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Welcome to the first edition of DSL Masazane News for the 2016/17 financial year. We trust this edition contains many interesting and newsworthy articles which will inform and delight our readers.

Included in this edition is a profile of the newly appointed manager in the Human Resources Unit of the Department, Ms Nomandla Zuma.

We reflect on the highlights of the Honourable MEC Weziwe Tikana's 2016/17 policy speech, in which she presented a roadmap to service delivery, and introduce the first edition of the Department of Safety and Liaison (DSL) Sport Bulletin, which will be focusing on the main sporting codes in which DSL is currently involved.

We also report on the department's new initiative of hosting school debates in all districts, with the aim of educating learners and their communities on safety issues.

It has been very gratifying to see the public starting to recognise DSL's efforts with regards to our departmental mandate of crime free. To this end, we invite all readers of this publication to continue engaging with us, including offering constructive criticism and feedback, to assist us in improving our future publications.

We also, through this publication, urge all our communities to become integral partners of government in our collective fight against crime. We strongly encourage community members to come forward with any information which may prove helpful to the police, so that criminals may face the full might of the law.

As government we are taking great strides in the fight against crime, and we will continue to work closely with our communities throughout the province to build safer communities, for all.

We hope you enjoy the read, and please feel free to forward your comments and suggestions to the editor.

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# DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND LIAISON MEC WEZIWE TIKANA TABLES THE POLICY SPEECH

By: Michael Msebi



MEC for Safety and Liaison Hon. Weziwe Tikana held a Stakeholder Engagement session before tabling the Policy Speech at Eastern Cape Legislature

## **"MUTUAL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN COMMUNITIES AND GOVERNMENT CAN OVERCOME RAMPANT CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES"**

Safety and Liaison MEC Weziwe Tikana has urged Eastern Cape community members to become champions of development and agents of change.

Speaking during the tabling of her 2016/17 policy speech, the MEC said the Eastern Cape was on the right track to ensure that safety and security remained a top priority of the service delivery agenda. She also stressed the importance of co-operation between members of the South African Police Service (SAPS) and other law-enforcement agencies in realising the province's vision of a better life for all.

"In order to intensify the safety of all the people in the province, members of the community needed to play an integral part in the fight against criminal activities, as government alone could not succeed in fighting crime in the province", she said.

"I would like to take this opportunity to call upon all community members to become champions of development and agents of change, through mutual cooperation with the South African Police Service and other law enforcement agencies, to deal head-on with various crime related incidents across the province," she said.

The Department of Safety and Liaison has adopted the Provincial Safety Strategy to:

- Build community participation in community safety;
- Prevent Violence;
- Promote accountability and fight corruption; and
- Strengthen the Criminal Justice System.

Successful convictions during the past financial year have included:

- In Sutherland, a 35-year-old woman was convicted for selling her child to 60-year-old William Knoetze for sex, and recruiting two other young girls to have sex with him. Knoetze was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment on three separate counts of rape, 12 years' for human trafficking and 10 years' for sexual exploitation. The 35-year-old mother of one of the victims was sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment for human trafficking and 10 years for sexual exploitation.
- In Hofmeyr, a man gained entry into three women's homes while they were asleep, and proceeded to rape them. He was convicted and given three life sentences for rape, and 15 years' imprisonment for the three instances of housebreaking.
- In Bethelsdorp, where a woman and her boyfriend were abducted and the woman raped, three suspects were arrested, convicted and sentenced to life in prison for rape, as well as 18 months each for kidnapping and 8 months each for attempted robbery.
- In Tamaara, where a 14-year-old girl was stabbed to death in September 2009 and her body dumped in a toilet in the Qawukent administration area, five suspects were successfully prosecuted. All five were convicted of murder and given life sentences in August 2015. In addition to an accumulative 176 years' imprisonment.

- In Ngqamakhe, where a five-year-old child was raped in 2010, the perpetrator was convicted of rape and sentenced to life imprisonment.
- In Centane a 43-year-old woman was forcibly dragged into a man's house and raped. On 8 July 2015, the rapist was convicted and sentenced to 15 year's imprisonment.
- In respect of stock theft, the province continues to intensify its operations.

