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THE MARCH MONTH IS THE HUMAN RIGHTS CELEBRATIONS MONTH

THE HUMAN RIGHTS DAY CELEBRATION theme—PROMOTING AND DEEPENING A CULTURE OF HUMAN RIGHTS ACROSS SOCIETY

President Ramaphosa Declared 2018 as the Year of Nelson Mandela Centenary Celebrations

It is a common course that in South Africa, Human Rights Day is celebrated on 21 March of each year. We observe this day in remembrance of the Sharpeville massacre which took place on 21 March 1960. The day was previously called the Sharpeville Day. The Sharpeville massacre occurred as a result of protests against the Apartheid regime in South Africa. On that day 69 people died and 180 were wounded when police fired on a peaceful crowd that had gathered in protest against the Pass laws. This day marked an affirmation by ordinary people, rising in unison to proclaim their rights.

It should be noted that apartheid was a system that caused Africans in general and Blacks in particular to be servants whereas their white counter parts were slave masters. The system was a deliberate systematic institutionalisation of mentality that blacks and Africans deserve poverty and love to be subjugated.

In 1948 the Nationalist Party came to power in South Africa and formalised racial segregation in a succession of laws that gave the government control over the movement of Black people from rural areas into urban areas. The Native Laws Amendment Act of 1952 narrowed the definition of Blacks with permanent residence in towns and cities.

To date 25 years after the demise of apartheid, apartheid is still stubbornly prevalent and black are yet to enjoy freedom, democracy and human rights as much as we deserve. it became clear that it was easy to take political power, but, the restoration of human dignity becomes a long road. What Steve Biko and what Chris Hani said, they seem to have known and foreseen the plight of an African child, warned us that human right must be enjoyed by all human beings, "simply because they are human regardless of their colour".

The Easter Road Safety Arrive Alive Operations success is remarkable, 5 accidents with only two fatalities. This is the time when most people are coming home to reunite with their families and loved ones. Many church goers were in transit in and across Bokone Bophirima Province to their various religious pilgrimages hence we experience an escalation and high volume of traffic during the Easter Holidays. With only two fatalities from five road accidents and two speedsters nabbed for speeding on two separate occasions, so far, surely the promulgated 24/7 working shift, traffic officers' visibility on all the roads and a re-commitment to serve is evident.

April 2018 is expected to be a cracker and a hectic month as it started, sadly with the passing-on of the Mother of the Nation, an award winning Winnie Madikizela Mandela. What better and perfect time to depart and pass-on, onto the world of the Gods, Goddesses and Ancestors. A perfect time to reunite with her equals, stalwarts, martyrs and liberators, than during the period of the his former husband and South African President's Birthday Centenary Celebrations. Surely heaven's are happy.

The New Dawn, the Era of Unity, Jobs, Radical Economic Transformation and Land Expropriation.

We dare not fail nor betray the true essence Mama's sacrifice, sweat and blood... Amandla...!!!



New pool vehicles to improve service delivery



20 New vehicles handed to departmental directorates

The Department recently purchased 20 pool vehicles comprising of 10 sedans and 10 bakies, which will assist the officials to render services to the public without any hassles in reaching the furthest places and to do basic daily duties within the province.

These pool vehicles were handed over to the directorates by the MEC Dr Mpho Motlhabane and the departmental HOD Mme Botlhale Mofokeng.

The MEC urged officials to take good care of these vehicles as they are their tools of trade. "I plead with all of you who will be using these vehicles to use them effectively in executing your daily chores.

Please refrain from using government cars for personal use and gain, thus affecting service delivery and denting the departmental image.

People have a tendency of owning government cars and not wanting to share with others to execute their work, thus compromising service delivery.

Working together we can achieve even more and it is everyone's responsibility to ensure proper usage of tools of trade. This is a working tool, use it wisely", concluded the MEC.

Ms Motshabi Tshukudu, Director Road Safety was very pleased with the new fleet, "The vehicles will help as we as a unit has been struggling for a while, officials had to use their personal cars to execute their duties.

