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Bokone Bophirima learners evaluate the impact of road safety campaigns

Learners from different high schools representing their respective districts of the province recently gathered at the Mmabana Taung in the Greater Taung Local Municipality to deliberate on Road Safety campaigns.

In his address during the provincial debate, the Bokone Bophirima MEC for Community Safety and Transport Management, Dr Mpho Motlhabane said the participation of learners in road safety debate is crucial because young people have a role to play in advocating and networking with their peers on the five pillars of the Global Plan for Road Safety which focuses on road safety management, safer roads, safer vehicles, safer road users and improved crash response.

"The commitment and enthusiasm that young people continue to display in this debate convince me that indeed we are going to make an indelible mark in response to 2020 Decade of Action on Road Safety.

We know that there's still a lot that needs to be done in supporting our different youth structures and developing them, and this is one of those platforms that we are creating as government.



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With these debates, we are actually preparing our young people to be road safety ambassadors of tomorrow who are going to help us to make a difference on our quest to reduce road crashes," said Dr Motlhabane.

It is during these debates where learners make evaluation on whether the South African Road Safety Campaigns are making a positive impact on reducing the high rate of road crashes in the country.

The annual road safety debate competition is aimed at encouraging learners to be aware of road safety issues, teach them to take responsibility for road safety that affect their communities, develop and enhance learner's presentation, communication and listening skills.

Mahikeng High School, which are the 2016 Provincial Champions, will represent the province at the national debate competition.

This year's provincial road safety debate was aligned to the Setsokotsane and the Villages, Township and Small Dorpies programmes introduced by Premier Mahumapelo. The two programmes are implemented simultaneously in all the four districts of the province.

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