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VISION

A crime free and safe Eastern Cape.

MISSION

The mission of the Eastern Cape Department of Safety and Liaison is to provide a safe and secure environment that supports growth and development through liaison with relevant stakeholders. The department's strategic goals are to ensure effective and efficient governance as well as financial administration of the department; oversee the effectiveness and efficiency of the South African Police Service (SAPS) in the Eastern Cape; and ensure effective social crime prevention.

MANDATE

The legal mandate and constitutional responsibility is to monitor police performance and conduct, to build community police relationships, and to facilitate social crime prevention initiatives.

In carrying out its mandate, the department is entitled to monitor police conduct; oversee the effectiveness and efficiency of the police service, including receiving reports on the police service; promote good relations between the police and the community; assess the effectiveness of visible policing with respect to crime and policing in the province; enforce regular monitoring and assessment of the SAPS in terms of its policies and effectiveness of its systems and recommend corrective measures to SAPS; demand the development of the capacity to conduct research on matters of safety and make it available; and recent, relevant and evidence-based information.

VALUES

Service excellence
Accountability
Integrity
Value for Money
Equity

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Welcome to the first edition of Masazane news of the Department of Safety and Liaison (DSL) for the 2019/2020 financial year. This edition in particular, brings you news worthy articles with angles that are “bleeding and leading” for you to be thrilled at.

The DSL is the cornerstone of maintaining peace and stability in the province “through Civilian oversight of the police.” The fight against crime is not the sole responsibility of the police neither can the police single-handedly fight crime and injustice, instead the police have a part to play in the fight against crime. Community members too have a part to play in the fight against crime.

In the month of June a number of youth focused programmes were held to regenerate the conscience and moral rectitude of young people throughout the province. The department held Sport Against Crime Programmes at Joe Gqabi and Alfred Nzo Districts respectively to commemorate the youth month.

This publication reflects the highlights of the Policy Speech of the department for 2019/2020 financial year as the roadmap to service delivery. We bring you some of the highlights that reflect major milestones and achievements of the department from April to June 2019. MEC Weziwe Tikana of the DSL had engaged the South African Farmers Association and Business Community of Elliot on issues of stock theft. Another major highlight of the first quarter was the official opening of Polile Police Station by Minister Beki Cele at Mount Fletcher and many more, are featured in this issue of Masazane.

We would like also to make use of this publication to urge all community members to serve as integral parts of government, in the fight against crime. The community members should now feel free to come forward with any helpful information to the police, so that the wrong-doers can face the full might of the law. In this regard, the South African Police Service has in place for you a powerful “Witness Protection Programme.”



Masazane Editor, Ms Bukiwe Mdabula

As government together with the members of the community, will at the end of it all, go up on a high ground and shout with glee, pointing at the greatest strides we would have made, in the fight against crime and ultimately build safer communities.

Find out about all these news articles and the mandate of the department in this issue of Masazane.

Please, enjoy the read!!!

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE POLICY SPEECH

The MEC for Safety and Liaison Weziwe Tikana delivered a Policy Speech of the Department of Safety and Liaison on the 4 July 2019

by Michael Msebi



The MEC for Safety and Liaison Weziwe Tikana

“The department has shown its critical importance in ensuring community safety as well as political stability in the Province of the Eastern Cape through its role in support of the economic drive of agro-economy by addressing the challenge of stock theft, and service delivery protests. SAPS visibility played a very strategic role during this time with minimum loss of life during these protests. The cry for service delivery by our people compels us towards an integrated approach on serving the people of this province. The SAPS should not be the face of government under these circumstances. Both provincial and local government spheres must show unity and strength towards addressing the calls for help by our citizenry,” said MEC Tikana.

She further said that young people should remain the key strategic partner in the fight against crime, as well as the ambassadors in crime prevention. She went on say that the partnership with the NYDA has assisted a great deal on the capacitation of out of school and unemployed youth through training programs on entrepreneurship as well as the training of front line young constables on Emotional Intelligence.

“This has helped these constables in treating our fellow citizens with dignity and respect. Sports against crime remains an important tool in keeping our youth active thus preventing

them from engaging in unlawful activities, especially in our rural communities.” she said.