We could not sit and wait for the cars, we are grateful as they will ease the stress that we have been encountering", she said her unit has been encountering shortage of vehicles and officials had to utilise their personal vehicles to execute their duties. She further said they could not sit and wait for the car.

MEC Motlhabane calls for calm and stability in Gopane village

The North West Community Safety and Transport Management MEC, Dr Mpho Motlhabane heartily appeals to the community of Gopane to calm down and allow the South African Police Service to thoroughly conduct investigations on the reported cases.

MEC's appeal follows an incident in which a man was allegedly hanged by the angry community members after he was accused of killing a 75-year-old woman.

It was reported that the woman was found dead with an open wound in her head inside her house. The angry community took the law into their hands by assaulting and hanging the man they suspect for the killing of the woman.

"All we need is for community of Gopane to have confidence in our South African Police Service. I trust that SAPS will leave no stone unturned as they investigate this matter. Our police have proven in a number of similar cases that they have capability of doing their job with passion and commitment.

It must be borne in mind that in some of the cases, there are certain prescripts that prohibits the police to divulge to the communities their progress reports. Giving feedback prematurely might have a negative effect on the investigations and jeopardise prospects of successful conviction.

However, we do acknowledge that there are some shortfalls with regard to communicating with communities or affected people. In certain areas, of the cases reported to our police stations, we, as a department often encourage our police to keep constant contact with our communities as we also need their cooperation with police," said Motlhabane.

Motlhabane requested the communities to assist the police with any information that can fast track the police investigations. The Departmental MEC further sent his heartfelt condolences to the families of the two deceased. "These are unfortunate actions, and we wish the families to gain strength during this period of mourning," MEC concluded.

Training workshop for bus drivers



RTMC officials presenting Road Safety tips for bus drivers

As we all know Easter season is a very busy period for bus drivers thus Road Traffic Management Corporation saw it fit to hold a workshop in a form of awareness campaign for bus drivers which was recently held on the 12th to the 13th March 2018 for both Bojanala and Atamelang Bus Operators.

This gesture was to promote safer driving among these operators, unlike the heavy motor vehicle skills enhancement whereby drivers are provided with obstacles to

overcome, this seminar session was in a form of presentation whereby the presenter where providing visuals of what bus drivers are doing in order for them to cause an accident.

According to the statistics provided by R.T.M.C more lives are lost due to heavy vehicles especially buses as they carry a large number of people, who are to them breadwinners and they leave behind poor households.

It is evident that the North West Province registered a high number of accidents during the festive season as a result of public transport thus much effort such as education and awareness programme will be enforced.

There should be much careful consideration provided by both bus owners and drivers to ensure that their vehicles are roadworthy before the trip, and that the driver is also fit to drive.



Pedestrian safety for Bapong community



Ms Lesego Motsatsi handing over the car seat to -Ms Julia Dayel

Bakwena N1N4 toll road in partnership with the Department of Community Safety and Transport Management, ER24, Imperial logistics and Active Education embarked on a Pedestrian. Road Safety Campaign recently held at the KeYa Rona Mall in Bapong.

The campaign highlighted road safety awareness relating to pedestrians which included illegal stopping and pedestrians on freeways.

Motshabi Tshukudu, Director of Road Safety said that the campaign was aimed at encouraging community members to use the pedestrian bridges to cross the N4. "It is illegal and dangerous for pedestrians to cross or stay on the freeways. We also wanted to raise awareness around the rules of the road in general and explain the purpose of the blue kilometre board markers and the 0800 BAKWENA number to our road users."

Notably, the blue marker boards which are situated at 200 metre intervals on the N1 N4 toll road

is used to assist motorists in distress and help them identify their position on the road when they need help.

The boards depict national road motorists are on as well as what section of the road they are on and the kilometre distance.

Not only does the campaign highlight pedestrian safety, community members were given pamphlets containing road safety tips, reflective bands, caps and reflective belts for stray animals. "the information provided included tips such as wearing seatbelts in vehicles, wearing reflective clothing at night and safe crossing on roads, said Tshukudu "

People were entertained by different entertainers and received safety gifts from the officials and there were prizes to be won. Ms Julia Dayel won a car seat for her beautiful daughter, after she answered a question on how to use the car seat and its importance.

