



dcs&tm

Department:
Community Safety & Transport Management
North West Provincial Government
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

JULY 19 — NEWSLETTER

ISSUE : 07

Provincial Department of Community Safety & Transport Management

"RE BONA KA MATLHO" OPERATIONS



We belong



We care



We serve



18 JULY 2019

10 YEARS NELSON MANDELADAY

MANDELA DAY





Mr Thabo Sematle
Director: Communication Services

The 2019, 08th of May Election outcomes heralded another milestone in the history of South Africa, a new journey, a new trajectory to change the lives of our people.

It is not the political contestation that made the 2019 election historical, but the strong message that the people across the length and breadth of the country and the North West province have sent out. We dare not disappoint them.

The call has been made, we are duty bound to deliver. As a department we must change the living conditions people live in, we must alter their fears and insecurity in favour of comfort and safety. We must provide safer, reliable and cost effective transportation and safety at their homes, work, social gatherings and on our roads must never be hijacked by accidents, hooligans, crime and corruption. WE DARE NOT FAIL.

In honour of the icon, Tata, Nelson Mandela and in marking the 25th year of Democracy, we recommit ourselves once more that, *"we will not take this milestone achievement for granted, as Frantz Fanon said, 'each generation must, out of relative obscurity, discover its mission, fulfill it, or betray it'"*, we should never betray this mission that we are charged with steering forward. But courageously, boldly and with passion we shall surge forward..

Like Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela once said; *"I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers fear"*; We agree with President Ramaphosa too when he said in his 2019 inauguration speech that; *"We must be a society that values excellence, rewards effort and hard work as well as rejects mediocrity. We must be a society that values its young people by creating a conducive environment for them to gain skills and be productively employed to develop our country"*.

We heard the call of "Thuma Mina" made by President Matamele Ramaphosa which we will "Khauleza" as we embark on it, indeed we shall move with speed. The service delivery machinery is well oiled and the ripple effect of our performance should impact the ordinary people.

The essence thereof is that; unemployed youth will be trained as Traffic Officers and others will be appointed as Examiners of Driving License, Artisan Programmes will be made available at the four Government Garages, Graduates will be appointed on an 18 months Internship Programme and another cohort EPWP Contract Workers will also be appointed in the financial year 2019/20.

We will continue with our Community Safety Patrollers programme, our Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design(CPTED) programme will be intensive and specialised teams have been established to focus on Trio Crimes, Illicit Mining, and Drugs & Firearms as well as a campaign on Gender Based Violence. Gangsterism, Bullying, Substance abuse, Dangerous weapons etc will be confronted boldly to stamp the authority of law enforcement.

Learners are being transported to schools for free, we are developing Integrated Transport Plans (ITP's), renamed the Mahikeng Airport, to George Dick Montshioa Airport, Pilanesberg International Airport shall be optimally utilized whilst we are still awaiting National Department of Transport and Home Affairs to finalise transfer of international license Airport.

we have registered more learners to participate in the Scholar Patrol Programme, we have appointed volunteers to patrol identified hazardous roads across the Province as a way to reduce a number of road crashes involving stray animals. More Vehicle Testing Station will be opened, building of more weigh-bridges will ensue, proper coordination of law enforcement activities will occur and we will stop at nothing to ensure a peaceful and stable taxi industry.

MEC Lehari made the determinations above in his 2019-2020 Budget Vote 5. 'We shall Triumph'...

Visibility of Law Enforcement Through 'Re Bona Ka Matlho' Roadblock Operations



MEC Lehari interacting with commuters

MEC Lehari, kick-started **"Re Bona Ka Matlho"** campaign to make the law enforcement agencies within North West Province to be visible on roads. As part of 2019 Mandela month celebration, the 'Re Bona Ka Matlho' program took a form of roadblock operations in all four districts of the North West. To date the MEC has successfully led the operations in all four District, from Dr Kenneth Kaunda, to Bojanala, Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti and ending in Ngaka Modiri Molema. The operations were undertaken jointly with other law enforcement agencies in the Municipalities, SAPS, SARS, Department of Agriculture's Bio-Diversity and Home Affairs' Customs, respectively.