## **PRONOUNCEMENTS FOR 2016/17 FINANCIAL YEAR:**

- The National Development Plan, together with our Provincial Safety Strategy, will ensure that we build greater community participation in community safety. This means collaboration and mobilisation of resources of both state and non-state organs, in the fight against crime.
- The department shall continue to encourage and influence municipalities to commit to building safer communities through the establishment of Community Safety Forums. These forums can also assist with mediation and other conflict-breaking mechanisms to resolve some of the current and on-going service delivery protests taking place in our province.
- We expect municipalities in the Eastern Cape to expedite the establishment of these forums, as they continue to serve as vehicles to co-ordinate community safety efforts of the three spheres of government, within a municipality.

To ensure that the people of the Eastern Cape feel and are safe, we will intensify community mobilisation programmes, through the creation of awareness campaigns around:

- Sexual violence against women and children; Domestic violence
- The effects of substance abuse;
- Improving relations between police and communities;
- Awareness on the functionality of the Criminal Justice System; and
- Discourage support of the stolen goods market.

This year the department will:

- Conduct service delivery evaluations at 96 police stations;
- Conduct unannounced visits at 97 police stations;
- Conduct accountability engagements at 41 police stations;
- Conduct Domestic Violence Act Audits at 100 police stations; and
- Social Crime Prevention programmes at 83 police precincts

"In building a safer province, our partnerships with members of the community as integral partners of government, in the fight against crime, cannot be over-emphasized, as government alone cannot succeed in fighting crime. We encourage community members to take centre stage in exposing criminal behaviour as part of resuscitating active citizenry and deepened patriotism," concluded MEC Tikana.

# MEN AND WOMEN IN BLUE HONOURED FOR HELPING THE ABUSED

By: Yanga Yiba



MEC Hon. Weziwe Tikana together with her dignitaries during DVA Awards

Domestic violence is a dark cloud in many homes, and reporting domestic violence can be a very difficult experience, including for men, who often experience shame or are subjected to ridicule when reporting domestic abuse.

The South African Police Service (SAPS) continues to work hard to encourage the reporting of domestic violence, and to provide the appropriate platform to all citizens affected by this issue in their homes.

The Department of Safety and Liaison, in collaboration with the South African Police Service (SAPS) and Provincial Security Services (PSS), recently honoured our men and women in blue for the exceptional work they are doing.

The awards formed part of the department's annual Safety Month Programme under the theme "Building Safer Communities", which took place in February 2018 at Cala.

### Categories:

- Provincial Best Practice Model Station on Domestic Violence Act Compliance:
  - Uitenhage (92.2%)
- Top 3 Complying Stations on Domestic Violence Act (Urban Areas):
  - No 1 – Uitenhage (92.2%)
  - No 2 – Mdantsane (87.6%)
  - No 3 – Jansenville (86.3%)
- Top 3 Complying Stations on Domestic Violence Act (Rural Areas):
  - No 1 – Port St Johns (82.9%)
  - No 2 – Cedarville (81.1%)
  - No 3 – Lusikisiki (79.9%)

- Best Victim-Friendly Room on Domestic Violence Act compliance:
  - Uitenhage
- Best station that has no Victim-Friendly Room but complying on Domestic Violence Act:
  - Jamestown
- Top 3 Domestic Violence Coordinators:
  - No 1. Mt Road
  - No 2. Uitenhage
  - No 3. Stutterheim
- Best Cluster on Domestic Violence Act Compliance:
  - Mt Road Cluster
- Best Station Maintaining Good Partnership with Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs):
  - Uitenhage (92.2%)
- Station with Most Members Trained on Domestic Violence Act:
  - Lusikisiki

Nomfuneko Ndaba of Duncan Village, a survivor of abuse who was assisted by police, gave a moving account of her traumatic experience. "I have been a silent victim, fearing to come forward because of my religion and fearing that people would ask where was my God to save me," she said. "The police in Duncan Village never grew tired of me constantly calling them for assistance when I feared for my life when I came under attack from my husband at the time. I want to encourage victims to never fear coming forward," she said.

