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NEW TRAFFIC OFFICERS DEPLOYED TO BRING ORDER IN THE NORTH WEST PROVINCE ROADS



We belong



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We serve



"Together we move North West Province forward"

MEC Motlhabane urges NW communities to cooperate during upcoming elections



MEC DR Mpho Motlhabane



YOUR X IS YOUR SAY

Long queues and over-crowding of people with different political affiliation are anticipated at different voting stations when North West citizens will be casting their votes for the 6th time since the dawn of democracy in 1994. Citizens will be traveling to different voting stations and volumes of traffic will be high on the road, requiring visibility of law enforcement agencies, and further requiring cooperation on all road users.

"Our call for action to all citizens of the Province is for them to go to their respective voting stations as early as possible on election day to avoid long queues and over-crowding. We also urge our people to be tolerant of others whose political affiliation may differ from theirs, urged the North West MEC for Community Safety and Transport Management, Dr Mpho Motlhabane. Welcoming the Election Operational Plan from the Provincial South African Police Service Commissioner, the MEC has unreservedly condemn any act of violence, vandalism and criminality committed under the guise of service delivery concerns and those of who would want to boycott elections.

"In the 25th year of freedom South Africa has made remarkable progress in the transition from apartheid to democracy. This transition has been peaceful despite the country's history of violent conflict and dispossession.

Government recognizes and respects the right of every individual citizen to engage in peaceful protest and demonstration. Our Bill of Rights guarantees that "everyone has the right, peacefully and unarmed, to assemble, to demonstrate, to picket and to present petitions". We therefore call on our people to exercise their rights to protest in a peaceful and orderly manner. It is unacceptable when people's rights are violated by perpetrators of violent actions, such as actions that lead to injury and death of persons, damage to property and the destruction of valuable public infrastructure," said Motlhabane.

Following the number of protests taking place across the Province, MEC said some were breakdown in community relations with police of which, government has worked tirelessly in intervening and rebuilding the broken relationships, listing the areas of Dinokana in Lehurutshe, Ramokokastad and Molelema.

"Our government will continue working closely with communities and ensure that all concerns are attended to before they escalate. That responsibility remains. We are a caring government."As he welcomed the Election Operational Plan, MEC said he will monitor its implementation and called on Prov Joint stakeholders to fully play their role in ensuring free and fair elections.

SAFETY AND SECURITY IS ENSURED DURING THE NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS



MEC Motlhabane with Provincial Commissioner Mme Motswenyane

The South African Police Service (SAPS) in cooperation with all Provincial Joint Intelligence Structure (PJIS) role players including the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) are prepared and ready to ensure safety and security during the national and provincial elections. This came out clear during the provincial elections state of readiness parade held at Mmabatho stadium parking area recently where MEC DR Mpho Motlhabane welcomed the Election Operational Plan presented.

Upon addressing all role players MEC Motlhabane said "the electoral process is one of the most important features of our democratic society therefore I welcome the elections operational plan however I must alert you and all stakeholders of PJIS that I will keep a close eye in all of you to ensure that this plan will be fully implemented. The mandate of the SAPS is to lead in the process of security and safety during elections and to allow all citizens of the province to cast their democratic vote without any fear of intimidation".

MEC further called upon all citizens of the province to be tolerant of others whose political affiliation may differ from theirs. The provincial electoral officer Dr Tumelontle Thiba confirmed that the province has a total of 1733 voting stations and that the provincial ballot paper will be having 29 political parties. She said the IEC staff in the province is ready for elections that will begin with special votes on 6 and 7 May 2019.

The North West provincial commissioner Lieutenant Baile Motswenyane advised voters that voting stations will be gun free zones during the elections period and firearms will not be allowed within boundaries of voting stations. MEC Motlhabane concluded by reminding the citizens of North West province that their participation on the next coming elections is critical for democratising governance processes and ensuring that we keep enjoying the freedom and democracy fought by our political Stuarts.

40 new traffic officers deployed to bring order in the North west Province roads



MEC Motlhabane & HoD Mofokeng putting a badge on one of the new recruits

South African roads are often painted red by the blood of our loved ones because of unnecessary loss of lives during the previous Easter periods. In order to reduce the number of fatalities MEC Dr Mpho Motlhabane recently intensified traffic law enforcement operations for Easter 2019 at Mogwase Stadium. The operations started out with an exciting passout Parade which became a celebration of achievement and an exceptional display of skills and expertise of 40 newly recruited traffic officers. MEC Motlhabane expressed concern on road fatalities statistics and issued a stern warning to drivers, passengers, pedestrians and road users in general. "We want to send a warning to bus operators who continue to operate unroadworthy buses carrying our people and children to various destinations to refrain from this conduct and to comply with the law, failing which our law enforcement agencies will not have any other option but to deal decisively with them".

As a way of activating the 2019 Easter Road Safety and Law Enforcement Operations, MEC Motlhabane told the new recruits that corruption is a big problem in the country and we must bring it to the end to report corrupt officials and civilians who are found on the wrong side of the law. "We are standing here amongst many humans who are proudly wearing their beige uniform just after completing their 12 months program of traffic management. They are proudly standing before us ready to serve and save the lives of our people on the roads. My advice to these young men and woman is that their hands are still clean; I urge you to remain like that. Please don't be corrupted, be courageous, honest and caring. Be visible on the roads and send a clear message to law offenders".