With Easter coming up, the roads are expected to be busier than usual. Bakwena N1N4 and The Department of Community Safety and Transport Management urges motorists to take special care when travelling during this period and to apply the following safety measures especially when travelling on the freeways:

- Ensure that your car is roadworthy
- Stick to the speed limit
- Don't drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Ensure you get enough sleep before a long journey
- Stop and rest at least every two hours or 200km
- Use the information on the blue kilometre board markers when reporting accidents or requesting assistance

MEC Motlhabane Participated in the Reconciliation Healing and Renewal Program held at the Award-Winning Taung Ward 20 Villages



MEC Dr Mpho Motlhabane delivering his speech

Mercy Tabernacle church in Kameelputs village near Kgomotso was a hype of Easter Celebration activities as different churches and denomination members from ward 20 took turns to pray, praise, sing and dance as they usher in the Easter weekend in style

(RHR) programme by gathering at D201 road in Kgomotso village. This road is believed to be accident prone as it claimed a lot of lives of community members hence it was deemed necessary to hold a cleansing prayer.

This was a very touching prayer service near one accident spot and was also attended by survivors of accidents and families of the victims of those accidents too. The road cleansing prayer service was followed by the service at the Kgomotso village grave yards where MEC Mpho Motlhabane

was laying the wreath onto the identified graves of those who lost their lives due to accidents in the high accidents spot along the D201 road.

MEC Motlhabane emphasised that the purpose of putting the wreath at the graves of the deceased is a touching act that was not meant to remind families of their old wounds and sorrow but that the service was meant to reconcile the families, heal their spirits and renew their lives after what happened to them. This serves as a much needed closure so that families can forgive and forget, reconcile and heal, reunite and find closure.

This way, as Africans we believe is a solution as the spirits of the deceased may finally find peace and rest. And the accidents that continue to occur on this road gets reduced as no spirits will remain lingering along the road.

"It is important to respect the cars we are driving and also respect other road users as we are entering in the Easter holidays. Easter is one of the period in the year were we are experiencing a lot of accidents on the roads due to the people driving under the influence of alcohol and texting whilst driving" said MEC Motlhabane in his address. The overflowing church got lit with music, praises and jubilant celebrations meant to uplift the spirits of the people who assembled in church as well as begin the Easter week on a high note. The people of Kameelpits and the surrounding villages asserted that they are greatly favoured to have so

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many spiritual figures in their area well gifted to uplift their spirits and feed 'the person within' with food from heaven, the word of God.

They retorted that this spiritual service is a true reflection of what their villages used to enjoy in the previous decades and truly in tandem with the 5th North west Provincial Government Villages, Towns, Villages and Small Dorpies (VTSD) Concrete.

Departmental chaplains and chaplains from South African Police Services in the area of Greater Taung Local Municipality where highly spiritually charged to conduct the services of the day, Women pastors and speakers too were equal to the task as the congregants continued enthralled and

captivated by the holy spirits that had momentarily come down to Church.

MEC Motlhabane urged the community members to dream big and establish projects that can create jobs and lift the economic development of Kgosi Mothibi villages. He urged; "all the law enforcement officers to work tirelessly during this Easter period and beyond to heed the 'Thuma Mina -call by President Ramaphosa who urged all and sundry to deliver the services to the public.

The MEC donated a laptop to the Local Women Corporative doing sewing, tailoring and dress making in ward 20 as well as took an inspection visit to the brick making site were the state of the art

machines were kept after being donated and delivered recently.

This Taung Ward 20 is led by Cllr Itumeleng Maribe and is an award-winning ward which continue to scoop awards for developing faster and service delivery oriented.

Departmental MEC wished everyone a good Easter holidays and safe journeys to their various destinations.

