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MEC MOTLHABANE HAND OVER 20 NEW TRAFFIC VEHICLES



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

ONCE AGAIN IN 2018, THE MONTH OF LOVE AND AFFECTION, FEBRUARY, WAS ALL FUN AND FARE AS EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT SHOWCASED THEIR DRESSES DOWN? WORE THEIR BEST SMILES AND REVED UP THE MOOD IN CELEBRATION OF ST VALENTINES DAY ON THE 14TH, THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH.

THE FEBRUARY MONTH IS THE SAFETY MONTH IN THE DEPARTMENTAL CALENDER

President Cyril Ramaphosa made a clarion call to all South Africans to reaffirm a shared commitment to serve our people as we continue to celebrate the centenary of the birth of former President, Tata Nelson Mandela.

He asserted that Madiba, the first President of a Democratic South Africa would have turned **100 years of age on 18 July 2018**. Madiba is a global icon who is respected worldwide as a Champion of Human Rights, non-racism and non-sexism. He played a critical role in unifying South Africans, and inspiring democratic unity across Africa and the globe.

As we are preparing his centenary celebration, we must remember that he lived and fulfilled these three principles: **Free yourself, Free others, Serve every day**. This is the call we should all strive to emulate and today this baton of servitude is passed onto all of us, without exception. It is in our hands now to make a positive contribution to society, make a difference in our Province; hence we are sending you off as our representatives in this training journey.

Lefapha le dumalana ka bongwe jwa pelo le moano wa ga President Cyril Ramaphosa fa a re **"thuma mina, Roma nna, Send me....."**

MEC Motlhabane o ne aleboga Rre Lucas Matshogo go emela lefapha ka manononthotlho le bo gatlhamela masisi mo dikabong tse tsa Porofense tsa OR Tambo. Mogaka wa kgaratlho le kgololesego ya setshaba kगतलhanong le puso ya maloba ya tthaolele. Rre Matshogo o bonetse lefapha kabo ya sekgele sa gauta go bo e le mokgweetsi yo o manonthotlho, yo o diriang ka natla, ka botswapelo le boipelo ka nako tsotlhe. Mokhuduthamaga le lebadiri ba lefapha ba tthagisitse fa ba le motlotlo ka gonna sekai go rona rotlhe.

We are officially on the eve of 2018/19 Budget and Policy Statements Season. Equally, it is the season of Annual Reports and Annual Performance Plans. A hectic season of anticipated, especially after the change of guards in the political and government leadership nationally.

The departments wishes to bid a well deserved farewell to former Minister of Transport, Honourable Joe Maswanganyi and wish him well in his new roles. In the same breadth, welcome Honourable Dr. Blade Nzimande to the daunting task he is equal to. **Thuma Mina...**

MEC DR. MOTLHABANE HANDS OVER 20 NEW VEHICLES TO TRAFFIC OFFICERS AS A WAY TO LAUNCH FEBRUARY SAFETY MONTH



MEC, HoD and traffic officials awaiting for the handing over of 20 vehicles for all district in the province

February Month is officially declared as Safety and Security Focus month, to, amongst others things, encourage and foster the spirit of volunteerism in our communities, especially among the youth. It is in the February month when government heightens community focused awareness campaigns. In a concerted effort to achieve the mandate of the department in general and that of February safety month in particular, regardless of budgetary constraints, MEC Mokgantsang Motlhabane, ensured that the department procure at least 20 brand new vehicles. Five of which are V W Polo Vivo's, 5 Toyota Corollas, 5 Nissan NP 300 LDV's and 5 Toyota Hilux LDV's. The vehicles are marked and branded in provincial traffic logos, colours and stripes.

All districts received five vehicles and; "LDV's comes handy for stations that are servicing villages, townships and small dorpiess. These vehicles are supposed to be utilised to increase traffic officer's visibility, ascertain free flow of traffic and to ensure safety in the urban and rural areas of Bokone Bophirima. This is a deliberate drive meant to mitigate recent accident reports that show a spike in accidents involving stray and wild animals especially along rural and farming areas.

As such these working tools will ensure that traffic officers do reach areas experiencing such with ease." said Dr. Motlhabane.

