

Media Statement

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NW declares war against crime

The Department of Human Settlements Public Safety and Liaison has vowed to fight crime from all the angles, by firing from all cylinders. The department announced during the tabling of the budget vote at the North West legislature recently.

In a quest to ensure that the Outcome 3 is enhanced in ensuring that the citizenry in the province and the country at large feel free, the Department through its Public Safety Branch has successfully developed strategies to fight crime, combat road traffic offences and improve road safety campaigns.

As part of the strategy the Department has managed to establish four Community Safety Forums (CSFs) in the Bojanala District, Moses Kotane Ratlou and Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipalities.

Through Community Safety Forums there will be proper facilitation and the implementation of government and community partnership, on matters of community safety and security. The forums will coordinate and consult communities to participate in local planning, monitoring of safety and security interventions in the development of local crime prevention plans.

After assessing 82 Community Police Forums (CPF's) in the province, the department discovered that 46 CPF's were found to be functional while 36 were not functional. The department has then decided to work jointly with the police to reactivate the non functional CPF's.

The department has further decided to set aside an amount of R753 000 towards social crime prevention campaigns through funding of Business Plans of Community Police Forums.

For the fiscal year 2013/14, an amount of R795 000 has been allocated to continue supporting these structures with an additional amount of R500 000 for capacity-building of CPF members and Boards.

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