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Editorial Comment



The past two months have been hectic and exciting to serve the people of North West bringing hope and change in their lives particularly our youth. The month of June is set aside by government to recognize the courage and struggles of young people 46 years ago. The youth of 1976 are celebrated for the role they played in the liberation of our country. This year, the month was celebrated under the theme: *Promoting sustainable livelihoods and resilience of young people for a better tomorrow.*

As the Department of Community Safety and Transport Management we embarked on road safety debate competitions across all four districts. The main objective of the competition was concentrated on Secondary School learners from Grade 10 to 11. The competition was all about the use of digital innovation to address road safety in our Province.

We further engaged with stakeholders and communities in general to fight crime in an integrated approach by conducting awareness campaigns in a form of dialogue. The dialogue seeks to identify the root cause of criminal activities taking place in our communities and come up with some ways to curb crime , a huge challenge facing our youth.

To celebrate and honor the memory of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, the global icon born on 18th of July, makes this month one of the most busiest for South Africans planning how and what they will be doing for their 67 minutes on Mandela day that is also observed internationally. As part of continuing to fight the scourge of gender based violence ravaging our nation, MEC Sello Lehari led an awareness campaign on Gender Based Violence and Femicide against vulnerable groups at Klipgat in Madibeng Local Municipality. Klipgat is identified as one of the crime hotspot as far as GBV &F is concerned.

We successfully conducted various law enforcement operations across the Province which focused primarily on road traffic management compliance and road safety. We are grateful to all role players that contributed in any form or manner to enable our team to produce this newsletter. While you enjoy the reading of this edition, let me and the rest of the editorial team roll-up our sleeves and continue servicing our communities. We are now observing the month of August as we celebrate women who made a contribution to the dawn of our democracy.











MEC Lehari ensures safety of elderly in their homes



The Eighty-nine year-old (89) Annah Chauke was over the moon when she opened her door to a visit from North West MEC for Community Safety and Transport Management, Sello Lehari to install a household safety gadget.

Ms Chauke, is one of five senior citizens identified for a gadget that was installed during the Gender Based Violence and Femicide Against Vulnerable Groups Awareness Campaign held in the Klipgat community of the Madibeng Local Municipality.

During his visit to Chauke's house, MEC Lehari said safety is one of the main concerns for the elderly who live alone.

"The older they get, the more vulnerable they become, however, these gadgets are one of many ways used to ensure their safety," said Lehari.

The alarm gadgets are connected to the nearest police station, Community Police Forums (CPFs), neighbours and family members' cellphones. The initiative contributes towards the prevention and reduction of crime and violence in hotspots in the Province.

"We promote community safety through an integrated

approach, ensuring participation and cohesion of communities. We are doing this to fight crime and build a secured and safe environment. We are committed to protect these elderly and child-headed families." said Lehari, who raised a concern about elderly and child-headed families.

According to the recent crime stats, Klipgat appeared as a crime hotspot as far as GBV&F is concerned.

In his address to the Klipgat villagers at the community hall, Lehari encouraged communities to report crime and make sure that they avail important information to help investigations on their cases.

"Police cannot be everywhere but it is upon us as communities to help fight crime. Protect yourself by reporting cases and availing information. Otherwise, our communities will perish," he pleaded.

MEC started the day by leading a law enforcement operation between Ga-Rankuwa and Hebron which focused on road traffic management compliance and road safety.











Shinning the spotlight on crime in Choseng



Young people as leaders of tomorrow play a significant role within their communities. Therefore they too must be empowered with necessary support to navigate social ills hindering their well-being.

In many instances crime stands in the way of a bright future for many, it is for this reason, the Department of Community Safety and Transport Management (DCSTM) together with its relevant stakeholders on crime prevention saw it fit to take the fight against crime through an awareness campaign in Choseng village outside Taung.

The dialogue presented an opportunity for government departments, Non-Profit Oganisations, NGO's as well as community leaders to engage with young people, get to the root causes of crimes, and empower them to become active citizens in their communities.

"As it is youth month, we have redirected programmes which we already have within the department to young people. Crime is one of the social ills that negatively affect the livelihood of young people. The programme is aimed at empowering them for the

betterments of their livelihood

"We do that by making services accessible to them. We have institutions which work directly with drug and substance abuse, Gender Based Violence and Feminine (GBV&F), South African Police Service (SAPS), Community Policing Forums (CPF), Department of Social Development, South African Social Security Agency (SASSA), Department of Justice, community development centres, Department of Correctional Services and many more to raise awareness on the services that communities can utilise," said Ms Florence Nchoe.

