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### 'Beware of bogus traffic learnership adverts' – says Dr Motlhabane

It has come to the attention of the North West Department of Community Safety and Transport Management that there's a 12 months traffic training learnership advert doing rounds on social media and some platforms. We are warning the unemployed young people of this province and South Africans communities at large to beware of this bogus traffic learnership advertisements that was globalised online, on the internet and circulated on social media.

"The advert is captured as Traffic Officer Learnership X 250. This is not an advert from our department, our last 12 months advert for traffic training learnership was globalised early in 2016 with the last intake of 20 learners to compliment the 2016/17 financial intake recently starting at the traffic college in January 2017. As the department, in line with the national call for an intensive traffic training, introduced a new three (3) year traffic learnership training diploma whose advertisement closed on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017", said the departmental MEC, Dr Mokgantshang 'Mpho' Motlhabane.

Communities are alerted that the circulating advert has: no letterhead of the department, its recruiting learners to train for the next 12 months period and applicants are requested to download the application form from a link provided by this bogus initiators of the advert.

"Note that all our departmental advertisements including traffic training learnerships: are published on the departmental letterhead with correct departmental logo, address and contact details; applicants are requested to fill in the Z83 application form; and we do not specify the number of positions available for the learnership".

In this case, this bogus advert has no letterhead of the department, contacts appearing on the advert are not of the department and applicants are requested to download the application form. "We would like to warn people that this is a scam run by criminals elements out there. We are not sure of the intentions of the people behind this, but this could end up putting the lives of our people in danger and hard earned monies being lost".

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The MEC further requests the unemployed youth not to fall for these bogus schemes, must ignore the advert, must never attempt to apply or respond but instead they must report anyone who is suspicious of being behind this scam as well as avoid further circulating the advert as you could up as an accessory to the crime ring unintentionally.

Ourselves from the department, with the help of the SAPS and HAWKS, we will follow leads and close the net on those who are taking advantage of our young ones like this,” conclude Motlhabane.

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