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## ***Editorial Comment***



As we place women's month on our heels which have been enthusiastically celebrated for thirty one days across the country, we pull our hats off for our Mothers' ba ba eleng ba **"Tshwara thipa kafa bogaleng,"** and say **"Wathinta abafazi wathint Imbokodo."**

Since the advent of democracy and freedom, South African women have never rested and have been in the helm fighting for their constitutional rights. Of course the South African government have shown commitment and determination to see women occupying their rightful place in all sectors, government and society. Given the opportunity I'm tempted to reside the oldest poem to all the women who through them we realise that indeed the spring season has arrived.

All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful:  
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colors,  
He made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountains,  
The river running by,  
The sunset and the morning  
That brightens up the sky.

The cold wind in the winter,  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden,  
He made them every one.

The tall trees in the greenwood,  
The meadows where we play,  
The rushes by the water,  
To gather every day.

He gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty,  
Who has made all things well.

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## Women in Law Enforcement Continues to Stamp Authority on North West Roads

Women in law enforcement stamped their authority on the borders of North West and Limpopo when they impounded more than 36 taxis and de-registered 7 vehicles from using our public roads. This was during the three inter-provincial roadblocks which were recently conducted simultaneously in all borders of the two provinces.

More than 1500 vehicles were stopped, searched and more than 30 were tested on the mobile testing station that was operating on the R510 road between Northam and Rustenburg. One taxi that was transporting school kids from Mmakau to Tsogo Primary School was impounded for un-roadworthiness.

The vehicle was not registered and the driver did not have a driver's license either. The Bokone Bophirima MEC for Community Safety and Transport Management, Dr Motlhabane raised his concern on the state of the vehicles that are transporting kids to schools in particular.

"We are experiencing serious challenges about taxis that are transporting kids to school. They are not road worthy and mostly overload the kids".

"This is a serious concern and it means we must continue to ensuring that tough measures are put in place for defaulting motorists. If you look at the taxi that is transporting 15 kids in Mmakau on daily basis you will realise how the lives of this kids are put to risk".

"Parents of these kids must also stop risking the lives of their children, how can a parent pay for his/her child to be transported in a moving coffin like this. It's like they are paying for the death of their kids".

"Road safety begins with us, let us all take responsibility to safe our own lives on the road," said the visibly irritated Dr Motlhabane.

The North West, Limpopo inter provincial roadblocks were conducted by the women in law enforcement from the two provinces as part of commemorating the August Women's month.



## *Eight Illegal immigrants arrested during the first women law enforcement operation*



Motorists travelling along the R565 road between Rustenburg and Sun City felt the pinch of law enforcement when more than 200 women law enforcement officers recently held a joint operation as part of the Women's month operations.

More than 236 cars were stopped and 8 illegal immigrants were arrested for failure to produce proper and legal documentation, while 17 traffic offenses were issued to non-compliant motorists. Community Safety and Transport Management MEC, Dr Motlhabane said defaulting motorists are left with no choice but to adhere to road rules throughout this month and beyond, following the continuous law enforcement special operation that will be held across the province by women law enforcement officers from time to time.

“Defaulting motorists will be punished by women law enforcement officers throughout this month, they will not allow any un-roadworthy vehicle to use the roads, and they will not allow any drunken driver nor overloading and usage of cell phone while driving,” said Dr Motlhabane who further requested road users to cooperate and share the road without rage and bullying among themselves. “Our road users must not undermine these women, they must cooperate with them, they are doing their job which is to ensure compliance on our roads, and they are committed to stamping their authority on our provincial roads without fear nor favour.

They will treat you with respect, humility, smile at you and show motherly love but still summoned or warn you sternly. All we request from you, road users; motorists, bikers, cyclists, jay and walkers is to cooperate and share the road,” he concluded.



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## MEC MOTLHABANE HONOURS 122 MEN AND WOMEN IN BLUE



The MEC for Community Safety and Transport Management, Dr Mpho Motlhabane congratulated 122 members of the North West Police for post promotions today, 5 August 2016 at TTA Hall in Mahikeng. The event was graced with the presence of the North West Provincial Commissioner, Lieutenant General Baile Motswenyane and her deputies to hand over new rank insignia.

The MEC congratulated and thanked the members when handing over to them, their accolades. "I would like to thank each and every member for the hard work and dedication displayed during the election period.

The 2016 elections period was quite peaceful and there was stability in the province. Hard work pays and remember that good things comes to those who wait, so your patience was not in vain. Whilst resources are generally a challenge, as the department responsible for safety together with the management of the police we will ensure that we go out of our way to make them available so that quality service to the people is delivered.

But remember that once resources are delivered to you, we expect each one to be responsible and accountable as well as jealously take care of your working tool. The little that we have, let us use it wisely, said the Dr Motlhabane.

MEC further said that crime in the province is still a concern and the fight to combat it should continue. "Working together with the community will help bring the wrong doers to book. Let us not turn a blind eye to illegal acts. As part of the Setsokotsane programme the department and the police will continue with operations to fight crime. We are going to be visible in all corners, at all times", said Motlhabane.