The Pudumong Station Commander Lt Col Ketlareng Selogiloe says crimes like assault, house breaking, stock theft are some of the common crimes that take place in the surrounding communities under the policing precinct.

"Today we specifically want to encourage people to open cases at the police station when they experience crime.

"We have seen a trend where people do not come











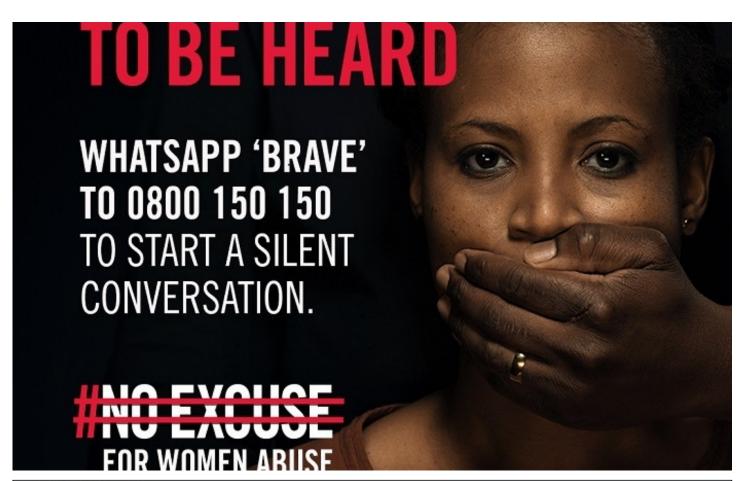
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forward, so that justice can take its course. Amongst young people, drug and substance abuse is a primary cause of other crimes, such as stock theft, GBV and others in the surrounding villages," he said.

Young people in Choseng, Karelstadt, Loselong and Sedibeng came in numbers to take part in the dialogue session.

"As a young person living in this community, I've seen how lack of job opportunities, recreational activities, limited sexual education and crime has had a negative impact on young people.

"Girls fall pregnant at a young age and as a result drop out of school, turn to drugs and alcohol and it becomes a trend. I have come to hear for myself what can be done about these problems and how we can make our community a better one," said a 32-year-old Mmathapelo Gomolelo from Choseng.



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School safety campaign undertaken in Vaal Reefs Tech



The department of Community Safety and Transport Management has rallied its stakeholders to embark on a school safety campaign at Vaal Reefs Technical High School in the Matlosana Local Municipality.

The empowerment campaign engages learners on a variety of issues including crime in schools, dangers associated with hitch hiking, bullying, sexual harassment as well as acts of Gender Based Violence (GBV).

"Learners are also part of the community and as a department it is our mission to include you in our safety programs. Therefore I say to you refrain from hazardous behavior that might put your future at risk.

"Safety starts with you, so it is necessary to take the necessary precautions at a young age. Equip yourselves as the speakers interact with you, giving you tools of survival, making you aware of dangers you could come across," said the Crime Preventions and Partnerships Director Ms Florance Nchoe.

The provincial safety forum has identified hitch hiking

as a rising concern amongst learners of the school.

"When we are in a setting such as this one, it is important that we talk to learners as parents. We all wish good things for our children so today I remove my political hat and speak heart to heart because we have good wishes for all our learners.

"We discourage hitch hiking because it is easy for predators to see an opportunity there. We do not want a situation where learners do not make it to school or home.

Yours is to learn and defocus on things that will hinder with the production of our future leaders," this was said by Ms Wendy Makhate who is the Member of Mayoral Committee (MMC) for Public Safety at the Matlosana Local Municipality.

The campaign was also supported by Phakama Ndoda Foundation, South African Police Service (SAPS), Department of Social Development, Thuthuzela Care Centre, and Safer School South Africa.











Debates drum up in the districts



The stage is set for district champions to go head to head for the number one title and bragging rights at the Provincial Road Safety Schools Debate Competition. Four schools in all district are now gearing up for the competition in order to make it into the national selections.

Learners displayed their comprehension on the use of technological innovation to address road safety in South Africa. This presented an opportunity to explore the role of transport as an ecosystem in an emerging economy, driver behavior, road infrastructure, elements contributing to road incidents and fatalities as well as the impact of the digital divide to build their arguments.

The Department for Community Safety and Transport Management creates this platform in order to empower learners from a young age about road safety. It also challenges their thinking, creative and presentation abilities.