“I had chosen Nqadu Great Place in Idutywa as a site to launch the Traditional Policing in the Province. I have further rolled it out at Mngqesha, Bumbane, Mandeni and Qamata Great Places. These come with a variety of benefits for our communities. Each of the above now has twenty four hour (24) customer service centres, a mobile police station, a dedicated police van with a victim friendly room for victims of domestic and gender based violence”

“We launched the National Safer Festive Season in Motherwell with the National Minister of Police, Mr Bheki Cele. The Nelson Mandela Metro as well as the O R Tambo municipality have become a great cause for concern. These municipalities have One thousand one hundred and sixty seven (1 167) gang related cases were encountered. Eight hundred and seventy six (876) arrests were made with two hundred and five (205) convictions. Twenty (20) life sentences were handed down with a total of two thousand and fifty five (2 055) year sentences,” said MEC Tikana.

Furthermore, she applauded the men and women in blue for risking their lives in ensuring a safer Eastern Cape under the leadership of Lt General Ntshinga. “Wathint`abafazi, wathint`imbokodo.”

“We continue to commend the work done by our districts on safety promotion. However, even though all our districts have been able to implement their performance indicators for the year, the department will continue to strengthen its relations with the SAPS to ensure positive impact on the implementation of oversight recommendations and shall continue to advocate for greater capacity to execute its mandate successfully” said MEC Tikana.

Key priorities for 2019/2020 financial year are as follows:

- The department will assist at least one thousand five hundred schools (1 500) with adherence to the safer schools protocol.
- One hundred (100) police stations will be monitored to ensure compliance with the Domestic Violence Act across the province.
- The department, in line with its mandate, will conduct one hundred and thirty three (133) unannounced and fifty six (56) announced visits at identified police stations.
- This year, ninety (90) social crime prevention programs shall be implemented so as to advocate enhanced community safety.

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OFFICIAL OPENING OF POLILE POLICE STATION IN MOUNT FLETCHER

by Michael Msebi

The venue was packed to capacity for the community members to witness the official opening of the Polile Police Station by Minister Bheki Cele of Police countrywide. This took place at Mouth Fletcher on the 16 April 2019. All roads were leading community members from the nearby villages to this massive event.

During the parade, Mayor Momelezi Mbedla of Matatiele Local Municipality could not waste much time to disclose to the attendees that Matatiele and Mount Fletcher had been the in the past the gateway for freedom fighting against the Apartheid repressive laws: "Now that this has become the gateway for stock theft. I therefore, sincerely hope that the official opening of this police station, for which we are so grateful, will put an end to rampant stock theft activities in this area," he said.

Meanwhile MEC Weziwe Tikana of the Department of Safety and Liaison could not conceal her gratitude from the gathered attendees for official opening of the police station: "We guarantee to create a conducive environment for policing to take place relatively at-ease in this area. A victim support centre has also been provided to accommodate vulnerable groups and in this regard we are taking off our hat to you minister. We are therefore, calling upon all community members to safeguard this infrastructure and make sure that it is owned by the community at large. We are very happy at heart Minister Bheki Cele, for being the recipient of this state of the art building," she said.

"Do not set alight this Police Station because you will never get another one. This is your Police Station, safeguard it and let it be a community owned Police Station. The 15 police officers and the Station Commander are here to serve the community due to the clarion call of "Thuma Mina" concept of the President Cyril Ramaphosa of South Africa. We issued them with new vehicles as tools of trade, 4X 4 vehicles will be brought here as well to suit the terrain of this area. A victim centre has been set aside to cater for the needs of women and children. The Farmers Association in the area



The Community of Mount Fletcher listen attentively during the official opening of the Police Station.



Minister of Police Mr Bheki Cele addressing Mt Fletcher Community members during the opening of Police Station.

has also donated horses to increase police visibility in this area. Do not lure our police into corrupt activities. I am aware of the murder rate, car high-jacking and stock theft that are prevalent in this area. I would like to take this opportunity to call upon all community members in this area, to become integral cogs of government in the fight against crime. We have now realized that government alone cannot win the fight against crime without the involvement of community members. It is high time that the community members should now occupy centre stage in the fight against crime so that the people could live in peace and harmony with one another," said Minister Bheki Cele.

A police traditional group, to render music items was also present at the event to embellish it.

Chief Lumphondo of Amahlubi Tribe in wrapping up the event had this to say to the gathered attendees: "Stock theft, dangerous drugs and unemployment must now come to an end. The moral fibre of our communities should be restored. Young girls must now refrain from drinking like their fathers, they should now cook food like their mothers. Let us safeguard this police station as this community, and begin to join hands with the police in the fight against crime," said Chief Lumphondo.

