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MANDELA DAY: A tree was planted as an epitome of new birth in Fort Beaufort Police Station.

EDITORIAL COMMENT



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It was during the month of July that the Department of Safety and Liaison waited with bated breath for the release of the audit outcomes of the 2016/17 financial year. The Department of Safety and Liaison was eager to know whether or not the unqualified audit record held over two consecutive financial years

had indeed been maintained.

We are proud to announce that in deed, for the third year in a row, the Department of Safety and Liaison had acquired an unqualified audit opinion. This bears testimony to the fact that our department is steadfastly committed to the mandate of Government, which is to deliver effective and efficient services to the citizens of the Republic of South

Africa. Some of the major service delivery outcomes of the department during the second quarter, included community outreach programmes led by the Deputy Minister of Police, Honourable Bongani Mkongi and Honourable MEC Weziwe Tikana.

Nevertheless, with the concerted efforts made by the department, relations between the police and communities around the province have improved immensely. The department in partnership with the South African Police Service (SAPS) had handed over a number of mobile police stations in several communities. In this issue, we reflect on programmes, wherein, the Department of Safety and Liaison had collaborated with the South African Police Service.

In tandem with the safer schools programme and promotion of crime reduction initiatives, the department partnered with the Department of Correctional Services and the Department of Education to educate teenagers about the consequences of crime. You can read this story on page 5 of this publication.

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SAFETY AND LIAISON MAINTAINS CLEAN AUDIT OPINION

BY ANELE VALELA

Chief Financial Officer (CFO),
Mr Barry Lottering.



Acting Accounting Officer of the Department
of Safety and Liaison, (DSL) Mr Zukile Kani.



For third consecutive financial years, the Department of Safety and Liaison had been awarded an Unqualified Audit Report by the Auditor General, following the audit execution of the 2016/17 financial year that was released on 31 July 2017.

The department had enjoyed the same achievement during the 2014/15 and the 2015/16 financial years.

Deputy Director: Internal Audit in the Department of Safety and Liaison, Mr Aluwani Ramashau said that “A qualified opinion is a statement issued after an audit is done by a professional auditor that suggests the information provided was limited in scope and/or the company being audited has not maintained Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).”

The execution of the audit focuses on three specific disciplines, which include the following:

- i) The Annual Audited Financial Statements of the department, the custodian of which is the Chief Financial Officer,
- ii) Matters of Compliance (HR, SCM, Pre-Audit and Budget Planning) as well as,
- iii) Implementation of the Annual Performance Plan (APP) and service delivery where a reference is made to the Annual Performance Reports against the targets on the APP.

During the 2016/17 Annual Report of the Department of Safety and Liaison, the Chairperson of the Audit Committee, said that the audit committee had expressed its satisfaction to management that there were no significant internal control deficiencies that had been raised in the year's audit report of the Auditor General.

“The Committee is satisfied that a system of internal controls has been put in place by the Department of Safety and Liaison and that these controls have functioned as partially effective during the period under review,” said the Audit Committee Chairperson.

With regard to the evaluation of financial statements, Mr Younus Amod said that the Audit Committee had reviewed the financial statements for the 2016/17 year and discussed the audit outcomes with management.

“We have reviewed and discussed the audited annual financial statements and the annual performance information report with the Accounting Officer. We have also reviewed the department's compliance with legal and regulatory provisions to determine whether the Annual Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Preparation Guide and Specimen Financial Statements issued by Treasury,” he explained. “The Committee would also like to congratulate the department on maintaining its clean audit opinion status,” he added.

CAMPAIGN FOR A CORRUPTION FREE PUBLIC SECTOR

BY GCOBANI HLULANI



Risk Management and Internal Control Manager Ms Sizeka Tyanda during her closing remarks on Fraud and Anti-Corruption.

The Department of Safety and Liaison (DSL) held an Ethics, Anti-Corruption, Code of Conduct and Security Management awareness program at Tandala, in King William's Town, on Wednesday 20 September 2017. The aim of the event was to educate employees about Fraud and Anti-Corruption.

During his welcoming remarks, Acting Head of Department (HOD), Mr Zukile Kani, said that the Department of Safety and Liaison should lead by example in preventing fraud and corruption activities in the province. Assistant Director for the Labour Relations Sub-Unit in the Department of Safety and Liaison, Mr Momelezi Zondani gave a brief explanation about code of conduct.