"Road safety is not a common service delivery topic within conversations in our communities so this is one of the ways in which provide a platform for it to be

discussed, elevated and debated so that people can have a real understanding of it.

"We are making it a talking point because we need to take it more seriously. It is encouraging to see how learners have addressed the topic, how they robustly engage with one another and through their research take it further, this is the kind of awareness we want to achieve amongst young people" said the Road Safety Management Director, Motshabi Tshukudu.

In Rustenburg, the Bojanala Executive Mayor Cllr Matlakala Nondzaba described road safety debates as an excellent way to encourage active citizenry.

"This is a moment to be proud of because in our district all local municipalities are well represented. This means that we will have an assortment of inputs from learners given the differences in rural and urban parts of the district.

"The culture of debate is very much still alive, one day these young men and women will be debating issues in parliament, fighting for people's rights and becoming active citizens of our country, this is how it starts," said Cllr Nondzaba, who addressed learners at the Bojanala











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District leg of the competition.

District Winners:

Ngaka Modiri Molema-Onkabetse Thuto Technical & Commercial High School

- Bojanala-Johane Mokolebetsi Secondary School
- Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati- Vryburg High School
- Dr Kenneth Kaunda- A re Fadimeheng Secondary School.









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Taxi operators receive COVID-19 relief fund



The dawn of COVID-19 which led to the country's total shutdown has negatively affected the country's economy in all sectors inclusive of the taxi industry

At the time of relaxation on regulations, with introduction of social distancing, transport operators were instructed to reduce numbers on their loads to allow the social distancing amongst commuters.

Through the established Taxi Relief Fund, the National Department of Transport is currently in the process of reimbursing operators who their operational certificates were active during the lockdown period and had operated, for the loss incurred during the lockdown.

However, the reimbursement comes out with a generic amount of R5 000 across the board for every permit that was valid by then. The department has set aside an amount of R1 billion to pay all taxi operators in the country with valid permits by the time of lockdown.

To fast track the process of applications for the operators, the National Department and the Taxi Relief Funds are continuously visiting the Provinces calling on operators to apply for the fund. This drive has seeing the North West Province hosting national officials from the Department and the Relief Fund in all four Districts. Operators are continuously encouraged to apply on line, and associations are also requested to assist and coordinate applications for their members. The Department will continue paying approved applications, who meet the qualifying criteria, and this

To be able to apply for the fund, the taxi owner should produce these following documents:

financial year, which will be in end of March 2023.

will be implemented until the end of the 2022/2023

- Valid operating license(as of 26 March 2020)
- Public Driver Permit
- South African Identity book/card.

















N4 ACCIDENT SIMULATION BY SANRAL



The South African National Roads Agency (SANRAL), as the Road Authority for National Roads across the country is mandated to ensure that incident management is implemented on all roads.

The agency with different stakeholders joined forces in executing an accident simulation along the N4 road towards Skilpadhek border to Botswana. The simulation forms part of the SANRAL's aim to educate and demonstrate how law enforcement, emergency services and fire services respond to accidents on the roads.

The simulation took place whereby a motor vehicle, a fuel delivery truck and three walking persons were involved in an accident and all of them got injured on the scene. Emergency services who were responders to the occurred accident included the South African Police Services (SAPS), Fire & Rescue services, forensic and pathology services. Other stakeholders were the Department of Community Safety & Transport Management, the National Department of Transport, Trans-Kalahari Corridor Secretariat (TKC), Imperial Logistics, Bakwena N1N4 toll and Spill Tech.

All participants played their respectable roles to show how they respond to accident on national roads, making sure that they do all the necessary measures within the golden hour. The 'Golden hour' is the first hour that injured people should be rescued and taken out of the scene.

















June 16 youth day celebrated with sports and recreation



The initiative of combating Gender Based Violence (GBV) and Child abuse in the Province it is an integrated approach at which communities are also taking a lead and work with stakeholders to create a safer environment.

Following the alarming rate of cases on GBV and child abuse, the community of Khuma, led by the Community Policing Forum (CPF) in the area, organised this year's youth month celebration in style, where young people participated in sports and beauty pageant. Participants embraced their youth, they gave introductions and

quoted the Youth of 1976, slogans and speeches.

Gender Based Violence is a scourge in our communities whereby it degrades the forms of humanity and a pandemic to our population. Be it male or female, the violence affects both of which it is usually a domestic related occurrence. Child abuse is also an indigenous pandemic that affects the livelihood of the young generation, it is a domestic whereby an older civilian harasses the emotions of the young one in a negative manner be it emotional or physical.