After handing over these state of the art tools of trade to traffic officers, Dr. Motlhabane immediately put shoulder to the wheel as he manned a roadblock in Ramatlabama Village, towards the Botswana boarder post. He was accompanied by HOD, Ms Botlhale Mofokeng, the Management of the Department and stakeholders such as SAPS and Mahikeng Local Municipality officers. The MEC interacted with the road users and encouraged them to; drive safely at all times, wear seat belts, check vehicle road worthiness. Many taxi's stopped had missing nuts on the tyres, some tyres were worn out and "this is a cause for serious concern. These vehicle are used to ferry the public yet the danger and risks of being involved in an accidents is high under these circumstances". Conclude Motlhabane.

The HoD ended the day's event by thanking all officials for putting together this important activity as a way to begin the February Safety Month activities. She commended law enforcement agents for their tireless efforts, dedication and commitment to the call to 'go beyond the call of duty' as practically demonstrated during the course of the



MEC, traffic officers and SAPS at Ramatlabama during a roadblock

MEC DR MPHOTOHLABANE LAUNCHED OPERATION FIELA II



MEC Dr Motlhabane, and NW Provisional Commissioner Lt-Gen Motswenyane saluting during the operation fiela II

Community Safety and Transport Management MEC Mpho Motlhabane together with North West Police (SAPS) recently launched the operation in the presence of political leadership from the Matlosana city council. The operation intends to reduce the high rate of crime and drug abuse in townships and towns. Dozens of people were arrested for various crimes in the Matlosana area as police in North West raided illegal joints during the launch of operation Fielia II.

Operation Fielia is an ongoing joint operation by the South African Police Service (SAPS) and includes some other government departments; this operation is mainly aimed at ridding the country of illegal weapons, drug dens, prostitution rings and other illegal activities in the country. The first operation Fela only had the two principles which is to arrest and remove. Operation Fielia II has three, which are to arrest, remove and close down all houses and stores being used in

this illegal activities. The close down is an important part because it will ensure that the crime hotspots are shut and can no longer operate. In his address MEC Mpho Motlhabane said "It is the responsibility of all role players to ensure that the authority of the state is reasserted through integrated operational plans focusing on the six-pillar approach that among others include communication, mobilisation and social services, safety and security, legal and regulatory frameworks", and he used the opportunity to hand over a mobile community services centre (CSC) to the Klerksdorp cluster commander.

Police conducted early morning crime intelligence-driven raids leading to the arrested of four people for drug related crimes and three others for illicit mining. During the operation a total number of 26 and other people were held for various offences during a swoop that preceded the operation. At a roadblock mounted on the Klersdorp-Vetrsdorp road, 190 vehicles were stopped and searched while 18 traffic fines worth R20 900 were issued to motorists. Four second hand goods business were closed for operating without licences while one shebeen was also shut down.

North West police spokesperson Brig Sabata Mokgwabone said that the purpose of the operation is to reduce crime rate, maintain law, order, peace, security and stability as well as to reclaim the space or areas controlled by criminals, also to create a conducive environment for all people in South Africa. He stated that the operation would continue in other parts of the state and ensure that members of the community feel safe and free.



Police officer with drug suspects at Matlosana City, Klerksdorp.

MEC MOTLHABANE CONGRATULATES SELFLESS OFFICIAL

Mr Lucas Goitseone Matshogo was one of the finalists at the 2018 OR Tambo Provincial Public Service Awards that was held in Civic Centre, Rustenburg recently. He was nominated by the department for the category of "Best Driver/Messenger" for his outstanding performance and his selflessness.

Departmental MEC Dr Mpho Motlhabane congratulates Mr Matshogo for winning this tough category award, but his outstanding performance made him stand out above his fellow competitors those who are doing their job beyond the limitation of their duty as well. MEC Motlhabane told officials that hard work pays off and they must copy the positive spirit of Mr Matshogo. He further encouraged them to work hard to serve the public with loyalty and respect because they are the priority on service delivery despite the limitation of resources sometimes and tapped "Tshogos" (as he is affectionately known in the department) on his shoulder to continue to love his job and doing it out of his best ability.

Lucas Matshogo has been serving the department in the office of the director HRM since 2008/10/01 and has 28 years experience as a reliable, loyal Public Servant. His responsibilities are to deliver correspondences within the Department and other Departments, collect mail from registry to the office of the Director HRM, transport passengers and other items.



Mr Matshogo with his best driver/messenger award

INDUCTION FOR NEWLY APPOINTED PUBLIC SERVANTS

The Human Resources Management directorate embarked on a two-day induction programme with newly appointed employees from various districts. The program was mainly about coaching public servants of what is expected of them and how they should conduct themselves in the workplace. Amongst the presenters were Mr Molefe Assistant Director Labour Relations who was speaking about the code of conduct and dress code in the workplace and the principles thereof.