Safety and Liaison MEC Weziwe Tikana urged all police stations to support social workers who come to police stations to counsel offenders. She noted that government also funded programmes supporting male victims of abuse, and said it was unfortunate that many male victims seemed not to report abuse due to fear of intimidation by police officers.

Mdantsane Cluster Commander Major General Andre Swart admitted that the way in which victims were handled when reporting crimes had not always been conducive.

"We have changed from a force to a centre. That is why police officers were sent for induction and I must say that there has been a remarkable improvement. We have come a long way over the past 18 years and will uphold the standard now. I can positively say that 99% of the police has changed tremendously."

The event, which was well attended by invited guests, was a huge success.

## MEC TIKANA MAKES USE OF SCHOOLS' DEBATES TO REINFORCE ROAD SAFETY AND SAFETY IN GENERAL

By: Bukiwe Mdabula

Eastern Cape Transport, Safety and Liaison hosted a very successful Safety Schools Debates and Education Awareness Campaign over three days in February this year.

The aim of the programme was to educate communities on safety issues, while also serving to enhance learners' public speaking skills and boosting their confidence as the leaders of tomorrow.

The Safety Schools' Debates and Education Awareness Campaign saw two days' worth of elimination rounds which culminated in the main event, held on the 28 February 2016, in which schools' winners competed against each other.

The campaign concentrated on schools in Mqanduli and Chris Hani (Cala & Elliot), with Ugie also being added as an area of focus.

The main event, held at Cala High School, consisted of featured speakers, poetry, drama and presentations by learners in Grades 1 to 8, as well as the main debate featuring the four high schools which had won the school elimination rounds of 24 and 25 February 2016.

The debates, poetry and drama presentations were used mainly to reinforce messages of road safety and safety in general among members of the local community.

The four schools which took part in the final debate were:

- A M Zantsi high school, Mount Fletcher
- Elliot High School, Elliot
- Thomas Ntaba High, Maclear
- Hlabatshane Senior Secondary School, Mqanduli

The schools debated on the following topics:

- Community is doing enough to prevent the carrying of weapons to school;
- Incorporating Road Safety into the school curriculum will contribute to a reduction in road fatalities;
- Usage of drugs and alcohol can be avoided by learners.

Each learner who participated in the three-day Safety Schools Debates and Education Awareness programme received a medal to commemorate the event, while learners from the top four schools each received a shield.



Elliot High School was named overall debate winners, walking off with a prize money of R10 000 to be used to upgrade their school library.

Guata Junior Primary School took top poetry honours, Bavumele Junior Secondary School from Mqanduli won the top drama prize and Upper Ngqungqu Junior Secondary School was honoured for best presentation.

MEC Weziwe Tikana congratulated all learners who participated in the initiative, and promised that the programme would be rolled out to all seven districts across the province.

"Going forward, the Social Crime Prevention Programme will be enhanced through schools debates in all districts across the province, so that we can build better communities free of criminal activities," she said.

Well-supported on all three days by local community members, the event was also attended by numerous local and provincial government officials and dignitaries, including MEC Tikana, Sakhisizwe Local Municipality Mayor Mlamli Jentile, Department of Education Curriculum Advisor Mphathisi Songca, stakeholders from the provincial Department of Transport and teachers from different schools.

## POLICING ACCOUNTABILITY ENGAGEMENT SESSION HELD AT ADDO

By Yanga Yiba



The District Manager Ms. Noxolo Makapela with her delegation listening attentively to the grievances of the community members while attending a Policing Accountability Engagement session held at Nomathamsanqa Community Hall in Addo, Port Elizabeth

Part of the Department of Safety and Liaison's mandate is to hold Policing Accountability Engagements in all districts across the province, to afford community members an opportunity to voice grievances against police officers and to further enhance service delivery where it is beset with challenges.