"The code of conduct for public service has been designed in order to guide employees on how to conduct themselves as public servants. It guides the employees as to what is expected of them. The responsibility of the employer is to serve the public in an unbiased manner, while the relationship among employees is for co-operation with other employees to advance public interest," said Mr Zondani.

"The department shall ensure that all officials are familiar with the code of conduct for the public service," he added.

Ms Nobulali Manona Gawe who is the Director for Fraud and Anti-Corruption at the Office of the Premier (OTP) made a presentation on ethics & DPSA financial disclosures as well

as Fraud Management. She explained that Fraud Management was designed in order to avoid any kind of fraud and corruption from occurring within the department. In her presentation she mentioned various forms of corruption such as bribery, abuse of power and nepotism.

"All officials in the DSL shall perform their duties in a way that would make the department proud. Corruptive and fraudulent behavior shall not be supported," said Ms Gawe.

OTP Deputy Director for Security Management Mr Mxolisi Teke was one of the guest speakers. He shared his experience on how to handle sensitive and classified information. He highlighted that the only way to keep information secure is to make it known only to the persons who are working with that information.

"It must be known only to a limited number of people. The employees concerned must disclose information to an outsider only when they have been authorized to do so," he explained.

The event was attended by DSL officials from all seven districts, as well as the Head Office. Alfred Nzo District Manager, Mr Luyanda Mqinyana thanked all the DSL officials who attended the awareness program, the guest speakers from the OTP and the organizers of the event. He also applauded the Acting HOD for his words of wisdom.

PRISON TOUR TO WARN TEENS ABOUT CONSEQUENCES OF CRIME

BY GCOBANI HLULANI



MDANTSANE: Over 100 learners from various High Schools around the Amathole District paid a visit to the Fort Jackson Correctional Centre.

On Wednesday, 2 August 2017, the Department of Safety and Liaison (DSL) organized a prison tour at Fort Jackson Correctional Centre in Mdantsane.

13 schools from the Amathole District were invited to take a tour through the prison. The purpose of the event was to influence learners to refrain from engaging in criminal activities by bringing them into contact with inmates to have them share their experiences about the life and the wrong choices that they had made.

Head of the Correctional Centre Mr Deon Hufkie welcomed the guests.

"It gives me a great pleasure to extend to you all a very warm welcome on behalf of Correctional Centre, let us enjoy and interact, Everyone is welcomed," said Mr Hufkie.

Amathole District Manager, Ms Miranda Sinqoto had this to say to attendees, "Several schools were identified, wherein, learners are carrying dangerous weapons and are using drugs inside school premises. The first part of today's crime awareness campaign is focused on exposing the learners to the prison environment so that they could experience prison life well in advance".

One of the inmates aged 37, who was arrested in 1992, said he was sentenced in 1993 shared his experience as a convict in order to prevent youth from engaging in criminal activities. He spoke about the wrong choices he made using fear,

intimidation and hostility with the intent to deter learners away from displaying deviant behaviors.

"I would like to advise our children to stay away from crime. I am not here to entertain you about prison, crime does not pay instead it destroys your life," he said.

Sinethemba Gcolothela from Eric Mtonga High School said visiting the prison was an eye opener to them.

"To me it was not just a tour. I have learnt a lot from my brothers and it is very sad to hear the bad stories of how they ended up in jail. I am now motivated to focus on my studies so that I could have a brighter future," he said.

Chief Director for Civilian Oversight, Ms Phumla Nqakula also encouraged the learners to keep their focus on the right thing.

"We are not here to be glamourized, but to learn from the inmates so that you do not end up in prison. We want to make sure that you choose the right path. I hope you are going to share what you have learnt today with your peers who were not so fortunate to get this opportunity of being exposed to this environment," she concluded.

IPHULO LOKULWA INDLALA NGEMIZUZU ENGAMA-67

BY SIPHOKAZI SONDISHE

uMphathiswa weSebe Lezokhuseleko noNxibelelwano, obekekileyo uWeziwe Tikana ebambisene no Sekela Mphathiswa waMaPolisa uMnumzana Bongani Mkongi batyelele eBhofolo, apho achithe khona imizuzu engama-67 okubhiyozela ubomi buka Tata uNelson Mandela.