Provincial Inspector, Mohemedi Happy Keameditse who is one of the 40 newly recruited traffic officers in her acceptance speech she said "we've learned a lot of things during our training program, amongst those is discipline and team work. We thank the department for this wonderful opportunity; on behalf of my colleagues I say continue to shine your light to the youth and young people of South Africa and inspire them to be examples of future generations. We are truly and sincerely grateful".

Provincial Inspector PR Mohlala, was awarded a certificate for his outstanding and exemplary leadership skills during their training. His second honour was for his professional conduct as a member of the North West group of traffic recruit. In closing of the ceremony MEC Motlhabane handed new uniform and 17 new branded traffic vehicles to different traffic stations managers for all 4 districts of the province. With these working tools, the Department aims to increase Traffic officer's visibility on all the National, Provincial and Local Roads.

STAKEHOLDERS INTENSIFY LEARNERS' SAFETY



MEC Dr Motlhabane in a parade with Molapisi Primary School safety patrollers in Signal Hill

On a day to day basis, most Mahikeng scholars have to leave their homes carrying their school books in plastic bags but, thanks to the RTMC (Road Traffic Management Corporation), for some of those kids, those days are over. The MEC of the Department of Community Safety and Transport Management, Dr Mpho Motlhabane together with the RTMC Board Chairperson, Adv. Zola Majavu, handed 200 school bags to disadvantaged learners from 4 different schools as an initiative for the 'My School Safety' programme.

"These bags will assist in keeping you visible on the road and also remember to be on the lookout at all times before crossing the road. These bags don't only serve as carrying books, but also have reflectors on them to keep the learners visible to motorists on the road as they travel to and from school daily." Dr Motlhabane said. Recipients of these bags are from Molapisi Primary School, Signal Hill Primary School, Rekopane Primary School, and Areaganeng Primary School in Mahikeng, Ngaka Modiri Molema district. Adv. Majavu also reminded the students to tell their parents that the bags only serve as school bags and not for their personal use. They should not take advantage of the gifts imparted to them.

The RTMC also included a 'winter warmer' programme which aided elders living at the Lapa La Botlhe retirement home located in Signal Hill with blankets. "These blankets are a token of our appreciation. As we enter the winter season, we hope these blankets can keep our elderly warm and keep the cold weather at bay." Motlhabane said.

On the same day, The TETA (Transport Education Training Authority) sponsored and hosted a Learner Transport Safety Summit at Convention Centre. The summit was about educating school learners about their safety while being transported to school daily. Over 45 schools participated in the campaign. Various stakeholder such as SANSBOC-NW (South African National Small Bus Operators Council- North West), the North West Department of Community Safety and Transport Management and the Department of Education and Sports Development took part in this initiative.

The MEC addressed the learners by saying, "Your safety while travelling in your respective mode of transport is of the utmost importance but also remember that distracting your driver can also be harmful to you and your fellow peers". The Panel members messages relayed to the students were fulfilled as an on-going debate formed amongst the crowd. .

Official Opening of Registering Authorities



MEC Motlhabane handing over the key to RA Manager, Onnicah Legole of Transport regulations.

Motorists were thrilled by the recent openings of Registering Authorities in Rustenburg. Travelling long distances to neighbouring towns in order to register their vehicles has been a common problem for most Rustenburg motorists but now that has all come to an end.

The Department delivered on their promise as the MEC Dr Mpho Motlhabane facilitated and officially opened the Phokeng Registering Authority offices that were recently relocated to the Phokeng Mall, shop 19A, next to the ABSA Bank. "Being able to move the offices closer to the people will make a massive difference to their lives and motorists will be able to access our services without hassle" he said. He officially handed over the keys to the Registering Authority Manager, Onnicah Legole of Transport Regulations Directorate.

A Motor Vehicle Registration, Licencing and Driving Licence Testing Centre was also launched in Marikana. This service is new to the town and comes as a huge relief for community members as they have longed for one of their own. As Mayor Khunou handed over the centre to the public he said, "On behalf of the community, I would like to thank the Department of Community Safety and Transport Management who saw the need for this centre and delivered on this service." The mayor was accompanied by the MMC of Public Safety in the Rustenburg Local Municipality, Michael Mhlangu and departmental staff.



Dr Motlhabane Receives a Memorandum on march Against Crime and gangsterism in Kanana, Orkney



Dr Motlhabane Receives a Memorandum from protesters

The community of Kanana Township near Orkney embarked in a massive but peaceful march against crime. This comes after the community felt that 'enough is enough' and that they no longer want to live in fear for their lives. This is due to the escalating level of crime particularly gangsterism that is rife and worsening on daily basis. Young people, women and children are terrorized, raped and murdered by gang members without fearing arrest by police. Houses are broken into, others are torched ransacked and goods are taken by these groups through knife and gun pointing from residents.