Newly appointed public servants during an induction

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Colleagues were encouraged to work as a team where it is required and be committed in order to perform their duties diligently. Respecting one another was also encouraged as it is also one of the aspects of attaining to achieve a common goal as a team. Time management was emphasised i.e. coming to work on time and leaving at knock off time as stipulated when employed in the public service.

Furthermore Ms Foke Deputy Director HR Administration took them through the benefits that they are entitled to and policies within the government sector she advised them on the best way to go about their pension funds and medical aid schemes.

At the end of the induction attendants were taught about the Batho Pele Principles. Officials were urged to refrain from taking bribes from clients, and to always remember the purpose of being here and that they should also consider themselves fortunate being employed full time in this era of joblessness. We all have learned as communication interns whilst covering at the same time.

DEPARTMENT CELEBRATES THE MONTH OF LOVE



Departmental officials celebrating valentines day fabulously

SAFETY WALK FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL LEARNERS

As part of February safety month the Directorate of Road Safety in the Department of Community Safety and Transport Management took an initiative called safety walk supported by corporate companies to beef up the back to school campaign recently done on the first day of the academic calendar in January, also to enhance the registration of the scholar patrol program which is currently running on the safety month.

The purpose of the safety walk is to promote safe walking among pedestrians especially learners in primary schools.

The campaign is run in all four districts of the province targeting various schools within one municipality in the respective districts.

Kgololosego Primary School in Ventersdorp, Batlhaping – Madibogo in Madibogo, Tsunyan Primary School in Rustenburg and Molemoeng Primary School in Dry harts were the custodian of this campaign.

The emphasis is to ensure that learners are able to walk from and to school without any harm happening to them as they are the most vulnerable road users.

Learners are provided with reflective belts and wrist bands, booklets containing pedestrian safety while the schools are left with traffic mats to allow teachers to provide visible demonstration to learners on how to cross and walk on the road without being hit by a car, not only that road safety officers makes presentation to Grade R learners on safe walking.

Learners were taught to look to the right, left and right again before crossing the road, to always walk on the right hand side of the road to see oncoming traffic, when they are crossing the road they must not run as they might trip and fall and to always abide by the road signs such as pedestrian/ zebra crossing sign, stop sign and the traffic light/ robot as they are the most important sign for pedestrians.

The process of this hand over was proudly donated by Automobile Association of South Africa (AA) and Ford South Africa as part of their corporate responsibility towards road safety. "The directorate of Road safety appreciated the support of corporate companies as they assist in the fighting of the stigma called accidents in the province".



Road safety officer, Ouma Moseneke educating learners about safety month

MEC MOTHLABANE EXPRESSES SATISFACTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF KGOMOTSO REGISTERING AUTHORITY



MEC, Motlhabane doing building inspection for the new Kgomotso Traffic Station

North West motorists living on the borders of the Province and Northern Cape are expected to receive vehicle registering services sooner than the time frame scheduled upon appointment of the contractor for the construction of the Kgomotso Registering Authority.

This follows a mammoth progress registered on the first phase of the construction at the registering authority site which is estimated at 70 per cent completion already.

On his site visit, Community

Safety and Transport Management MEC, Dr Mpho Motlhabane said the progress is overwhelmingly impressive as he committed to putting more pressure on the department for the second phase of the project to begin in earnest too.

"The progress registered here is remarkable. We need contractors who are service delivery orientated like the one who's responsible for this project.

The quicker you complete this project the sooner our people start to get services on their Province. Most of our people this side ends up registering their vehicles in Northern Cape because of lack of services.

With this eminent completion, motorists will now enjoy government services at their door step and this is service delivery at its best," said Motlhabane.

The R2,6 million construction project has created 11 permanently contracted job opportunities for the duration of the project. All of whom are recruited from Kgomotso village in the Greater Taung Local Municipality.

Over 40 unemployed people benefited from this project, particularly the women and young people who got temporary jobs on sub-contracting basis.

The Registering Authority is expected to benefit communities from more than 20 villages surrounding the Kgomotso village with an estimate of more than 5000 vehicle population.

"We will ensure the effective and efficient renewal of motor vehicle licenses, registration of new vehicles, de-registration of stolen and recovered vehicles or vehicles permanently unfit for use as well as notifications of vehicle changes in respect of vehicle particulars and re-registering of stolen and recovered vehicles," said Motlhabane.