The MEC encouraged the members to work together and use the 5 Concretes pronounced by the Premier to deal with crime and to maximise performance in the province. "Have good relations with the community and serve them with pride. Make sure you make yourselves unforgettable and make a mark, concluded the MEC.

## ***Gopane and Ganalaagte crime hotspot cleared***

Community Safety and Transport Management, MEC Dr Mpho Motlhabane recently led the delegation of the department and community volunteers who came in big numbers during a two-days de-bushing campaign in Gopane and Ganalaagte villages respectively.

The Ganalaagte de-bushing came after the community suffered a blow when a Lesotho National killed at least four people in the bushy area before he was attacked and murdered by the mob justice a few months back.

The trauma of these horrible events necessitated the clearing of crime hotspots areas in the plantation side where one of the deceased was burnt to death. Addressing community members who were hard at work, the MEC for the department encouraged communities to unite and work together with the local Dikgosi and police in the fight against rampant crime.

“The fight against crime is only winnable if we work together as all we need to clear all these crime hotspots in our areas so that we live a life free of fear. Working together will help in the fight against crime and our ultimate goal will be reached,” said the MEC.

Kgosi Jeff Molete who couldn't hide his excitement about the turn out of his community members to the campaign said it is evident that communities are serious about working together with government to fight crime. “I don't have enough words to thank you for coming here and let us continue making a difference in our communities,” said Kgosi Molete who encouraged the community members to take this campaign to the neighbouring communities.

One of the community members Siphilwe Mashigo (21) was overjoyed about the initiative. “This campaign will help to ensure the safety of our communities. We have been living in fear for a long time now; the clearing of the bushes will help ease our fears. I am confident that the bad incident that happened will not be repeated,” he said.

The de-bushing campaign was implemented through a program called Crime Prevention.

Through Environmental Design Strategy (CPTED), which was officially launched in February 2007, after it was approved by the North West Executive Council (EXCO).

It is a Voluntary Letsema Campaign which aims to target crime hotspots within our communities by raising awareness through safety related activities as well as to prevent crime through environmental design. Some of the activities done during the letsema activities include clearing of bushes, replacing street light globes and painting of police stations. Indeed “Boithaopo ke Tirelo Setshaba”,



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## KOPANO MAGARENG GA BAITHUTELATIRONG LE BATLHATLHELEDI BA BONE

Ka di 31 Phatwe 2016 gone go le kopano ya ntlha ya poledisano magareng ga baithutelatirong ba lefapha la Tshireletso ya baagi le tsamaiso ya dipalangwa ga mmogo le batlhatlheledi ba bone. Kopano ene e tshwaretswe mo kantoroboroto ya Mokhuduthamaga e e leng mo dikagong tsa lefapha mo Tirelo. Maphato otlhe a ne a tlile ka makatlanamane, go aka-retsa ba matlotlo, dipalangwa, tlhaeletsano bogokaganye le ba bangwe.

Motsamaisa tiro Rre Malotane Moshito o butse kopano ka ura ya borobongwe mo mosong, gontse le pulo ka thapelo, morago mongwe le mongwe a ikitsisi beng ka bone. Baithutelatirong mmogo le ba tlhatlheledi ba bone ba tlhagisitse dikgwetlho tsa bone ka go farologana. Nngwe ya dikgwetlho-kgolo e baithutelatirong ba lebaganeng nayo ke go tlhoka didiriswa tsa go tswana le dikhomphutara. Ngongorego e nngwe go tswa go baithutelatirong ba SITA ke gore, ga bana di email go ka kgona go golagana le badiramongo ka bone le go ka buisa dikitsiso tsa botlhokwa ka nako. Kgwetlhokgolo ya batlhatlheledi ke gore nako ya go tlhatlhelela e nnye, ka ga moo ga ba kgone go fitlhelela go le go ntsi mo go tlhatlheleleng baithuti.

ko bofelelong batlhatlheledi bane ba leboga lefapha ka go ba tlišetsa dithakga tsa baithuti ba ba dirang tiro tsabone ka manontlotlho, botwapelo le boitumelo. Rre Malotane o lebogile botlhe ka seabe sa bone mo lefapheng. O rotloeditse baithutelatiro go dira ka natla ka ntlha ya fa bonatla bona le maungo a a monate.

Motlhatlheledi Mma Moremi o tshwentswe thata ke kgolagano magareng ga ditheo tse di romelang baithuti mo lefapheng le lefapha." Fa a tlhalosa o rile ga gona kgolagano e e tlhamaletseng magareng ga lefapha le ditheo, mme go tshwanetse ga tsepamisiwa maikutlo mo go rarabolola morero o."Fa a ikarabela Rre Malotane Moshito mo ntlheng ya didiriswa, o rile didiriswa tse dingwe di setse di rekilwe, mme fela ga di isi diromelwe mo lefapheng. Kaga jalo retla nama re letile gofitlha digoroga."



