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MEC Lehari's First 100 Days In Community Safety and Transport Management Department, 'All Hands on Deck, From Boardroom to Service Delivery Frontlines'

Saturday, 7th September 2019, marked 100 days since the appointment of MEC, Honourable Jonas Sello Lehari, into the department of Community Safety and Transport Management in the North West Province. This deployment was received with open arms and hailed as both befitting and worthy. The MEC didn't waste time but immediately had an introductory meetings with departmental officials as well as relevant stakeholders without exception. MEC's three-pronged approach to the execution of his mandate began in earnest with his "One-on-One Sessions, Re Bona Ka Matlho and MEC Led Operations" kick starting. His wish to make a meaningful and impactful changes to the lives of the ordinary communities was taking shape albeit the challenges and hiccups experienced. He set himself to carve a new niche', to turn around the service delivery fortunes in favour of the poor as well as to ensure that the sting and visibility of law enforcement officers in general and Traffic Officers in particular is realised.

"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", so said Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela. Taking cue from those words MEC Lehari tabled his budget vote 5 of 2019 at the North West Provincial Legislature like a seasoned MEC, setting himself new targets a new trajectory for the department to achieve without fail.

The production, so far is promising good results and positive outcomes;

- MEC had work session with departmental Executive, senior management and with individual Chief directorates.
- He conducted introductory engagement with relevant stakeholders: SAPS, SATAWU, POPCRU, NW SANBOC, NEHAWU.
- Intervened in rescuing the Northwest Transport Investment (NTI) as well as appointment of the NTI Board of Directors.
- Officiated at the Road Safety Schools Debate and Department held Provincial Participatory Education Technique (PET).
- Tabled Annual Report, Reviewed APP, presented such favourably at the Legislature Portfolio Committees.
- MEC receives a memorandum of demands and intervened in community protests in Huhudi, Vryburg.
- MEC led Law Enforcement Operation, Joint Law Enforcement Operations and led an interprovincial Law Enforcement Operation with the Northern Cape.
- Attended the Trans Kalahari Corridor Women Joint Law Enforcement Operation led by Deputy Minister of Transport and Deputy Minister for Women's Department.
- Attended to the plight of workers at Northwest Transport Investment (NTI) as well as the National Council of Driving Schools of South Africa.
- Participated in the President Ramaphosa Led National Women's Day Celebration in Vryburg.
- Department had Men's Dialogue in July as well as a Women's Month Celebration in August.
- MEC and Minister of Transport received the NTI Board as well as introduced the board to the Management and workforce of this state entity.

MEC Lehari's ambitious yet achievable legacy plans for 2019/20 are as follows:

"We have been in talks to re-introduce railway services. Our railway network is currently underutilized. It is only utilized for goods trains since the halting of passenger Rail Services by Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (PRASA). The department will therefore resume its engagements with the Minister and the key stakeholders such as PRASA, Transnet, Gauteng Department of Transport, National Department of Transport, Northern Cape Department of Transport and both the National and Provincial Treasury to resuscitate the passenger rail service from Johannesburg through North West to Kimberly in the Northern Cape, but this has to be submitted to the EXCO for approval. We are intending to build two more weighbridges, depending on the availability of budget, namely Mafikeng weighbridge and Taung/Vryburg weighbridge". Committed MEC in his 2019/20 Policy and Budget Vote No 5.

Completion of Lichtenburg Weighbridge, Renovation and Construction of both Itsoseng and Mogwase Driving Licensing and Testing Centre, Renovating GD Montshioa and Pilaesberg Airport feature strongly and strides to implement these are at an advanced stage. The youth will be empowered still, employment will be created still, women, children and the vulnerable groups will still be provided safety and security. The promulgated 24/7 shift and visibility of law enforcement will be monitored closely. Our workforce will work around the clock to ensure communities are served. Vehicle crashes will be mitigated. Service providers will be paid in time. Greed, fraud and corruption will be eradicated. MEC Lehari is still fresh legs, the journey of a thousand mile indeed begins with one step, has stumbles and falls, has flat and steep terrains, has down hills and meanders but ultimately it ends. The end must be pleasant and vindicate the course and the pace. We will 'KHAULEZA' as called upon to, by President Ramaphosa.

