS Provincial Commissioner, Lieutenant General Baile Motswenyane pleaded with the community to assist in fighting crime together. "We urge you to join us in the fight against crime but most importantly, in the quest to decrease the number of officers that lose their lives at the hands of criminals. Support us and unite with us as we face difficult situations daily in an endeavour to ensure that our communities are and feel safe," she said.

Provincial Commissioner further requested the men and women in blue to practice safety measures at all times. "September is a Police Safety Month and I

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would like to call upon all of us to adhere to safety measures and be alert of the circumstances around us during our tour of duty, be vigilant at all times. Let us adhere to our SAPS Standing Orders and National Instructions pertaining to safety. "Safety begins with you," she concluded.

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