She also appealed to the MEC and Provincial Commissioner to consider rolling-out the Traditional Policing Model in the area as well. She wished everyone safe journey back home.

The event was graced by the presence of National Police Commissioner Khehla Sitole, Acting Head of the Department of Safety and Liaison Mr Zukile Kani, Lieutenant-General Liziwe Ntshinga of South African Police Service and a host of other high profile figures from national and provincial spheres of government.

Photo Gallery



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Farmers and Business People were addressed during MEC's Engagement Session with South African Farmers Association and Business Community in Elliot on the 27 April 2019.



Minister of Police Bheki Cele and Police Station Commander Lt Colonel Pamela Mdluli addressing the audience during the official opening of the Polile Police Station in Mt Fletcher on the 16 April 2019.



The community members of Maclear listen attentively during a Social Crime Prevention Programme in Maclear on the 30 April 2019.



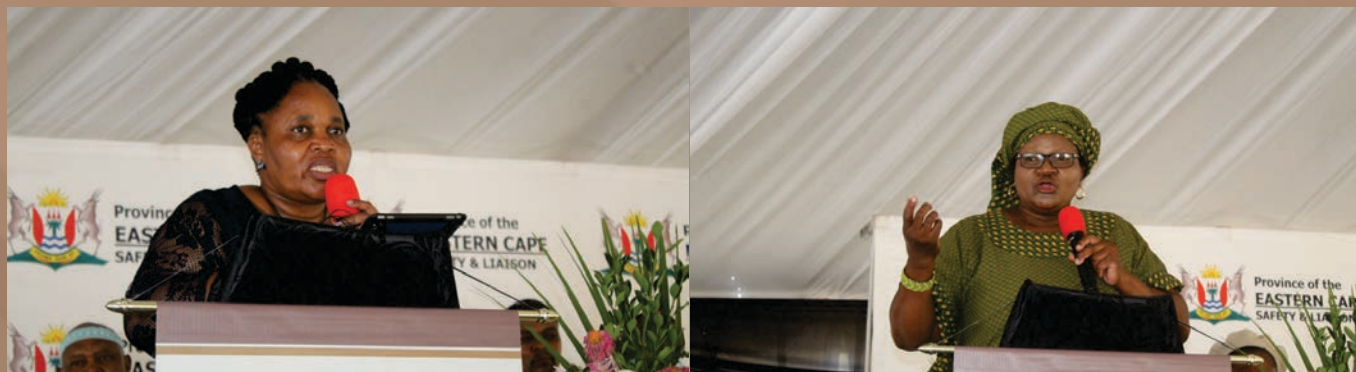
Department of Safety and Liaison MEC Weziwe Tikana during the opening of the Polile Police Station at Mt Fletcher on the 16 April 2019



MEC Weziwe Tikana for Safety and Liaison, Acting HOD Zukile Kani together with the Minister of Mineral Resources Gwede Mantashe and other dignitaries attended Business Engagement Session held in Elliot on the 27 April 2019.

SOCIAL CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMME HELD IN MACLEAR

by Michael Msebi



MEC Weziwe Tikana for the Department of Safety and Liaison and MPL Ms. Sindiswa Gomba addressed Community members from the surrounding areas during a Social Crime Prevention Programme held in Maclear on the 30 April 2019.

"At a packed venue in Maclear the councillor representing the Mayor welcomed all the gathered attendees to Elundini Local Municipality: "You may as well take off your jackets and feel at home," said Councillor Mathabang Lillian Naletsane.

She added that women and children were being abused as well as stock theft was rife in the area. She proceeded to give people hope that the Government was ready to respond to all the challenges that the community was faced with.

This massive programme took place in Maclear on the 30 April 2019. It was brought about as a result of the rampant criminal activities in the area. This programme was graced by the presence of MPL Ms Sindiswa Gomba, Lieutenant-General Liziwe Ntshinga of South African Police Service (SAPS) and many more high profile figures.