It is during these operations where compliance with road rules and regulations as well as payments and collection of outstanding fines were under the spotlight. MEC took turns to engage with all road users stopped, giving them safety tips, distributing departmental promotional material and goodies to motorists and passengers. All those found to be on the wrong side of the road rules and the law were fined accordingly, some vehicles were impounded and some drivers were taken in for alcohol testing as well as arrested immediately for wrong doing. Over a thousand cars were stopped, some were searched for illicit drugs, some vehicle registrations were dubious and had to be verified first and those transporting goods and carcasses of wild animals without permits had to wait for verification of documents. Foreigners who did not possess the necessary permits and identifications were booked into the nearest police cell whilst processes to verify them were undertaken.

There were some elements of road rages and bullying whereby law enforcement agencies experienced in the stop and search processes. "We will continue with these joint law operations until the end of the month and beyond, targeting the Bojanala Platinum, Ngaka Modiri Molema and Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti Districts". Said MEC at the operations in Matlosana.

MEC Lehari has urged passengers during the last leg of roadblock operations, for the Mandela Month in Mafikeng ; "be patient as this is assisting in minimizing road accidents and aggression in our roads. The lives of our passengers are important too and it will be good to exercise patience during these roadblocks."

THE KINGDOM OF MAN



Eight years ago the concept of Men's Month was launched nationally, since then the concept has grown from strength to strength. The department recently held a Provincial Men's Forum Celebration at Thaba Legae Guest Lodge in Rustenburg. Various speakers were invited to tackle issues affecting man on daily basis. The idea behind the launch came after it had been realised that men were the sole contributors to family violence due to lack of knowledge and failing to open up with their issues to seek assistance from professional practitioners. The forum is aiming to motivate, engage, assist and inspire men to be examples of change in their community and build a society where all people who live in it, are free without fear.

The key note address was presented by a remarkable motivational speaker and a radio personality, Sir Max. His presentation was titled **"Thy Kingdom Come"** where he outlined that the success of a kingdom depends on the calibre of a king. Tapping into the purpose of the celebration Gloria Tshepe said "The forum aims to engage with men on current diverse issues facing them, it is an initiative of the Department whereby Men's Forum in all four districts were established to tackle challenges facing the modern man in the home, work and society at large". The forum recognises men as critical partners and role players in advocating gender equality. It hopes to talk about gender relations, as well as what it means to be a "responsible man". The Men's Forum also looks at how men can be engaged in dealing with various social issues to take a stand and fight patriarchal values that lead to violence against women and children as well as to promote open dialogue about economic or financial instabilities that cause men to be insecure or violent

MEC Lehari Receives a Memorandum Demanding Government Deals with Sewerage Water Poodles, Spillages and Steams in Huhudi Township, Vryburg



MEC Lehari rushed to Huhudi Township, Vryburg, to receive a memorandum of demand for service delivery in general after a 'massive shutdown march' was threatened. MEC on 15 July was mandated by the North West Premier, Honourable Job Mokgoro to receive the memorandum of concerns from residents of Huhudi, in the Naledi Local Municipality. The march to submit the memorandum of demands was from an organised group called Naledi Community Activists .

On MEC's arrival, there was no one and no 'massive march' to receive the memorandum, as it was reported. After a while members and leadership of the Naledi Community Activist group came to fore and brief the MEC about their service delivery problems in Huhudi. Mainly decrying the non-availability of water and service delivery in general, but mainly sewerage system spillages in particular.

This submission of the memorandum to MEC Lehari took place and the group was led by Mr Boyboy Sejake as the Chairperson, whereas the Premier's office District Director, Mr Alfred Gaotsosiwe was also in attendance.

Owing to MEC's *'Re Bona Ka Matlho'* program, an inspection visit to the Huhudi Township, was undertaken, MEC Lehari accompanied by Premier's Office District Director, Mr Gaotsosiwe and Mr Boyboy Sejake to see the streets sewage spillages and sewage water poodles, streams and exposed water pipes.