Phakathi kwezinto abazenzileyo abaphathiswa ngolusuku, ibikukugxotha ikati eziko kusapho oluhlelekileyo kunye nokupeyinta iindonga zeSikolo seentsana. Injongo yalomsitho yayikukulula isandla eluntwini phezu komxholo othi “Iphulo lokulwa indlala ngemizuzu engama-67.”

Umhla we18 kweyeKhala, lusuku ekwazalwa ngalo uNelson Mandela. Olusuku lwatyunjwa eMzantsi Afrika nakwilizwe jikelele, njengemini yokolula isandla senkathalo kulowo, nalowo unesidingo.

Ngethuba esothule intetho ephambili, uSekela Mphathiswa waMaPolisa uMnumzana Bongani Mkongi, wadandalazisa injongo yosuku njengemini yokubonakalisa Ubuntu eluntwini.

“Namhlanje yimini yokukhumbula uTata uNelson Mandela ngokwenza ubulungisa kumakhaya ahlelekileyo. Imizuzu



Umphathiswa weSebe Lezokhuseleko noNxibelelwano, obekekileyo uWeziwe Tikana no Sekela Mphathiswa waMaPolisa uMnumzana Bongani Mkongi batyelele isikolo sentsane eBhofolo.

yethu engama-67 sizakuyichitha ngokutyelela imizi ehluphekileyo apha eBhofolo, sibaphathele iipasile zokutya, ukuze bazazi ukuba bayathandwa.”

Wongeze ngelibongoza uluntu ukuba luhlabe bekhangele, babaze needlebe ukuze bancedisane namapolisa ekufumaneni abenzi bobubi ngokukhawuleza. Waqakumbela isigaba somsitho esasiqhutyelwa ententeni eyayigxunyekwe ngaphandle kwesiKhululo samapolisa aseBhofolo ngokutyala umthi njengophawu lwethemba.

Imbumba yamapolisa esithili saseBhofolo yaguqula imibombo ikhokele ukrozo oluya kutyelela usapho lakwaSwartbooi. Izithuthi zazivova kukusindwa ngamaxamba okutya okwakuphathelwe ikhaya elo, kunye nepeyinti yodonga eyayilungiselelwe iSikolo seentsana, iAmandla Preschool, kwilokishi yaseMpolweni, eBholofolo. Bakuba befikile kumzi wakwa Swartbooi, kwanikezelwa ukutya waze Umphathiswa uTikana wongeza nemali yokufakela ifestile eyayaphukile kumzi lowo.

Utata wekhaya, uSindisile Swartbooi, waphakama wenza izwi lombulelo: “Ndiyabulela kurhulumente, umphathi wamapolisa naye wonke umntu olapha ngeepasile enisiphathele zona. Ndibulela nangenxaxheba eniyithathileyo ukuza kusixuma kwintsokolo yethu ngenxa yokuba kungekho mntu uphangelayo kwelikhaya. Ndiswele imilomo eliwaka,” utshilo umnumzana Swart-booi.



uSekela Mphathiswa waMaPolisa uMnumzana Bongani Mkongi unikezela ngokutya ku sapho elungathathi ntweni lakwa Swartbooi kwenye yokokishi zase Bhofolo.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PRIORITIZED AT DSL

BY GCOBANI HLULANI



DSL women lifted their fists as an oath to support each other in climbing the ladder of success and eradicate the Pull Her Down Syndrome.

A highly packed program of the Head of Department's Women's Day whose purpose of the event was to empower women within the department, was held at the Steve Biko Centre at Ginsberg, in King William's Town on Thursday, 31 August 2017.

Present at the occasion was the Acting Head of Department (HOD) Mr Zukile Kani who welcomed the guests and gave words of wisdom to the women who attended the event. He motivated the women, especially the youth to empower themselves with education. He encouraged the women to educate one another and to strengthen the leadership in the department.

Ms Nolulamo Wakaba gave a brief explanation about gender mainstreaming and gender equality. She said that in each department there should be a person dedicated and committed to monitoring gender equality.

"Departments must make sure that gender equality does take place. Women are as talented as their male counterparts," she said. "Previously, women were not allowed to obtain higher education like men, hence their talents were looked down upon. But nowadays, they are also allowed to further their studies at Institutions of Higher Learning, thus encouraging women to showcase their talents, which will not only benefit them as individuals, but the country as a whole," said Wakaba.