According to the MEC, the phase two of the project will include the construction of the testing ground for the vehicle testing station and the satellite office for Taung Law Enforcement Station.

WELCOME ON BOARD!



**CHAPLAIN MODIRAKGOTLA JERRY
BATSHELAKANG**

Department is welcoming Chaplain Modirakgotla Jerry Batshelakang, who is newly appointed as the Chaplain in Bojanala District offices. He is a well respected man of God, family man with 2 lovely kids, and he is originally from Madibogo.

Before he joined the department Mr Batshelakang was working for a number of churches, including Pampierstaad Local Church as a minister of UCCSA, and he was also a secretary of churches in North West region. He said in few weeks working for the department he has found his work very challenging but he adjusted well and enjoys it now.

Mr Batshelakang holds a bachelor of Theology, and he is currently studying strategic management at North West University. Currently reading a motivational book by Dr John Tibanane and one of his favourite books of all times is "The cost of discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer". Furthermore Modirakgotla said that this book taught him that for you to be a good leader rather than a boss you should be disciplined, by doing so you allow yourself to learn, understand and get proper training.

"If peace is to keep quiet when things go wrong, then I shall not like peace" he quoted Martin Luther King Junior. Chaplain Batshelakang believes that he was sent by God to speak and encourage people's spirituality.

#NOT ON MY WATCH

Not on my watch – Making ethical business personal

The signs all suggest that the world is now entering a time of disclosure, exposure, revolution and hopefully, an uncovering of the truth. The last five years in particular have seen massive global scandals being brought to light revealing massive corruption and mismanagement across organizations, public and private, knowing no borders and seemingly unstoppable.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) estimates that corruption costs the global economy \$2trillion a year, with the South African GDP suffering to the tune of approximately R27billion annually. The knock-on effect on the SA job market is hard to quantify, but it's not unreasonable to estimate around 80,000 jobs were not created as a result.

It's been around 4 years since the Petroleo Brasileiro scandal festered open in Brazil, and Operation Car Wash (Lava Jato) was launched to investigate top officials at Petrobras, as well as high ranking government officials, who have been found to have conspired with groups of other companies to overcharge Petrobras in exchange for bribes.

The Malabu scandal in Nigeria saw Royal Dutch Shell and ENI admit to paying the Petroleum Minister, Dan Etete's company Malabu as much as \$1.3billion for the rights to an offshore oil bloc.

South Africa has certainly not lagged behind in the corruption revelation stakes. Eskom, SAA, PRASA, SARS, SAPS, Transnet – all of these organisations have a cloud hanging over them. And the private sector is by no means exempt, and, in fact, if some commentators are to be believed, is in a far worse state and one only has to think of SAP, KPMG, McKinsey, and more recently MultiChoice and Steinhoff to start formulating a picture of a public and private sector environment both rotting from the head down.

State Capture is on everyone's lips, with the change in ANC leadership seemingly ushering in a new attitude towards uncovering and dealing with corruption at multiple levels. Of course, as we know, the proof is in the pudding, and actions will need to prove that this new attitude isn't simply nervous electioneering with a view to preventing anticipated losses at the ballot box in 2019, and actually signifies real intent to stop the decay that has become so deeply ingrained.

Not everybody is brave enough to stand up to "the man", especially as it often comes with the very real threat of harm to themselves and their families. More needs to be done to protect the plight of the whistle-blower. Governments need to create an environment where the rule of law triumphs all. Citizens and businesses need the assurance that legal institutions can address issues raised in a fair and honest manner, with protection for the person or institution reporting the crime.

"Not on my watch" should be our common, personal motto going forward. The fight against this curse tormenting our society starts with you. If you refuse to allow corruption to creep into your life, the opportunity for the corrupt to carry out their nefarious deeds just does not present itself. And in the field of risk management, we have more power than most to ensure that this becomes a standard operating procedure for the organization we serve, as well as within the personal lives we live.

"It is not power that corrupts but fear. Fear of losing power corrupts those who wield it and fear of the scourge of power corrupts those who are subject to it..." – Aung San Suu Kyi – Freedom from Fear

Questions to ask yourself:

Does your organization have a whistleblower policy?

Does your organisation consider this a key risk response to preventing and detecting fraud and corruption?

Do you endeavour to educate others on the value of integrity and honesty?

Do you have the courage to do whatever it takes to say -"**NOT ON MY WATCH!**"

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