Lehari promised that he will ensure that their memorandum reaches the Premier who will delegate the responsible units, institutions, municipality and departments to intervene in such a situations. He thanked the leadership of the group for abandoning their intention to continue with the massive protest march and choosing to handle their issues through a peaceful dialogues instead.

MEC had A Productive Introductory Engagement Session With Departmental Traffic and North West SAPS management



North West SAPS Senior Management comprising of the Provincial Commissioner, Deputy Provincial Commissioners, who are at, Provincial Heads and Cluster Commanders. The MEC led a delegation comprising the Section 100 (1) (b) Administrator, departmental CFO, Chief Directors and selected Directors and other Managers

On the 16th July, we had an engagement session with South African Police Service (SAPS) in the North West Province. The meeting took place in Potchefstroom, Wespol Provincial Head Offices with the North West SAPS Senior Management, Provincial Commissioner, Deputy Provincial Commissioners, Provincial Heads and Cluster Commanders. The MEC led a delegation comprising the Section 100 (1) (b) Administrator, CFO, Chief Directors, Directors and Managers. The MEC emphasised that " There is a need to improve visibility so as to root-out crime in the Province".

Subsequent to that, MEC Lehari met with Senior Departmental Traffic Officers in Mahikeng where the issue of visibility of traffic officers on our roads. "Law Enforcement in this regard should not only apply in April, during Easter and festive operations, but it should take place continually. All drivers should obey the law". Concluded the MEC.

Subsequent engagements and joint Law Enforcement Operations will continuously be on the cards to curb crime and ensure that communities are safe and secured. Meanwhile Provincial and National roads as well as municipal internal busy roads will not skip the watchful eyes of the traffic officials who are on 24/7 shift operation as promulgated by Minister of Transport.



MEC Lehari met With SATAWU Leadership based at the Northwest Transport Investment, (NTI) Pretoria.



MEC Lehari in front row, in fawn suit and brown hat, NTI Group CEO, Ms Mahlutshana, dread-logged hair with mustard coat, NTI Management and Community Safety and Transport Management Departmental Officials

SATAWU and NTI received the MEC warmly and took the opportunity to raise salient issues that are facing the company. SATAWU was led Cde Maduma and NTI led by CEO, Ms Mahlutshana. Who appreciated MEC efforts to meet with the union at such a short notice and commitments for further engagement and elevation if the issues with relevant offices. He further met with the NTI CEO and its Management team at their Watloo Pretoria Offices accompanied by Acting HoD, CFO.



67 MINUTES OF MANDELA MONTH CELEBRATION

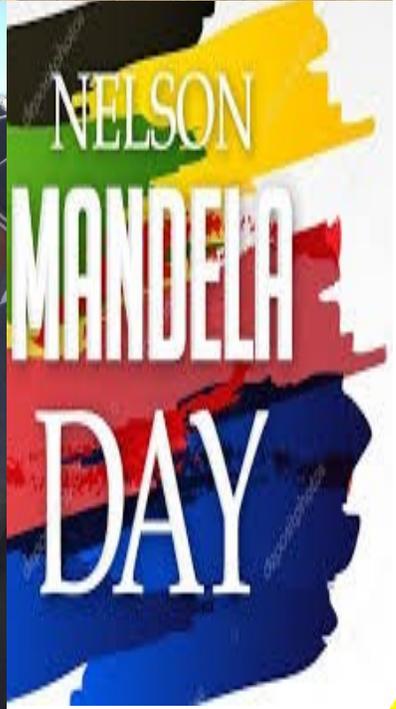
As part the Crime Prevention Unit led volunteers, community members and officials on a "Letsema" initiative called which is grass cutting or de-bushing in various crime hot-spot areas. The program was rolled out in Dithakong village, Mahikeng area and Molelwane.

The partnership programme was undertaken to prevent and reduce potential opportunity for criminal activities to manifest, as well as to increase the ease of detection and identification of criminals and their actions.



