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MEC MOTLHABANE LEADSTHE PACK IN THE DE-BUSHING OF MMABATHO CRIME 'HOT SPOT'

Following the launch of February Safety Month at Boitekong, MEC of Community Safety and Transport Management, Dr Mokgantsang 'Mpho' Motlhabane in conjunction with Mahikeng SAPS, Mahikeng Local Municipality and Mahikeng community De-bushed one of the notorious crime hot spots in Mmabatho. The campaign took place behind Mmabatho Stadium on Thursday, 09 February 2017.

This crime hot spot is mainly used by cyclists and walkers from the community of Lokaleng village, students attending at Taletso TVET College and at the North West University. These often fall victims of numerous crime incidences like: rapes, muggings, hijacking, stalking, assaults and robberies.

Community members who were part of the clean-up campaign were happy about the efforts taken by government to fight the crime in the area. "We are sick and tired of living in fear and it is time to work together towards the safety of the community", said Lebogang Mokaleng of Montshioa Township.

MEC, Dr Motlhabane was overwhelmed to see the local community showcasing their courage in fighting crime. Community members who were fully equipped with Personal Protective Equipments (PPE) which included amongst others; hand saws, rakes, grass slashes and petrol grass cutter, in order to cut the trees and grass around the area. A double sided crime information board was also erected to warn the pedestrians, walkers and cyclists who pass through that road about the crimes that often happen around the area.

Applauding everyone for their efforts MEC Motlhabane said he is impressed about the hard work and the passion to fight crime. "It is very impressive to see the community come together to fight against crime in their area, fighting for what is right, even though the area is cleared that alone doesn't mean residents are safe to pass through the area at any given time of the day more especially after hours. The community should remain vigilant at all times ", concluded Motlhabane. --END

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