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### MEC MOTLHABANE PRAYS FOR PEACE AND HARMONY TO REIGN ON OUR ROADS

Dr Mokgantsang Motlhabane, the MEC for Community Safety and Transport Management together Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC) and different religious denominations prayed for peace and harmony on the Moretele Local Municipality roads. This interfaith ceremony which is in line Premier Mahumapelo's Reconciliation, Healing and Renewal Program, was held yesterday, 23 March 2017 at Mathibestad village.

The event is a necessary intervention programme set to cast away all the bad spirits that seems to be hovering over our roads as well as make way for the positive energy vibes that is expected linger on our roads. It also offered an opportunity to religious denominations to commit themselves to advancing multi-religious co-operation for road safety in Bokone Bophirima.

The event took place in 2 phases; one, a Cleansing Ceremony was held earlier in the morning at three identified spots in Maubane R101, Mathibestad and Makapanstad where faith leaders prayed for the spirits that have died on the roads to rest peacefully. Two, then followed a formal Prayer and Pledging programme at the Mathibestad Community Hall.

The chosen routes were identified as they experienced an increase in a number of pedestrians' accidents in the area. There were also motor vehicle accidents caused by speeding vehicles and drunken driving particularly on the R101 road along Maubane. "Our roads are deadly, they are full of graves alongside them, the spirits of the dead are lying there. There's a need to reconcile the spirits with the body through the cleansing ceremony as we appeal for the ancestors and God to bring calm and safety in our roads", expressed various speakers.

MEC Motlhabane expressed his feeling of gratitude by telling the congregation that he is happy with the attendance of the community as it shows that they work together with the municipality and law enforcement agencies. "Road Safety is not something you do to a community, but something that you do together with a community. We all know that law enforcement alone will not work. I thank you all for your support".

"We need to encourage all road users to take full ownership of the problem of aggressive behaviour and unsafe driving practices, so that they can be part of the solution as well as be part of the machinery used to correct or modify the behaviour and attitude of all road users", said Motlhabane.

Kgosi Lepono Mathibe of Mathibestad Village had also graced this august event.

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[#RoadRageAndMotoristAgressionMustFall](#)  
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