To this end, the Department of Safety and Liaison, through the Nelson Mandela district office, held a Policing Accountability Engagement on the 4th February 2016 at the Nomathamsanqa Community Hall in Addo, Port Elizabeth.

The meeting was precipitated by a petition sent to the district office by the Addo community. From the issues and challenges raised in the petition it became apparent that the office needed to respond promptly by holding an engagement of this nature.

The Addo community came out in large numbers to listen to the response of the district manager, Ms Noxolo Makapela, along with other key partners such as the Department of Health, Department of Correctional Services, SASSA, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Independent Police Investigative Directorate (IPID), South African Police Service (SAPS) and the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA), who were all invited to tackle the questions posed by community members.

Addressing the NPA, a community member asked how a criminal who had victimised a community could be reintegrated into the same community after being released from prison. Mr Tsepo Ndwalaza from the NPA responded by saying it depended on the severity and type of the crime committed, whether or not the perpetrator should be granted bail.

"Community members must work hand in glove with the police towards solving these cases because you will find community members withholding information from the police," he said. "In the same vein, while expecting cases to be solved and justice to be served, we must be vigilant and come forward to the police with information that can help an investigator," said Ndwalaza.

District Manager Ms Noxolo Makapela said a robust operation called "Operation Asiqhelwa" would soon be put in motion, which would see the demolishing of illegal taverns and those operating next to schools.

Mr Nyaniso Ngele of IPID explained that when offenders go back to a community, they go back as reformed citizens ready to make a difference. Therefore, community members should give them a second chance. "The IPID investigates cases such as torture by the police, murder under police custody, death by police at rallies, rape by a police officer and systematic corruption, including missing dockets, confiscated alcohol, etc."

He called on community members to call the IPID office in East London on 040 708 8500 to report such cases.

In closing the session, community member Ms Lubambo gave thanks to the police officers in the area for the support provided to the community. "They always involve the community members whenever they run programmes. I commend the commitment of the Department of Safety and Liaison as it had promised last year to come back to kwa-Nomathamsanqa Township on this day to check on the progress and changes on last year's grievances."

She also thanked the community members for the patience they have shown, and assured them their patience would be rewarded.

The Nomathamsanqa Community Hall was packed throughout the meeting.

# LEARNERS LET THEIR VOICES SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF ROAD SAFETY AND SAFETY IN GENERAL

By: Yanga Yiba



MEC Weziwe Tikana awarding the best speaker in the debating contest

Debating is a formal form of expression that allows one to voice his or her opinions about an issue of concern or a topic of discussion. There are normally two sides of argument, where one team would be proposing and the other opposing the motion tabled for discussion. As such, debating is an excellent way of improving public speaking skills and helps build self-confidence for young learners to become exemplary leaders.

Mindful of these benefits, the Department of Safety and Liaison recently afforded learners in the Cala, Ugie and Mqanduli areas an opportunity to debate critical topics of great concern not only to the learners themselves, but to their schools and communities as well.

The debates were aimed at promoting debate and culture within schools to expose learners to public speaking, drama and poetry, with a view to making them more aware of anti-crime initiatives. Another aim was to stimulate donor funding from businesses to assist destitute schools.

Topics of discussion were identified by the Ministry of Transport and Safety and Liaison, in consultation with the Department of Education. These topics were identified in advance to allow learners to prepare ahead of their debates, with the Department of Education assisting with debate preparations.

Opposing debaters took to their topics with fierce determination, putting across some compelling points while the proposers interjected with intimidating "points of information" (POI) and "points of correction" (POC).

Meanwhile, a similar initiative took shape in the Port Elizabeth region. Build-up debates involving four local schools took place in Helenvale and Motherwell, with two schools going through to the finals.

First round results:

- Woolhope Secondary School (proposing team) – 624 points = Winner
- Motherwell High School (opposing team) – 572 points

Second round results:

- Ndyebo High School (proposing team) - 582 points
- Masiphathisane High School (opposing team) - 642 points = Winner

Final round results:

- Masiphathisane High School (proposing team) - 625 points = Winner
- Woolhope Secondary School (opposing team) - 617 points

The Masiphathisane High School debating team took the trophy as the overall winners of the debating competition, winning mini trophies for all five of the learners in the team and a large trophy for the school.