## MOKHUDUTHAMAGA MOTLHABANE LE BADIRI BA AMOGELA NAMA O SA TSHWERE YA TLHOGO YA LEFAPHA

Mo mosong wa mosupologo letlha 29 Phatwe 2016, Mokhuduthamaga Motlhabane le badiri ba lefapha la Tshireletso ya baagi le tsamaiso ya dipalangwa, mo Bokone Bophirima, ke fa ba amogela nama o sa tshware e leng tlhogo ya lefapha, Rre Buti Chuma ka diatla tse dibothito. Mokhuduthamaga o ne a mo itsise se mmuso le go kopa botsamaiso le badiri ba lefapha gore ba mo neye tshegetso e e tshwanetseng gore lefapha le tsewele pele go isa ditirelo ko bathong, go nne sewa ke moano wa puso ya Bokone Bophirima wa Saamtrek saamwerk. Go nne bobedi bo bolaya noga, mme tau e senang seboka e siwa ke none e tlhotsa go bua jalo Motlhabane. Mokhuduthamaga o ne a tseweletsa puo ya gagwe pele ka gore badiri ba lefapha ba rate thuto bobedi, go nne ka thuto o ka gola go fitlha mo maemong mangwe le mangwe ko modiri a ka eletsang go fitlha gone. Thuto ke boswa o swa o e huparetse. Ngaka Motlhabane, o ne a bua a sa kgale mathe ganong a kgalema badiri mo mogopolong wa go nna dinalanyana mo mading a puso a tshwanetseng go direla baagi ba Bokone Bophirima. Are fa go ka nna le mongwe wa go nna jalo o tla digama a sa ditlhapela.

Tlhogo ya lefapha yo nameng a tshwere Rre Buti Chuma, o ne a itumelela kamogelo ya lefapha e e bothito. a bua gore maikaelelo a mangwe fela, ke go direla baagi ka thuso ya botsamaiso le badiri ba lefapha jaaka a rumilwe ke Tonakgolo Supra Mahumapelo go dira jalo. O ne a tlhagisa maikaelelo a gagwe malebana le thomo ya gagwe mo lefapheng. O tsene mo maemong a neng a tshwerwe ke Rre Oageng Mosiane yo le ene o ne a gama ya mafisa ele nama a sa tshwere wa tlhogo ya lefapha la Tshireletso ya baagi. Maikaelelo a lefapha ke go ka nna le tlhogo ya lefapha ya leruri, mme sewa se ka diragala mo nakong e e sa fediseng pelo go ya ka Mokhuduthamaga Motlhabane. Go ya ka lenaneo le le beilweng Rre Chuma o tla etela dikgaolo tse nne tsa Bokone Bophirima go kopana le badiri ba lefapha le bone go ka mo itse ka sebele, mme matlha a tla itsisiwe mo nakong e e sa fediseng pelo.



## ELEGANT WOMEN OF SAFETY ENDING WOMEN'S MONTH IN STYLE WITH FASCINATORS

Women of the Department of Community Safety and Transport Management from across the province, dressed elegantly with their fascinators to celebrate women's month on Friday, 26 August 2016. Women in Law enforcement were also present, looking gorgeous without their uniform. The event was held at Orion Lodge Hotel at Rustenburg.

The primary objective for the occasion was to encourage and teach women how to empower themselves and overcome challenges. Everyone women at the event were celebrated and appreciated by the department. Amongst other guests who graced the occasion were Chaplain Loate and Chaplain Ramokoka, Ms Mothobi from Department of Education, Ms Motshwari and Ms Modise from the Department of Health, DuduetsaLoate, law student from University of North West and Ms van der Berg from Liberty Life. There were also beautiful performance by a cappella group by Melodies of Joy. At the event women were given advises by different guest speakers on how to empower themselves, overcome challenges and change the lives of other women. They also encouraged women to stand together as women and support each other.

Clinical Psychologist from Kgatelopele Centre, Dr Florah Makama who was the motivational speaker for the day told guests that she was an example of the theme of the day, which was ***“women empowerment and overcoming challenges”***. *“I was sexually abused twice at an early age, had a child at early age and was married to an abuser, but the experiences never defined me, I never allowed it to put me down. I held on and never gave up. I chose to reclaim my integrity and make peace with what happened”*, said Dr Makama.

She further encouraged women to nurture themselves in order to be successful, life is what you make out of it. *“Women are born with a seed of success, no matter what life throws at us, we only need to nurture ourselves so that we blossom.*

When we are not hard on ourselves and positive all the time, nothing can bring us down. Take life positively and every challenge as a lesson” concluded Dr Makama.

Duduetsang Loate a young lady who spoke on behalf of the youth on how parents should start building relationships with their children. *“We know that you work hard to provide for us but the little time you have share it with us. We need you to know what is happening in our lives every day and we need you to be our best friends”*, said Dudu.

Mme Sheila Tselapedi thanked all the guest for taking effort to look beautiful and thanked all the guest speaker for coming. *“You all look beautiful today with your fascinators and outfits. Thank you for making an effort for this event. To all the guest speakers, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for coming to share your personal experiences and advising us on this day”*, said Tselapedi.

## MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKERS OF THE WELL SPENT DAY (more pics on Pg 10 & 11)



# ***Celebrating women @ Orion Hotel Rustenburg***