Annual Easter prayer service lifted many spirituals



Departmental officials at the Easter annual prayer session ,TTA Mahikeng

Department of community safety and transport management held its annual Easter prayer service at TTA headquarters, to commemorate the beginning of the Easter holidays celebrations.

The prayer session was held to pray for the safety on the roads and safety of all law enforcement officials during these busy holidays, which are always on the roads to monitor and maintain stability of the traffic flows.

Pastors from various churches filled the highly holly spirit with the TTA hall and connect the officials with seven lasting words of Easter. Departmental choir graced and blessed attendance with hymns that find themselves singing along and rejoice.

The theme of the day was "Behind the glory, there is a strong to tell". And the management from the department was also in the mist of the attendees.

Ms Sheila Tselapedi, director of human resource management in the department says road safety is everyone's responsibility,

and by making sure that our cars are road worthy before we commence with our various destinations for Easter holidays, that will help us to save lives of many people and we don't want to record any incident or accidents during this Easter holidays.

She wished all the officials and invited pastors a safe and blissful Easter weekend and urge them to be vigilant on the roads because the are those who don't obey the road rules.

Easter Road Safety Arrive Alive Major Multipurpose Roadblock at Marikana Hit the Right Note as Road Carnages Remain Low



Departmental MEC, Dr Mpho Motlhabane engaging a motorist near the N4 Marikana off-ramp under-bridge

The Easter Holidays are being commemorated countrywide annually around this time of the year; this is the time when most of the people who are working far away or outside the Province are coming home to reunite with their families and loved ones. Many church goers are in transit in and across Bokone Bophirima Province to their various religious pilgrimages hence the traffic escalation and high volume of traffic during the Easter Holidays.

It is on these basis that MEC for the Department of Community Safety Transport and Management, Dr. Mpho Motlhabane, the Head of the Department, Mme Botlhale Mofokeng and Senior Management led massive roadblocks along the N4 Marikana and later at the R53 Koster road to officially activate the Bokone Bophirima Arrive Alive Operations in order to ensure safety and incident free flow of traffic on Thursday, 29 April 2018.

The MEC together with the HOD were not only handing out road safety information brochures, pamphlets, gadgets, other promotional materials but were also interacting with road users to advise them not to drink and drive, to stick to the speed limit, to ensure their vehicles are always roadworthy, to be on the look-out for stray animals and pedestrian along the road. Pedestrians were also urged to avoid Jay walking and wear reflective clothing whenever they cross the road or walk along the roads at night, especially.

The Traffic Officers jointly with South African Police Service and other law enforcement agencies were searching the vehicles, inspecting them if they are road worthy and also checking if they have the necessary permits and documents.

The MEC emphasised that the traffic officers and the SAPS will be dispatched across the length and breadth of the provinces' roads; national, provincial, mun-

icipality and rural roads as well at entrances and exit points of all towns and especially the capital city, during this Easter Holidays as a way of reducing the high number of fatalities on our roads.

Motorists were urged to exercise patience, keep a safe following distance, take a 2 hourly or every 300 kilometers break whichever comes first, buckle up, report bad and reckless driving to officers on duty along the different roads as well as cooperate with all law enforcement officials along on all the roads.

At the end of this N4 Roadblock in Marikana the Statistics 371 vehicles were stopped of which 9 vehicles were HMV's, 240 LMV's, 104 LDV's, 18 Taxi's. The total number of summonses issued is 14; 6 for failure to produce driving licenses, 1 for failure to produce PRDP certificates, 1 for operating without a Taxi operating licence, 1 for skipping road traffic sign, 3 for driving an unlicensed motor vehicles, 1 worn out Tyre, 1 for nor displaying number plates and 1 for use of Cell phone while driving. The total Monetary value of fines issued within the two hours roadblock is: R 14 600.

Meanwhile another 34 year old male speedster operating a 330i BMW Sedan was nabbed on April Fool's Day doing 145KM/H on an 80 KM/H zone at Makokskraal on the N14 road along the Coligny/Ventersdorp road

Our Easter Road Safety operations will continue until after the school reopening on the 16th April 2018 when traffic is expected to pick up.



Picture tells a story





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