100 DAYS COME AND GO, SERVICE DELIVERY MUST BE UNDERTAKEN TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS PROVINCE WHO MUST BE PRIORITISED AND PROVIDED LIFE CHANGING SERVICE DELIVERY AT ALL TIMES...

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MEC Lehari Welcomed Back, a Seasoned Section 100 Administrator from National Department of Transport



MEC Sello Lehari (black suit), HoD Botlhale Mofokeng (Black jacket), Administrator Mr Mathabatha Mokonyama (red striped tie) & Senior Management of the Department

The MEC welcomed back to the North West department of Community Safety and Transport Management, the first ever deployed Section 100 (1) (b) Administrator. Mr Mathabatha Mokonyama had a few months appointed as an administrator in the province before Mr. Nqabekhaya Nqandela took over whose contract has not been extended.

MEC Lehari expressed comfort and excitement that the new Section 100 (1) (b) Administrator, Mr Mathabatha Mokonyama, brings with him a wealth of experience within the Department of Transport. The mandate of intervening in provinces is not a new responsibility to him either. He is substantively the Deputy Director General at the national Department of Transport. He is an accomplished Transport sector expert by passion, training, skills and execution.

Mokonyama was among a group of veterans National Administrators who were previously deployed as Section 100 (1) (b) Administrator to the Limpopo government and he was befittingly placed in the Provincial department of Transport. He became the first Section 100 (1) (b) Administrator deployed to the NW department of Community Safety and Transport Management after the near collapse of the state leading to the axing of the then Premier, after sporadic and protracted civil protest action.

MEC Lehari took the opportunity to thank Mr Nqandela who had left, for the sterling work of keeping the fires lit amidst challenges he experienced. "As we welcome Mr. Mokonyama who is not a new face to this department nor a novice to the transport sector, the Department must give him 100% support, relate closely and accord him the space to intervene. We must work with him well, we must learn good attributes from him and best practices that he share with us must be copied, so that when he leaves, the Department must not collapse but must perform well and excel too".

Mr Mokonyama appreciated the warm welcome as home returning gesture and indicated that he will simply be here to wrap up the business of intervention necessarily. Head of Department, Ms Botlhale Mofokeng thanked the new Administrator for once again heeding the call to come back to the province and to come finish well what he started, so well. "Whenever you will be leaving, at some point, surely we would have learnt and we would carry on with the good work you would have sown in the department", Mme Mofokeng concluded.

TRANSPORT FORUM SET TO IMPROVE PERFORMANCE



The quarterly Transport Forum recently held at Mamusa Local Municipality suggested a necessity to upgrade and change the way they have been doing things in order to improve performance. The forum suggested that they need to work on challenges and achievement of Transport Sector in the North West Province, to assist constituency and offer a platform where all transport stakeholders including Municipalities meet to share and discuss Transport related matters.

Mapping out the way forward, Chairperson of the forum Julius Methikge suggested that there should be a review of the mandate of Transport Forum. "We need to review what we are doing and whether we are doing what we are supposed to do.

Challenges of Integrated Transport Plan of Dr RSMDM and NMMDM need to be accelerated , we need to look at the committees and replace people who left the department, Update action plans and make sure that they are captured before the next meeting and Freight Data Bank needs to be updated and this be put on record as it is a process to work on", Methikge said.

Methikge thanked all represented specifically different Municipalities, Local Government and Department of Community Safety and Transport Management. The date of the next meeting will be on the 22 august 2019 at Ratlou Local Municipality.



Setswakgosing and Potchefstroom Secondary Schools Clinch Victory at the 2019 Provincial Road Safety Models Winners and will represent NW at National



Eight schools from four Districts took part in the competition for the best Road Safety Model. This occurred at recent Provincial Road Safety Participatory Education Techniques project that was held on the 02nd August 2019 at Matlosana, Protea Hotel, in Dr Kenneth Kaunda District. The competition was too stiff as all the schools tightened their belts. The Departmental applauded the winner of the competition, Setswakgosing Secondary School from Morokweng, Dr. RSM District and Potchefstroom Secondary School from Dr. KK District who followed on the 2nd position and Mafikeng Secondary School from Ngaka- Modiri Molema came on 3rd position.