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Preparation for clean audit rating underway



The work required to prepare for 2022/2023 financial year audit outcome begins now. This is the tone set by the Acting Head of Department (HoD), Molefi Morule at the Extended Departmental Management Committee (EDMC) recently. During the quarter one performance review sitting of the committee in Mahikeng, much emphasis was placed on improving the quality of information which the department reports on.

The Acting HOD urged managers to conduct an information audit within their respective directorates, this will ensure that areas of concern are addressed while there is sufficient time to do so.

"The request that I am making is that, as we go back to our respective stations and regions, let us take a look at the quality of information that we report about because when we go to external stakeholders like the Audit Committee, certain areas that we are found not to be performing on emanate from reasons that we provide.

"Most of the time we basically report more on operational issues and not so much on strategic issues; that will have to change. We will also conduct a special DMC to clean out our report, focusing mainly on the resolutions taken from this session," said HOD Morule.

The HOD also highlighted the significance of a hands on approach to a more unified contribution to the achievement of a clean audit.

"Beyond this audit period, it is my wish that we have a special EDMC in order to reflect on the outcome of the report. This will enable all of us to have a coherent understanding of all issues within the department and not just in our own respective areas of work.

"Therefore we should all work towards that but we can only do that when we understand what is expected of us. We will need to tap into each other ideas and suggestions to make our efforts holistic and provide an improved offering," he added.











SANSBOC social responsibility benefits Mponeng learners



It takes a village to raise a child was the order of the day, as learners from Mponeng primary school received school uniform donated by the South African National Small Buss Operator Council (SANSBOC) in the North West Province.

The initiative coordinated by the Department of Community Safety and Transport Management brought a sigh relief to the learners who at some point were in dire need of uniform which restored their dignity as Mponeng learners.

Some used to attend school bare footed in all weather conditions, however, this changed for the better as they received pairs of shoes, making cold winter days to be bearable. Representing the good Samaritans at the event, The SANSBOC Provincial Treasure, Mr Elias Chongo expressed that the council has since adopted the school in 2019 and aims to have more inclusive plans to benefit the school for a longer period.

"It is our wish to see learners going to school without any disruptions because education as the late former Presidents Mandela said; it is the most powerful weapon, which you can use to change the World. Therefore where we can make a difference we will continue to do so", said Chongo.

On behalf of the Department, Ms Gloria Tshepe, the manager for Gender Focal Point and Diversity Management said the initiative is part of celebrating the legacy of Nelson Mandela which is the true essence of displaying humanity, spirit of giving

and sharing.

"Even though he is no longer with us, his legacy lives on and it inspires how we serve our people, keep them safe and therefore going beyond the call of duty.

We appreciate the response by SANSBOC to bring a smile on the faces the little ones and we are looking forward for all our stakeholders in the Department to come on board on many other programmes such as this one," said Tshepe.

The school headmaster, Ms Renee Jordaa expressed her gratitude on behalf of learners who were over the moon as the brand new uniform was presented to them.

"Today is a very important day for all of us at the school, we are all family we assist each other where we can but it is overwhelming when people from outside also lend a helping hand.

"We are truly grateful for being selected as beneficiaries, you could have been anywhere else but you graced us today with your presence. Its heart-warming gestures like this one, that really makes us focus on the positive at all times," said the Principal.

The farm school was established in 1985 and is situated between Parys and Potchefstroom in the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District. Its mountainous location is remote to nearby towns which makes living conditions difficult as services are not easily accessible.











Men's conference avails opportunity for expression



There was a fruitful interaction and deliberations from those who are more experienced and knowledgeable about matters affecting the male gender during the recent departmental men's conference in Rustenburg.

The first conference ever since the scourge of COVID-19, the platform started awkwardly with men in attendance in resistance to open up for discussions. However, the environment turned into caucus when the motivational speaker known as KC Dinoke lightened the mood of the event as he expressed his singing talent where he gained the attention of men in attendance.

In his address as one of the speakers, Dinoke said it is not easy being a man, as they are great actors when it comes to dealing with the truth.

Ms Tsholofelo Sabole from the Commission of Gender Equality touched based on how men are taught and principles that are instilled in them from a very young age. In her address from the Gender Focal Point and Diversity

Management, Ms Gloria Tshepe said that the Department is working on creating a friendly and conducive environment for all employees through platforms such as the men's conference and all other initiatives.

"It is important for all our employees to feel free at their work stations and be able to interact on daily basis.