67 MINUTES OF MANDELA MONTH CELEBRATION. *Cont...*

Departmental officials also on that day visited schools to give a brief presentations on safety measures when they walk home and also on how and where to report activities of crime around their areas



DEPARTMENTAL AWARENESS ON THE FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION (4IR): WILL THE BABYBOOMERS SURVIVE

Thanks to the enlightenment of the 2016 World Economic Forum (WEF) on the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR). The continuing relentless world reality is that we are experiencing the 4IR evident in expedient technological change explained by gurus like Professor Klaus Schwab as 'blurring of the boundaries' of physical, biological, and digital systems, characterized by intensive use of online technology, the use of sensors and artificial intelligence (AI) or robotics. This article serves to explore the extent to which the Department of Community Safety and Transport Management have advanced the 4IR concept in its operations.

It also serves to enlighten on the grey areas to be plugged – lest the modernisation "blurring lights" cause a squint and the ultimate blindness.

A trickle down policy statement by His Excellency President Cyril Ramaphosa in the SONA 2018, was the Digital Industrial Revolution Commission which gave rise to Government Gazette Number 42078 of 4 December 2018. Out of this major landmark, expectation is to have developed the ITC policy with provision for factors necessitating a shift for compliance, and other Departmental 4IR compliant frameworks, without feeling inundated.

The article purports that since the holding of the World Economic Forum (WEF) of Davos - Switzerland in 2016 and its enlightenment and emphasis on the 4IR, there has not been any Departmental dialogues to engage all and sundry on the implications of this massive revolution.

Given the above, there is a need to cut the cake in halves by positing the following as a mirror against which reality can be scrutinised:

- ⇒ Are Departmental members aware about the current 4IR?
- ⇒ What are the activities that signify Departmental compliance with the 4IR?
- ⇒ What are the informal and formal opinions of Departmental authorities relating to the 4IR and its effect on the Department of Community Safety and Transport Management?
- ⇒ What are the barriers towards implementation of the 4IR?
- ⇒ Is the Department ready to migrate from 3G to 4G to enhance the internet speed in accordance with acceptable international standards?
- ⇒ Are there any disadvantages related to implementation of the 4IR in the Department?
- ⇒ Is the Departmental recruitment considering personnel suitable for the 4IR operations?

Consideration of automation and artificial intelligence (AI - robotics) should be considered against all Departmental programmes including Office of the MEC and HoD.

Corporate Services, Financial, Risk Management and Internal Control should do the development of implementation frameworks. Infused to all operations and implementation of plans geared toward the enhanced 4IR factors within the Department, is Risk Management and Internal Control.

The transformation to 4IR will benefit the Departmental ITC to migrate from 3G to 4G technology, which will increase the internet speed and bandwidth. It is important for Directorates like Monitoring and Oversight to migrate from a manual complaints processing procedure to an automated complaints management system.

DEPARTMENTAL AWARENESS ON THE FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION (4IR): WILL THE BABYBOOMERS SURVIVE. CONT...

Cybercrime is a looming reality requiring readiness of the SAPS monitoring arm, to deal with same. What could prevent the Licencing Department to devolve functions by automating the system to curb long queues and find people processing the motor licences disks from the comfort of their offices, for example?

What a dream in the face of its reality! The role of Risk Management and Internal Control cannot be over-emphasised and it would be trite to outline change that would accompany automation and the use of AI within the Department. It is unfortunate that implementation of such a process could result in the reengineering of human resources of the Department; if the security entrance could be controlled by a camera and an automated turnstile devise connected to the MISS nuclear point, more security personnel could be curtailed, for example. Perhaps to demystify the reality of the era would be the involvement of Corporate Services (IT, for example) in unison with Communication and Risk Management and Internal Control in a massive 4IR Departmental relevant research, to accumulate and treat massive "big data" for informing the processes.

A challenge is, give the millennials a chance of being in control of their era, the computer "blurring lines". Coupled with the above, Risk and Internal Control could be aware that we are at the risk of our physical health, as well as being usurped by developed establishments of the world; these should, within the Department, be streamlined and mitigated. Providing for the well-being of the HOD and all political leaders of the Department could see the MEC's strenuous official land transport trips be reduced by the use of one advanced teleconference room equipped with relevant modern advanced communication devices. Finance is at the cradle of all. In conclusion, misinterpretation should not overrule this article and no finger should point the other - to be progressive. Scientifically, research negates the other.