The project is a flagship programme which aims at changing learner's attitude towards road safety. This is to encourage learners to be aware of road safety challenges in their community as well as to enhance learners' presentation skills by ways of presentation sessions. Participating schools were provided with material resources to build models that they used as a new initiative for road safety. Learners were adjudicated on these model displays as well as oral presentations illustrating their proposed solutions to community road safety problems.

The objectives of the competition are amongst others was to:

- Encourage learners to participate in addressing road safety matters.
- Teach learners to take responsibility of road safety issues that affect their communities.
- Empower learners, facilitators and community members with practical research skills.
- Develop and enhance the learners' presentation, communication and listening skills by means of practical presentation sessions.
- Change learners' attitudes towards road safety issues by means of participatory education.

The overall winner received a voucher valued at R10 000, 2nd price R6 000, 3rd price R4 000 and consolation price of R2 000 to each school that participated coupled with gift packs. Setswakgosing Secondary School will proceed to represent the Province on the rural category and Potchefstroom on Urban category at the National competition that will be hosted by Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC) in September 2019, in Gauteng Province.

Meanwhile Chief Director for Transport Regulations, Mr. Molefi Morule, on behalf of MEC Lehari, expressed departmental well-wishes to the schools that will be representing the Province at National level. He further used the opportunity to thank all the schools that took part in the competition, and in the same vein encouraged losing schools to work even harder in preparations for next year's competition.

He also acknowledged the support given to the learners by their educators, guardians and SGB members. "This competition would not have been such a huge success without the support of all the Stakeholders". Concluded Mr Morule, on behalf of the department.

ENDING WOMEN'S MONTH WITH A BANG



The Community Safety and Transport Management Department recently celebrated Women's Day in style at Thaba Legae Lodge in Rustenburg. The event had a huge turnover as everyone was dressed according to the theme which was blue jeans, white shirts and doeks as the entire hall was bright and colourful displaying a beautiful unity among the women.

The event was held to celebrate Women's month as a whole by imploring women within the Department and traffic officer ladies to join together and iron out issues that women face every day. Topics surrounding the everyday lives of women were brought up and several key note speakers were given the opportunity to address them.

Kokeletso Legoete who is an LGBTI activist expressed how she as a lesbian faces challenges of being misunderstood. "Society portrays women in a light only suitable to them; to fit into the mould that was created by society to box us in and control us based on our gender," She said.

Other speakers that were present and there to give sound advice were Mr Alfred Matsimbi from the National Credit Regulator who emphasised the pressing issue that women face when it comes to being in debt. Tips and tricks were given in order to stir clear of debts and how to handle their finances properly.

Teddy Maleko, a sexologist was also amongst those that presented, and gave out advice on lifestyle issues. Motivational speaker, Sir Max's presentation was titled "Thy Queen-Dom Come" which he explains to be a method in which women should embrace their inner queens themselves and strive to do better and be better. The event was a huge success and as it is an annual event, there is much anticipation for the following year to come.

2019 LADY DRIVER COMPETITION SETS NEW RECORDS



The Lady Driver Skills Enhancement Competition continues to grow from strength to strength with records being shattered and the competition fiercer than ever, it has been the most exciting season where over 200 women between ages of 18 and 55 from different sectors such as government , State Own Entities, Private companies and Public Transport battled for the top spot.

The department believes that women deserve a chance to enhance their driving skills to show how they have evolved over the years from being mere pedestrians or passengers to mature motorists.

The competition was assessed on various skills. A track test was done to assess their abilities to manoeuvre in confined spaces or roads while the road test tested the driver's defensive driving methods. A theory test was also done in order to check if drivers are familiar with regulations of the road and road signs and a tyre change test was also part of the challenges.

Tsaone Badise who scooped first position in Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District said, "we are grateful for the opportunity given to us by the Department of Community Safety and Transport Management, we have learned a lot of driving skills and information on road safety as well as how to change a tyre which is some of the skills we didn't have, this initiative has made us better drivers" she said.

Through this competition, the department seeks to pursue women to play a major role in influencing the attitude and behaviour of motorists, passengers and communities using roads. The competition took place in all the four Districts of the North West Province. Maleka Tsitsana who also scooped position one from Dr Kenneth Kaunda District concluded by saying, "I have learned to be vigilant and observant not forgetting to be patient with other road users and I have been practicing things that I have learned from the competition".