The Acting Head of the Department of Safety and Liaison Mr Zukile Kani said in outlining the purpose of the day: "Stock theft, murders, and abuse of women and children are what have brought us here today. Upgrading of the Police Station has been done as promised by Lieutenant-General Liziwe Ntshinga of the South African Police Service (SAPS) for which we are sincerely gratified. The Community Police Forum member (CPF) is expected to mobilise communities against criminal activities. Let us join hands with the SAPS and assist in putting an end to all rampant criminal activities in this area. Love your neighbours as would like him or her to love you."

He went on to emphasise that a contract between the communities and police was necessary in the fight against crime, as government alone could afford to win the fight against crime without the support of the communities.

A school girl-child by the name of Zintle Majavu from Zandisile Junior Secondary School in delivering a message of support to the gathered attendees she said: "Drugs and violence in schools have become the order of the day. The nearby forest is where we get raped and abused physically by thugs in this area. We are not safe at all as young ladies. Bush clearance should be done in order to expose the criminal elements so that the people could live in peace and harmony with one another. In tears the young girl appealed to the MEC."

MEC Weziwe Tikan for the Department of Safety and Liaison in delivering the keynote address she acknowledged that stock theft, rape, murder, and abuse of women and children were rife in the area. According to her that had required a mutual-cooperation between police and community members in order to contain the spread of criminal activities in the area.

"The school child spoke with sore heart, indeed she has had a personal experience of crime in this area. Generally crime is kept hidden from police by community members because is their family members that are committing crime. This must come to an end, no matter who has committed crime that must be reported to the police. Livestock should be looked after by the owner not the police. May the men and women in blue keep up their good work for the safety of our communities. We would like to extend our gratitude to the CPF member for the sterling work done in this area. The community members, traditional leaders and government should work together to build safer communities for all," said MEC Tikana.

She added that good parenting should be nurtured so that crime free communities could be created. She said that the Traditional Leaders should play their part as well in the fight against crime. In wrapping up she appealed to the community members to refrain from buying stolen goods, and subsequently handed over three additional police vans to the cluster.

Chief Mthandeni Mabandla in delivering a vote of thanks he had this to say to the gathered audience: "The MEC has spoken very well about fire and dagga smokers as being among the contributory factors to crime in this area. I sincerely thank you all for having attended this colossal programme," said chief Mabandla.

He expressed his profound gratitude to MEC Tikana for having handed over three additional police vans to the cluster. He pledged his support to women who were resolute to close down taverns so that men could look after their livestock. In closing up he wished all safe journey back home.

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND LIAISON INVESTS IN YOUTH

by Bukiwe Mdabula



Deputy Speaker of the Eastern Cape Legislature delivering a lecture at Joe Gqabi.

The Department of Safety and Liaison through the Joe Gqabi District Office held a memorial lecture and Sports against crime in Aliwal North on the 28 of June 2019. The aim of the programme was to combat crime, educate youth in order for future generations to distance themselves from drugs, criminal activities and excessive use of alcohol. The programme was held in partnership with Joe Gqabi Municipality, South African Police Service and Junior Commissioners.

Ms Nomfundo Mahonga the Acting Chief Director: Corporate Services in outlining the purpose of the Junior Commissioner Concept she said: "As the Department of Safety and Liaison we recognise young people as key role players in safety issues. We will continue to provide platforms in order to engage young people on issues affecting them. We also want to create a safe and secure learning environment that is free from drugs for the development of leaders who will uphold the moral values and principles of our society."

The Eastern Cape Legislature Deputy Speaker Mr Mlibo Qoboshiyane was delivering a lecture to the gathered youth audience and educated them about the dangers of crime. In his opening remarks he educated the youth about youth month which is a month where the country would recognise heroes who sacrificed their lives and defeated the odds, so that the youth of today could live

in a society where they would all enjoy equal right and equal opportunities.

He emphasized that this year's youth month coincided with the commemoration of 25 years of Freedom and Democracy, with the theme "25 years of Democracy and celebration of Youth Activism." In youth formations we want future leaders as we know that youthfulness is a gift from God. In order for you to succeed in life, you need to work hard and focus on your goals, 'said Qoboshiyane.

He urged learners to use technology to fight crime in the province, as the elders would be eager to learn from them. "As the leadership of the province we are investing in you and hope that you will take on the baton and make Eastern Cape a crime free province. You should be aware that we pride ourselves as the home of legends; hence we do not want to leave you behind. We want you to focus more on education and be the future leaders in few years to come," he said.