The MEC for Transport, Safety and Liaison, Ms Weziwe Tikana, graced the event with her presence, alongside her Head of Department for Safety and Liaison, Ms Ngaka Mosehana, Nelson Mandela district office manager Ms Noxolo Makapela and other dignitaries. MEC Tikana, assisted by Ms Noxolo Makapela, handed out the trophies and medals to the learners after the debates.

"Part of realising the Freedom Charter relates to the concept of the doors of learning and culture being opened for all," MEC Tikana said. "To this end, the department will continue to enhance the Safer Schools Programme through schools debates across the province."

She emphasised the responsibility of the entire community in bringing up a child and stressed that it does indeed take a whole village to raise a child, not only the biological parents.

# WOMEN IN POWER



**Ms Nomandla Zuma:**  
Manager- Human Resources Management

*Ms Yanga Yiba interviews the newly appointed Manager: Human Resources Management, Ms Nomandla Zuma, about her new position, and about her life in general.*

**Yanga Yiba (Y.Y):** Please tell us about yourself

**Nomandla Zuma (NZ):** I am Nomandla Abegail Zuma, born in a small rural village of Qokolweni in Mqanduli. I come from a family of 8 children, 5 boys and 3 girls. I am married and blessed with 2 kids.

**Y.Y:** Do you feel a level of respect for the work that you do?

**NZ:** Yes I do.

**Y.Y:** What is your motto in life?

**NZ:** Always look on the bright side of life.

**Y.Y:** Any interesting facts about your background you'd like to share?

**NZ:** I come from a low income family and therefore we relied on growing our own food from the fields and animal farming to survive. I had to water vegetables and assist in the milking of cows every day before going to school. I used to walk 12km to school but that did not deter me in attaining my goals.

**Y.Y:** What does your current position entail?

**NZ:** I am a Human Resources Manager and responsible for the following duties:

- Labour Relations
- Human Resources Administration
- Integrated Employee Health and Wellness
- Human Resources Development

**Y.Y:** What are your long term goals?

**NZ:** Being a General Manager.

**Y.Y:** Any encouraging words for your fellow colleague?

**NZ:** They need to work very hard and be prepared to go the extra mile in doing their jobs. They need to strive to be leaders, not just leaders, but transformational leaders. They must identify mentors that are experienced who can guide them to become more effective and successful. The mentor encourages, nurtures, instructs and inspires the mentee. They need to interact with others in and outside of their profession with the central purpose of sharing ideas, advice, experiences and information. Networking usually provides a fertile platform for meeting people who can contribute to your professional growth and development.



## TEAM SAFETY IS UNSTOPPABLE- RISE SAFETY RISE!!!

By Ramashau Aluwani



Corporate Services:  
General Manager Mr Zukile Nani and team safety  
soccer players pose for a group photo.

This first edition of the Department of Safety and Liaison (DSL) Sports article will focus on the main sporting codes that DSL is currently involved in, namely soccer, pool tennis and table tennis.

Through this article, readers will be brought up to speed and given some background on our DSL soccer team, which is the main sporting code in the department and which enjoys the biggest following. We will share with you how the team was formed, some of our recent success stories, where we are and where we are heading.

The Department of Safety and Liaison's soccer team, known as Team Safety, is based at our Bhisho head office. It was established in 2013 by committed and dedicated officials with a passion for sport, but little did we know then how it would grow to become the formidable team it is today.

Team Safety owes its existence to the devotion and sacrifices that these players constantly display. The team, consisting of players and a technical team, are: Lonwabo "The General" Bobi, Aluwani "Captain my Captain" Ramashau, Ntlane "TDK" Khwaza, Xola "Neymar" Sibuku, Mpeti Awonke, Siya Ngceba, Benjamin "Fernaldiho" Dingalibala, Sivu Rexe, Siya Ndzulwane, Zuko "Alright alright alright" Mafani, L. "Alfred Nzo Express" Ndeleleni and the Technical Team: Luxolo "Lux" Mtombeni, K. Nqini and Coach S. Mda.