This article takes a cue from the abovementioned landmarks and perhaps seek to provide what some would regard as unscientific determined factors towards accomplishing the ideals of the 4IR.

***Writes: Mmuedi Dimpe:
orcid.org/0000-0001-8776-7113***

Monitoring & Oversight Directorate official





Budget Speech highlights...

MEC SELLO LEHARI

R1.7 million Budgeted Allocated For Road Rangers

In an effort to continuously reduce road crashes involving stray animals, the North West Department of Community Safety and Transport Management has set aside a budget of R1.7 million to implement the Road Safety Rangers Programme in the 2019/20 financial year. During his budget speech presentation, the Departmental MEC Sello Lehari announced that seventy (70) Road Safety Rangers have been contracted by the Department to patrol identified hotspots and hazardous roads across the Province including Mahikeng, JB Marks, Greater Taung, Matlosana and Moses Kotane Municipalities. "We have attempted to reduce a number of road crashes involving stray animals and, in the same breadth create employment within identified communities" Lehari said. Lehari further indicated that the Department will strengthen relations with all stakeholders to ensure sustainability of the project and further increase the number of contracted Road Safety Rangers to about 120 in order to ensure that more hazardous routes are patrolled and road crashes involving stray animals are reduced. "We will continue to create a safe and secure environment for all the people in the Province, we must ensure that we prevent and combat crime that may threaten the safety and security of our communities, and pro-mote road safety on our roads" Lehari concluded. A notable reduction of road crashes involving stray animals has been recorded since the introduction of Road Safety Rangers "Let me acknowledge and express words of gratitude to PI Ditibane who is here with us in the gallery as I speak. I believe that Officer Ditibane truly deserves to be congratulated and rewarded for providing the best public service and support well beyond expectations. He truly epitomises what is good about this country especially in this day and age when Public Service is under so much scrutiny". Concluded MEC Lehari in concurrence to Mr. Raymond Ramokoka's congratulatory statement.

Crime Prevention Summit Set to Craft Effective Ways to Fight Crime in the Province

North West Department of Community Safety and Transport Management will host the crime prevention summit to strengthen partnerships with relevant stakeholders to fight crime in the Province. This was announced by the Departmental, Sello Lehari during his budget speech at the North West Provincial Legislature. "In addressing the challenges of substance abuse, gangsterism and gender based violence, we will enhance efforts and strengthen partnerships with relevant stakeholders and institutions through hosting a crime prevention summit. The end product of this summit will be a developed Provincial Strategy for dealing with a number of social ills and criminal activities in communities," said Lehari. According to the MEC, the department will further educate and raise awareness in communities regarding Anti Substance Abuse, Gender Based Violence, Anti Gangsterism, Anti property theft as well as Anti Dangerous Weapons and School Safety programme. For this financial year, the Department has set aside budget to strengthen community structures to capacitate Community Policing Forums (CPF's) and Community Safety Forums (CSF's). "The intention is to enhance their functionality and effectiveness with regular monitoring," said MEC Lehari, who announced a budget of R1 million for transfers to NPI's to fight crime in communities and stations. The MEC further told the Provincial Legislature that his Department will engage with the Police Minister and National Police Commissioner to expand police's anti-gang in the Province.

Budget Speech highlights...