MEC Lehari Ends Mandela Month With a Joint North West and Northern Cape Interprovincial Road Safety Law Enforcement Campaign in Magogong, Taung



NC and NW: Immigration officials, SANDF Military Officers, Emergency Medical Services, NC Traffic officials, and SAPS

MEC Lehari begins the MEC Led Operation at a higher level, this time. The Interprovincial Joint Law Enforcement Operations was at Magogong, Taung, along the N18. It was a massive 60 men and women in Blue and in Beige Joint Law Enforcement Agencies from NC: Provincial Traffic and Phokwane Municipality Traffic and SAPS. The operation started at 13h30 and former MEC Dr Motlhabane came by to greet his successor, Hon Lehari. Lt Col Sereetsi led the NC, He is the SAPS Harstwater Station Commander. Whereas SAPS Taung Cluster was led by Brigadier Tlotleng and Provincial Traffic led Control Keetile.

The last motorists nabbed for Drunken Driving, driving without a driving license and worn out tyres. A car without corresponding disc, license plate and ownership was also discovered and escorted to the Harstwater and Taung Police Stations and pound respectively as another was a state vehicle driven with a defective itinerary/root form. Two cars were impounded too. The 86 strong contingent of men and women in uniform outdid themselves and Acting Chief Director Dikobe took an opportunity to thank them on behalf of MEC Lehari as he dismisses the parade.



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WELCOME ON BOARD!



MEC Sello Lehari, Administrator and HoD Ms Bothale Mofokeng welcomed the recently appointed North-west Transport Investment(NTI) board members in a 'meet and greet' session in attendance were NTI and departmental Senior Management which took place in Mahikeng.

The Board of Directors was appointed to take over the judiciary responsibilities of the company. Currently which comprises of Mr. Mojalefa Nale (Chairperson), Mr. Ighbal Motala (Legal Expert), Mr. Sphiwe Ngwenya, Strategist), Mr. Themba Gwabeni, Stakeholder Relations) and Ms. Thandiwe Nqobe (Finance).

The MEC took upon himself with executive management of the department to the National Department of Transport to introduce and officially announce the newly appointed NTI Board members to Minister Fikile Mbalula in Pretoria.

The board members were also introduced to the worker's union SATAWU. SATAWU welcomed the board and promised to work hand in glove with the them in their quest to rescue the ailing bus company and restore confidence of commuter as well as communities in public transportation. They also thanked MEC Lehari for the good job he has done and for appointing the board .



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Women in law enforcement cleans the N4 corridor for smooth trade



Deputy Minister for Transport Hon Dikeledi Magadzi, Deputy Minister for Women Hon Nokuzola Capa, MEC Sello Lehari, Mayor Mpho Khunou and HoD Botlhale Mofokeng at the Trans Kalahari Corridor Women led Law Enforcement Operation

Cleaning and clearing criminal activities along the Trans Kalahari Corridor (TKC), contributes immensely on giving reasons to investors to use the route. With a number of joint law enforcement conducted on this route, investors are to benefit the securement of their cargo and the effectiveness of the corridor.

In positioning the TKC to be in a better place for people and goods to move freely on this corridor, the South African Trans Kalahari Corridor National Committee (TKCNC), with its holistic stakeholders supported the Women in Law Enforcement Joint Operation that was led by the National Department of Transport Deputy Minister Dikeledi Magadzi.

The operation that took two days on the side of the Rustenburg Local Municipality was one of the Women's month activities. More than two hundred women in law enforcement stamped their authority in eliminating criminal elements and ensure total compliance on the corridor. Minister Magadzi accompanied by the North West MEC for the Department of Community Safety and Transport Management Sello Lehari and the Rustenburg Local Municipality Executive Mayor Mpho Khunou interacted with motorists, tourists, taxi and bus commuters and truck drivers during the operation focusing on roadworthiness of vehicles, proper vehicle documentation, driver fitness, tourism safety and any possible illicit operations along the Corridor.

The campaign, included testing vehicles for road worthy through the mobile testing station where a number of unroadworthy vehicles were discontinued and different fines were issued to defaulting motorists. The Trans Kalahari Corridor Management Committee is a tripartite trans-boundary Corridor Management Institution that was established with a political and economic vision to pursue or contribute towards deeper regional integration programmes of SADC, SACU and NEPAD. It is a road network spanning approximately 1900 km across territories of Botswana, Namibia and South Africa.

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