"As the community, we feel let down by the Police. They are not responding quickly to the call of the community to arrest criminals. The situation need to be normalised. Criminals should not be allowed to take over our township. But they are taking advantage of the police passiveness. People are attacked and stabbed, the death toll rises. Innocent community members are victims and live in fear. Something must happen". Said one angry community member.

The March leadership painted the picture quite clearly and said. "Freedom of movement as enshrined in the Bill of rights is limited in Kanana township. We don't enjoy it. There are sectional boundaries that are created by these gang groups. People are, mugged, robbed and stabbed on their way to nearby tuckshops on daily basis. Learners are subjected to horrendous incidents after school whereby a person can be butchered day-light. Young boys are forced to join as members of the gangs. Many tended to abuse of drugs and alcohol. The youngsters also dropping out of school and become hardened criminals. Taverns are operating freely throughout the day and night and even worse they are situated just outside the school yard, day care centres and churches parameters. Clinics are no longer operating at night because nurses are not feeling safe. The situation is not getting any better instead, but it is deteriorating. Sadly, people who are in dire need of medical attention lose their lives as they can't be attended to".

MEC Motlhabane in his response to the memorandum reiterated that he appreciates the proactive action taken by community of Kanana and emphasized. "We can only succeed in fighting crime if we do it together as a community and government. Gangsterism is a big problem that we must confront without fear nor favour. Minister of Police, General Bheki Cele was recently in the Province officially opening Mareetsane Police and in his address committed that 'he will do his best to expand the unit that deals with gangsterism' because he has realised that gangsterism is rife and increasing at an alarming rate in the North West Province. Gang activities needs to be curbed particularly in Kanana, Stillfontein, Jouberton, Bloemhof and other areas in the Province. Gangsterism erodes our social fabric and make up as a community. It disturbs the peace, neighbourliness and co-existence of people in the same location. Sadly, this phenomenon occurs widely among the youth in our country hence it must be nipped in the bud. If we cannot do that now, generations to come, there will be no youth and there will be no law. You as the community, I urge you to work hand in gloves with the Police. Open cases, bring evidence and do not harbour criminals in your homes, as they run away from the police". Concluded a disturbed MEC Mokgantsang Motlhabane. MEC Motlhabane swore that government cannot allow communities to be gripped by fear and terror from unruly gangsters roaming the streets. He also committed that as Easter weekend approaches, Police will be visible in the streets of the township. Patrols will be intensified to ensure that people have a peaceful Easter celebration weekend. At the end, MEC Motlhabane thanked the Kanana community for an exemplary peaceful protest action as well as wished them a blessed, pleasant, crime and accident free Easter holiday season.

EASTER SPIRITUAL UPLIFTMENT FOR DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES



Clap and tap choir serenading the Easter prayer attendees from different church denominations

Easter is a season of spiritual preparation and during this time the people of God are called to celebrate and reflect on the Jesus crucifixion. The Department hosted Easter church service at Mmabatho Civic Centre to enlighten the colleagues about the seven last words of Jesus Christ on the Cross. The service was attended by scores of police officials, traffic officials, Department of Economy & Enterprise Development and various church members from different denominations. Chaplain Reetseng welcomed and explained the purpose of the service which was to teach, preach and pray for the Law enforcement departments as they will be deployed and working during the Easter holidays and beyond to secure the people of South Africa and their property both on the road and in their homes. “We would like to remind employees that even if they are labourers/ public servants they are children of God.

We call this spiritual upliftment and wellness because we would like to revive our souls so that they become motivated to serve our nation and be morally uplifted so that they can carry out their work diligently” Reetseng said. On behalf of Road Safety Unit in the Department Ms Mamoremi Madiehe highlighted the importance of safety in order to reduce fatalities on the roads and offered safety tips to follow when driving on wet roads due to the rainy season which includes checking car tires to avoid tyre bursts since roads are slippery and misty, ensuring that your wipers are in good conditions which will improve visibility and safe following distance which will allow you enough time to react if something happens.

“Last year this time north west lost 16 lives and that is too many, most of the accidents were due to pedestrians who were not visible, loss of control by drivers and head on collisions. If you are taking long distance trips rest every 2 hours at a safe place to avoid fatigue. Always look out for pedestrians and stray animals especially at night. Remember speed kills and don’t drink and drive. Lastly travel safely and arrive alive” Madiehe said. The service was concluded with a chain of prayers where local pastors prayed for families, marriages, road safety, Elections and unity amongst members in government departments and the community.

Prohibitions when approval is granted for Remunerative Work outside Public Service (RWOPS)

After approval has been granted by the Executive Authority for RWOPS: -

- ⇒ An employee should ensure that they will not use any state resources for the purpose of performing other remunerative work.
- ⇒ Employees shall not conduct business with any organ of the state, either in person or as part of an entity (including non-profit organisations).
- ⇒ An employee should confirm that his/her performance of other remunerative work will in no way interfere with his/her commitments to my department.
- ⇒ An employee should confirm that his/her performance of other remunerative work will not take place during his/her required for duties as agreed in his/her employment contract.



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