The July 2019 school reopening with little hiccups

MEC Lehari is satisfied that Scholar Transport Provisioning Continued on the July 2019 School Reopening With Little Hiccups reported. Meanwhile North West Premier, Honourable Professor Job Mokgoro Promises Decisive Action Against Allegation of Scholar Transport as He Cracks the Whip. As part of our concerted effort to root out corruption Prof Mokgoro assured his State of the Province Address, (SOPA) listeners that: "there are going to be repercussions. Mark my word. We are going to crack the whip. We are aggressively going to be decisive in the interest of service delivery; we are not going to be intimidated while our only interest is to provide a better life for our people. We had previously reported that the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation, known as the Hawks, were investigating 46 cases in the North West Provincial Government and that the Special Investigations Unit was dealing with 44 cases". There are ongoing investigations into the Scholar Transport contracts and the Special Investigations Unit, SIU, is at a very advanced stage. Three (3) criminal cases having been handed over to the NPA for prosecution. Five (5) other cases of officials implicated in wrong doing have been handed to relevant departments to institute disciplinary action against those individuals. Premier Mokgoro insisted that he is expecting a comprehensive report from MEC Sello Lehari at the end of the 2019, July month. MEC Lehari has, meanwhile, expressed satisfaction that the second half of the school calendar reopened on Tuesday, 9th July 2019 without much challenges as 99% of scholar bus transportation managed to pick up learners as expected and ferry them to schools in various farming communities, villages and townships. Much of the problems encountered were normal hiccups relating to late pick up by bus drivers, overloading of busses as one instead of two busses arrived to pick learners. Whilst at the same time there are several cases of contracted service providers sending notice of termination of service without giving the department sufficient notice period as expected. Some of the reasons advanced for immediate termination of service are vandalised or damaged buses due to community unrests, bad roads infrastructure and bus un-roadworthiness.

MEC Lehari's Disturbed by High Accident Toll around the Province

Potchefstroom: On the N12 road near and in Ikageng township, Potchefstroom, on Sunday evening a fatal accident occurred along the N12 National Road at the last Ikageng township entrance along the Klerks-dorp route. It is alleged that a bakkie was crossing the N12 when it collided with a sedan, some passengers sitting at the back of the bakkie fell off the bakkie and were strewn across the road. Another vehicle also travelling on the same road drove onto the accident scene where victims were lying on road. Seven (7) people, however, survived the fatal vehicle crash but sustained slight to serious injuries.

Zeerust: It has emerged that a bakkie that was pulling a trailer, overturned along the N4 - around Khunotswana T-Junction, Dinokana, near Ramatu High School, 1st July 2019. Three (3) people, all males, died at the accident scene while an unconfirmed number was taken by ambulances to nearby hospitals. The cause of the accident is unknown at this stage and an investigation into the matter continues. This will include confirmation of ages and number of people that were injured as well as the extent of their injuries.

Maquassie Hills: Meanwhile the province continues to experience minor road accidents and incidences, in Maquassie Hills, a car collided with an animal-drawn cart.

The MEC has since sent his message of condolences to the bereaved families as well as wish those who are injured a speedy recovery. SAPS responded swiftly to the accident alerts and will speed up investigations in order to assist families of deceased and injured persons to find closure and or expedite their Road Accident Fund claims and or Motor Vehicle claims, as it were. MEC Lehari reminds motorists that The National Department of Transport, successfully promulgated Regulation 247 which contemplates. "No person shall operate on a public road a goods vehicle conveying persons unless that portion of the vehicle in which such persons are being conveyed is enclosed... A bakkie or a truck is not designed for the transportation of people and typically such compartments have none of the safety features which are incorporated in the passenger cabin of such vehicles.... In the event of a collision, those who are being transported in the goods compartment of such vehicles are typically ejected from that vehicle and suffer significantly more severe injuries than those who are in the passenger cabin of the vehicle."



Call Centre Number: 0800 204 992

OFFICE OF THE MEC	018 200 8003/15
OFFICE OF THE HoD	018 200 8001/9
COMMUNICATIONS	018 200 8011/8401/2
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICE	018 200 8024/26
CORPORATE SERVICES	018 200 8022/23
HUMAN RESOURCE	018 200 8056/8261
CIVILIAN SECRETARAIT	018 200 8031
TRANSPORT OPERATIONS	018 200 8028/29
TRANSPORT REGULATIONS	018 381 9104
MAFIKENG AIRPORT	018 385 2111/1030
PILANESBURG AIRPORT	014 552 1261
BOJANALA E-NATIS	014 592 5784



Department of Community Safety and Transport Management



@ nwpgCommSafety



nwcommsafety@nwpg.gov.za



**www.nwpg.gov.za/
Community_Safety_and_Transport_Management/new/index.html**



We belong



We care



We serve