He further applauded the South African Youth for having organised the event to ensure that Joe Gqabi would become a crime free area. He concluded by saying that the leaders had paved a way for young people to be liberated, and they too should play their part through use of the opportunities that are provided for them by the government.

Mr Sandile Silo Speaking on behalf of Youth Council expressed delight at the initiative that was presented to them by the speakers and thanked the Department of Safety and Liaison for having ensured the day was a success.

On the 29 June 2019, different sporting activities took place at Hilton Sport Grounds. The main purpose of the Sport Against Crime Programme was to take the youth away from drugs and alcohol. Departmental officials handed over medals, trophies and kits to Netball and Soccer winners. The Sport Against Crime Programme yielded positive results for young people in the area.

DSL HELD SPORT AGAINST CRIME PROGRAMME IN CALA

MEC Tikana of the Department of Safety and Liaison and Mayor Buyiswa Ntsere of Sakhisizwe Local Municipality were handing over money prizes, trophies, sport kits and medals to soccer and netball teams at Cala spots ground.

by Luxolo Mtombeni

The venue was packed to capacity in Cala for the people “young and old” to listen to their leaders. This was a two-day massive programme which was held on the 27 and 28 April 2019. All roads on these days were leading to the Cala Spots Ground.

The programme was a follow up on the promises that were made by MEC Weziwe Tikana of the Department of Safety and Liaison, to the community of Cala. She had promised the community to come back and encourage young footballers and netball players to make use of the sporting activities as powerful tools with which to fight crime. This was in response to the spate of crime affecting young people in the area which attracted the attention of the MEC.

On this day the Imbizo was preceded by sporting activities in which soccer and netball teams played against one another. This was a spectacular competition for each team to showcase its skill. After the competition the teams were given money prizes and awarded medals and trophies as well for having participated in the competition and there were no losers at all.

At the time of Imbizo MEC Tikana had this to say to the gathered attendees “We came here today to strengthen the support in respect of spot against crime. We want to establish ambassadors in schools that will champion programmes of community and road safety in this area. We want champions to represent the province nationally and internationally. All community safety structures such as the Community Safety Forums, street and village committees should be strong enough to assist in fighting crime in this area. I appeal to all the “young and old” community members to partner with government in the fight against,” said MEC Tikana.

She added by saying that the number of taverns should not exceed the number of schools and

churches combined in this area. She concluded by saying that sport against crime should be used as a powerful weapon with which to fight crime in the area.

In reinforcing what the MEC had said, Mayor Buyiswa Ntsere of Sakhisizwe Local Municipality said: “The young people are the future leaders, and we want parenting to take a good posture in this area. We want young people to learn to discern right from the wrong so that crime free communities could be built. We want you to refrain from embarking on criminal activities; instead you should use sporting activities as powerful weapons with which to fight crime.”



Netball Payers showcasing their talent during Sport Against Crime at Cala Sport Grounds.

Sport Against Crime Programme which was held in Cala, was embellished by the presence of artists who came from all corners of our province to pull the crowd with nice music. People were dancing to the music with absolute glee. This was a spectacular event with remarkable attendance.

MEC` S ENGAGEMENT SESSION WITH SOUTH AFRICA FARMERS ASSOCIATION AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN ELLIOT

by Luxolo Mtombeni

On the 27 April 2019, MEC Weziwe Tikana for the Department of Safety and Liaison had to rush to Elliot to address the Farmers Association and Business Community in Elliot around issues of crime in the area. She was accompanied by Minister Gwede Mantashe of Minerals and Mayor Buyiswa Ntsere of Sakhisizwe Local Municipality.

The Mayor Ntsere of Sakhisizwe Local municipality said in her opening and welcoming remarks: "Let me take this opportunity to welcome both the Farmers Association and Business Community to Sakhisizwe Local Municipality. You may as well take off your jackets and feel at home. Agriculture is key for food security and farmers ought to be trained on climate change in order to respond adequately to it. We are acutely aware of the challenges you are facing in Elliot. We are going to afford you an opportunity to raise your concerns so that we can engage robustly on them."

Acting Head of the Department of Safety and Liaison Mr Zukile Kani in outlining the purpose of the day said that stock theft, drugs and substance abuse are most prevalent in the area. "We need to work together to combat crime in this area. Community members should now be at the forefront and become integral partners of government in the fight against crime," said Acting HOD Kani.