Deputy Director for Human Resource Administration Services, Ms Nomandla Zuma shared inspirational words that she was taught responsibility at a very young age.

"Everyone is born with different potential, so we should know our strengths and weaknesses. Women should freely live with a sense of self-worth, respect and dignity. They should have a complete control of their life, both within and outside of their homes and workplace," she advised.

Ms Luyanda Tsipa, a businesswoman from Butterworth was the guest speaker who was given a platform to motivate the women of the Department of Safety and Liaison (DSL). She highlighted that in order to be taken seriously at work, you should dress appropriately, respect yourself, respect other people's feelings and respect how you address your colleagues.

"Men do not take us seriously, because we do not take each other seriously. We should change negative attitudes towards our fellow women," she said".

Senior Manager for Civil Oversight Ms Nonkqubela Hombakazi Mlenzana thanked the guests for having shared words of wisdom, inspiring stories and thanked the colleagues for having been a good audience.

"The event was not a waste of time, it was fruitful," she concluded.



Guest Speaker at the Women Empowerment event, Ms Luyanda Tsipa motivating the women brigade of the DSL

PHOTO GALLERY



Officials of the DSL participating in the Fraud and Anti-Corruption Workshop held in King William's Town



Ms Lusanda Namba liaising with one of the attendees of Bhisho Massacre Commemoration.



Deputy Director Communications and Marketing Mr Michael Msebi interacting with community members at Rotary Stadium in Mthatha.



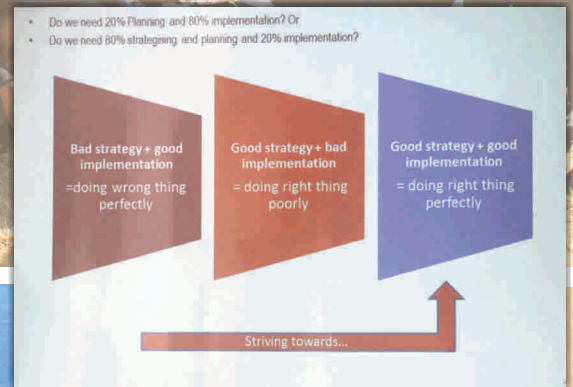
Senior Communication Officer Mr Anele Valela interacting with Eastern Cape Premier Mr Phumulo Masualle during the Bhisho Massacre Commemoration that was held at Victoria grounds in King William's Town.

Ladies dressed in red in line with the theme of the 2017 Women Empowerment Workshop of the DSL





Learners from Falo Senior Secondary School in Ncorha, Cofimvaba were among the delegates present at the handing over of the Mobile Police Station.



PRESS CONFERENCE: From left; PC Liziwe Ntshinga, MEC Weziwe Tikana, Far right: Acting HOD Zukile Kani chaired the programme.



Ms Sandiswa Lingela making a presentation during the safety Patrollers workshop held at King David Hotel in East London recently.