We have realized that in most cases it is not easy for male colleagues to open up to each other and share their problems, hence we have designed this men's conference to avail an opportunity for them to deliberate on their issues. The good part of this platform is that we are not here to judge anyone, but they listen to each other and learn from one another. We are indeed confident that this will bring us positive impact on our male colleagues," said Tshepe.

Men in attendance were encouraged to visit the stall of the Aurum Institute that was set outside the venue, to do checkups and tests. It was a good opportunity for men to test themselves and know their status.











N4 foreign drivers felt the pinch of law enforcement



Undocumented foreign vehicle drivers were left stranded at the Bapong Weighbridge when law enforcement officers impounded their vehicles during the recent joint law enforcement operation.

During the operation, more than 187 Heavy Motor Vehicles (HMV's) were weighed at the weighbridge and that resulted on eight (8) of them charged for overload, eight (8) loaded with copper impounded for documentation that was not correct, three (3) that was loaded with fuel impounded for incorrect documentation and five (5) light motor vehicles (LMV's) also impounded for incorrect documentation.

About five motorists were charged in contravention of the Road Traffic Act with the monetary value of R36 000.

All national, provincial routes including local ones leading to malls and shopping complexes were patrolled and safety instilled in the communities of Bapong and surrounding areas.

In his parade dismissal address after the operation, the station manager for Bapong Traffic Control Centre, Control Provincial Inspector Johan Esterhuizen sent his gratitude to all stakeholders who participated during the operation and said the partnership will ensure total compliance along the N4 and all connecting routes including local ones.

He said the Department has realized that there are lots of vehicles and drivers who are unroadworthy on the roads and mostly think that they can just go unnoticed.

"there are lot of unlawful actions on our roads and we notice them on daily basis. The unfortunate part is that at certain incidents when officials realize these, they are unfortunately in a position to act immediately, therefore, we saw the importance of bringing all the stakeholders in one operation to deal with total compliance.

In this operation, no one has survived, we have clamped all those that we found them guilty in all aspects of law enforcement and this was just the beginning, a lot is still coming because we want to create a safer environment along the N4.

This route is connecting us with other countries and we must ensure that all the goods passing here are in order and everything is lawful," said Esterhuizen, who appealed to the stakeholders to always avail their members for such operations.











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Programme: Transport Regulations; Acting Chief Director Mr Paul Stone

To ensure the provision of a safe transport environment through the regulation of public transport operations, road traffic law enforcement and the registration and licensing of vehicles and drivers.

Operator License and Permits: The management, approval and control of registering of transport operators and the issuing of all licenses and permits required in terms of the National Land Transport Act, no 05 of 2009.

Transport Safety and Compliance: The provision of road safety education and awareness to the public including expenditure related to communication and media releases, equipment and material as well as the liaison and coordination of provincial safety and compliance initiatives

Transport Administration and Licensing: To monitor and control the registration and licensing of all motor vehicles and render services regarding the administration of applications in terms of the National Road Traffic Act, (Act 93 of 1996).

Implementation of laws and regulation relating to vehicle registration and licensing, vehicles fitness testing and driver fitness resting.

Road Traffic Management (Law Enforcement): To maintain law and order for all modes of transport by providing quality traffic policing (law enforcement) services as stipulated by relevant legislation. This also includes overloading control along the road network. The management, approval and control of registering of transport operators and the issuing of all licenses and permits required in terms of legislation.



Programme: Provincial Secretariat for Police Services Acting Chief Director, Ms Dikeledi Letsapa

To exercise oversight function with regard to South African Police Service (SAPS) in the Province, coordinate crime prevention initiatives and promote community police relations.

Monitoring and Evaluation: To ensure SAPS provision of service is in line with statutory requirement.

Safety Promotion; Community Police Relations: To ensure community participation in the fight against crime.

Policy and Research: To conduct research that informs decision making on policing.











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Programme: Transport Operations Chief Director, Ms Maserame Dayel.

To plan and facilitate the provision of integrated transport services through coordination and co-operation with national planning authorities, other departments, academic institutions and the private sector in order to enhance implementation of transport safety initiatives, accessibility and mobility of all communities.

Public Transport Services: The management of subsidised public transport contracts to provide mobility to commuters.

Transport Planning and Policy Development: Provides planning for all modes of transport including non-motorised transport, the movement of goods and passengers to integrate transport and spatial planning. Provides for the planning of integrated modal transport systems and coordination towards the formulation of provincial transport policies and statutory plans.

Infrastructure Operations: To manage transport terminals such as inter modal terminals, passenger and freight terminals.















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