In 2014, Team Safety participated in the Head Office Civil Servant Sports Trials for the very first time. Prior to the trials, Team Safety were very active playing week in and week out against counterparts from DSRAC, COGTA, DSD, DOH, DPW, DOE and the Eastern Cape Provincial Legislature. The team even went the extra mile towards the end of 2015 when they challenged the Fort Cox College of Agriculture and Forestry team in Middledrift.

Team Safety has gained a lot of support from top management and our Head of Department, so much so that it has become an agenda item in most meetings.

Team Safety has had an incredible run of form since April 2016, playing six games without defeat. Due to this outstanding performance, management rewarded the boys with a new soccer kit.

Team Safety launched their new kit in a match against the Department of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) on 12th May 2016, during Africa Month, at a packed University of Fort Hare (UFH) sports grounds, Bhisho campus. The atmosphere was electric and DSL supporters came out in large numbers to rally behind the boys. Team Safety came out on top, winning the game by 2 goals to 1.

On 18 May 2016, the Department of Education (DOE) tried to stop Team Safety's unbeaten run, but could only manage a 2-2 draw. A day later Team Safety displayed their most impressive performance of "tick-tack football" as they demolished Department of Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture (DSRAC) 3-0.

DSL is not only active in soccer. Departmental employees are known to love sport in general, evidenced by the fact that they participated in various sporting codes such as pool tennis, table tennis and chess during the Provincial and National Public Servants' Sports and Cultural Events Games.

In 2014, DSL had its first representative, Luzuko "Magesh" Magengelele, in the National Public Servant Games held in East London, where he competed in the pool table event.

In 2015, during the National Public Servants' Sports and Cultural Events Games held in Mbombela, Mpumalanga, DSL was represented by Ramashau Aluwani in chess, and brought back a gold medal. The department is looking forward to the 2016 National Games in Bloemfontein to bring home more medals.

The department is gratified to enjoy a notable support system, including cheerleaders (with their vuvuzelas) who rally behind the teams in all the games. We wish to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who supports us, week in and week out.

In the next edition of this Sport Bulletin we will provide you with the latest developments in departmental sport, including taeko.



Colleagues welcome back chess master  
Mr Ramashau Aluwani from the chess tournament



MEC with the awards recipients at the DVA awarding ceremony



HOD for Safety and Liaison with her dignitaries during DVA Awards



MEC taking a group photo with the winners of the debating contest



MEC Weziwe Tikana together with Sakhisizwe Municipality Mayor Miamli Jentile with learners from one of the schools participating in the debates



MEC takes a group photo with learners during the Tabling of the Policy Speech 2016/17.



Mr. M. Magalali together with the Community Police Forum member during a Policing Accountability meeting in Cradock



Winners of the Cala debating contest celebrating their victory.



MEC and Mayor of Sakhisizwe Municipality with learners from one of the schools that participated in the debates.



MEC together with HODs for Department of Transport, and Safety and Liaison taking a group photo with Elliot High School learners during the Tabling of the Policy Speech 2016/17



MEC Weziwe Tikana together with Sakhisizwe Municipality Mayor Miamli Jentile with a learner from one of the schools that participated in the debates



MEC awarding a DVA Certificate to one of the police officers



MEC together with the Head of Department of Safety and Liaison and a portfolio committee member during the DVA Awards.



MEC & HOD join learners from different schools who attended the Policy Speech Tabling at the Eastern Cape Legislature



Elliot High School learners ready for the debating contest



Learners listening attentively to the other debating team.



Delegates from departments listen to the community while attending a Policing Engagement Session in Addo, Port Elizabeth



Team Safety with technical team ready to conquer Buffalo City Municipality soccer teams.



Drama performance during the closing of the Safety Month event



Nelson Mandela Metro officials during the Safer Schools' Programmes in Port Elizabeth

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