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Department hands over three fire fighting vehicles to assist in protest riddled Ventersdorp

Ventersdorp- The Department of Local Government and Human Settlements in Bokone Bophirima has once again fulfilled its mandate to assist municipalities in the province by handing over three fire fighting vehicles through their Provincial Disaster Management Centre (PDMC) to help fire fighting in the Dr Kenneth Kaunda district.

The Department through the PDMC had conducted a risk assessment in the district and identified factors that revealed that was a serious need for the fire fighting vehicles. The vehicles that include two skits and one medium pumper were handed over during the service delivery initiative, Setsokotsane program in Rysmierbult farm near Ventersdorp.

MEC for North West Community Safety and Transport Management, Molapisi Gaoage on behalf of MEC for Local Government and Human Settlements, Collen Maine handed over the keys of the vehicles to Mayor Cecillia Phonyane "as the outcome of the assessment done in this district revealed that fire and road accidents were identified as the main hazards and caused extensive damage to properties. "In light of this, the Department allocated a conditional grant of R700 000 during the 2012/13 financial year and a further R2.1 million during the 2013/14 financial year to assist the municipality upgrade their fire service in order to render efficient and effective service delivery", MEC Gaoage said

He further emphasised the importance of taking care of the vehicles at all times so that they can serve the community of Ventersdorp emergencies", he said

PIC 1. MEC Molapisi Gaoage inside the medium tanker that was handed over to Ventersdorp Local Municipality.

PIC 2. The three fire fighting vehicles that will be in service around Ventersdorp.

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