One of the members of South Africa Farmers Association by the name of Mr Joe Mujenge said to loud applause that farmers were ignored because government did not want to come and listen to them. "When it comes to infrastructure development we are being pushed towards the periphery. The shortage of personnel at police stations to arrest people who are stealing our livestock is a headache. The granting of R200 bail to people who are stealing our livestock does not seat well



MEC Weziwe Tikana for Safety and Liaison addressed the Elliot Famers Association and Business Community.

with us at all. The stock theft office is located in Elliot far from Maclear and Ugie areas, where there are rampant stock theft activities. We need satellite police stations to be resuscitated in order to assist us in curbing stock theft activities. Unemployment rate is growing with astonishing rapidity because many businesses are closing down," said Mr Mujenge.

Minister Mantashe in his response to the concerns of the farmers said that the society must be integrated irrespective of colour and race. "Both black and white should be in the same cooperative and share ideas for the benefit of the entire community. This should show co-existence not taking land from one and give it to the other. Farming is not a hobby but rather a business to generate profit. The factory fault from the family does spill over to the communities and this should be addressed. Knowledge grows to wisdom," said Minister Mantashe.

In wrapping up the robust engagement MEC Tikana said: "Let us not corrupt the police officers and allow them to sit in taverns with us. Police officers should be rotated to avoid corruption, said Minister Mantashe. I appeal to you all to enter the fray in assisting government to intensify the fight against crime so that our communities can be free of crime. We commit to keep open communication channels with you so that you businesses can boom and assist in addressing the triple challenges of unemployment, poverty and inequality. Thank you very much for having availed yourselves for fruitful discussion at this majestic gathering.



Famers Association and Business Community listening attentively during the engagement session held in Elliot.

DSL HELD SPORT AGAINST CRIME PROGRAMME IN MOUNT FRERE

Department of Safety and Liaison (DSL) handed over trophies to winners at sport activities held in Mount Frere on the 29 and 30 June 2019.

by Bukiwe Mdabula

The venue was packed to capacity at Mount Frere sports ground for the young people to participate in various sporting codes at an event of provincial stature.

The programme was a follow up on the research findings that the Mount Frere area was one of the areas hard hit by criminal activities affecting young people. The DSL in partnership with South Africa Police Service, encouraged young footballers and netball players to make use of the sporting activities as powerful tools with which to fight crime.

On this day, the Imbizo was preceded by sporting activities, where a soccer and netball tournament was held. This was a spectacular competition for each team to showcase its skill. After the competition, the participants were awarded medals for having taken part in the tournament. Most importantly, the winners of both the soccer and netball tournament were awarded trophies, sport kits and five balls each.

At the time of imbizo, Ms Sinazo Ndoni Acting District Manager on behalf of the department had this to say to the attendees: "We came here today to appeal to all youth formations in this area to distance themselves from acts of criminality. We want you to imitate and emulate the youth of 1976 through vigilance and moral behaviour. Stay away from acts of domestic violence and substance abuse. Be champions of development. Be agents of change in your lifetime. Set a very good example to others so that the people could have crime free communities."

She added that the number of taverns should not exceed the number of schools and churches combined in the area. She concluded by saying that sport against crime should be used as a powerful weapon with which to fight crime in the area.

Meanwhile, Colonel Sikho Macingwana representing the cluster commander of Mount Ayliff said sporting codes would go a long way in addressing the plight of the young people in this area. "It is assisting to take young



The winners who received a kit and a trophy during Sports Against Crime on 30 June 2019 .

people away from crime through sporting codes, because at the end of it all, they should get physical fitness and become healthy young people," he said.

Whilst, Ms Nande Mlonyeni from Youth desk in Mount Frere started off by commending Mount Frere for taking the responsibility of working with government to get itself out of the rampant criminal activities so that the people could live in peace and harmony with one another.

"Sport activities are designed for young people to nurture their talents so that in the near future they could become shining stars that the next cohort of generation should look up to. The next cohort of generation is expected to take on the armoury from you and see to it up to succeeding generations. At the end of it all, sporting activities should take young people away from criminal activities, and motivate them to contribute meaningfully towards restoration of the moral fibre of their communities," she added.

The tournament was graced by presence of the representatives from the Mzimvubu Local Municipality, Department of Social Development, Correctional Service Department and Council of Churches, and a host of other profile figures.

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