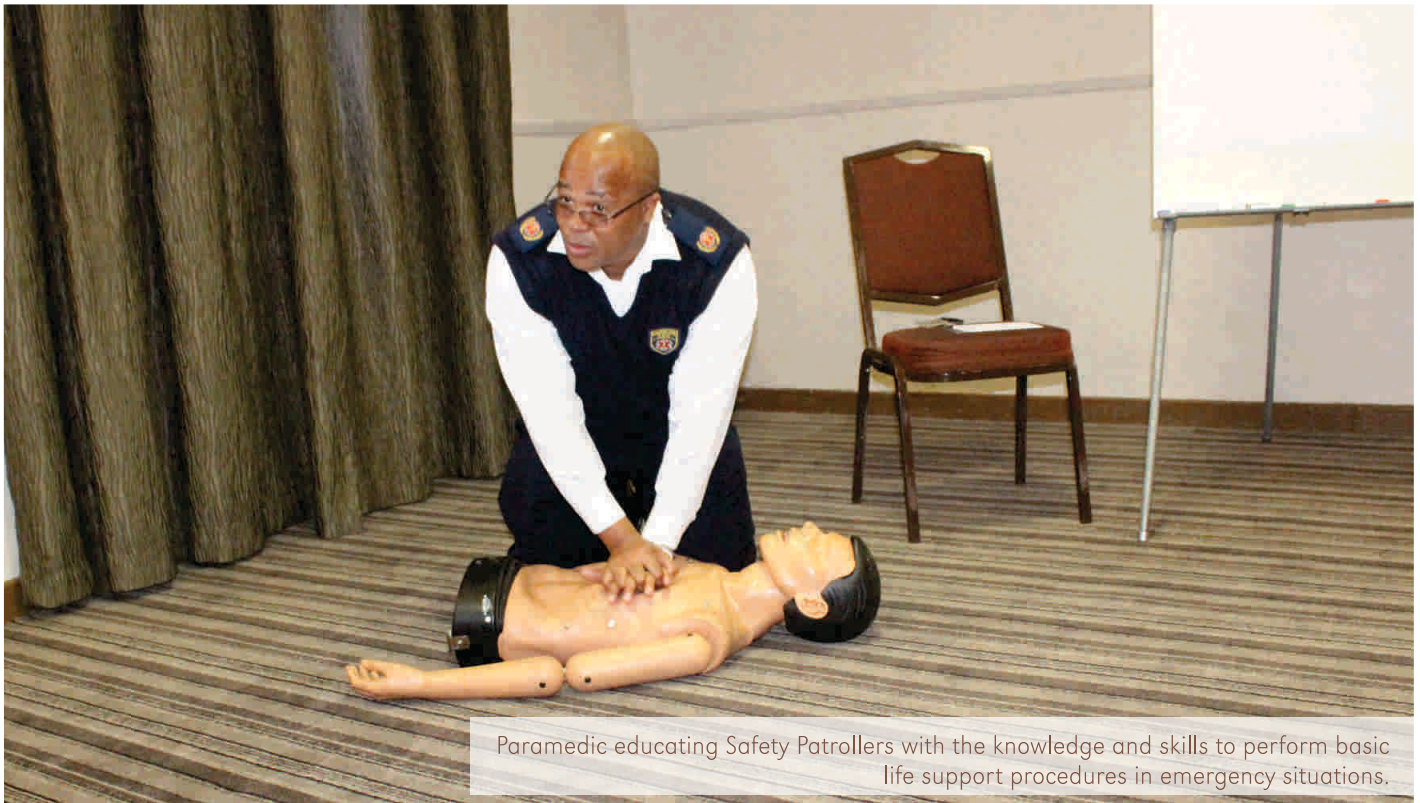
STRAT PLAN: DSL officials met in East London at the Strategic Planning conference on the 6 July, 2017.



Provincial Police Commissioner Lieutenant-General Liziwe Ntshinga, Deputy Minister for Police Honourable Bongani Mkhongi, and MEC of Safety and Liaison Honourable Weziwe Tikana at the Mandela Day celebration in Fort Beaufort.

SAFETY PATROLLERS PROGRAM CHANGES LIVES OF ORDINARY PEOPLE

BY SIPHOKAZI SONDISHE



Paramedic educating Safety Patrollers with the knowledge and skills to perform basic life support procedures in emergency situations.

During the two-day Scholar Patroller workshop ,which, was held at the King David Hotel, East London, over 70 Safety Patrollers poured out their hearts as they testified about how the Safer Schools Programme transformed their livelihoods and outlook in life as both patrollers and parents in their homes.

In October last year, the Department of Safety and Liaison (DSL) was allocated R1.8m by the Department of Public Works for job creation, through the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP). The DSL managed to create employment for 82 Safety Patrollers, which, were deployed at 40 schools that were identified as hotspot areas of crime around the Eastern Cape Province.

“Working for Safety as a patroller brought a great change into my life. My dignity in society has been restored as I can now provide for my family as a father and mentor other children at schools as a patroller. The Safer Schools programme has changed my perspective on life. I advise fathers to get closer to their children and stop leaving them off with their mothers,” said Thobile Ntamo, a Safety Patroller from the Nelson Mandela Bay.

The purpose of the training, which, was facilitated by the Department of Safety and Liaison in partnership with five government

departments, was to equip Safety Patrollers with various skills, such as how to identify drug users among learners, identify victims of abuse, provide health and safety tips on the job. This was due to the fact that they sometimes would deal with learners whose determination was to instigate violence in the schools they were responsible for.



Sisanda Madlavana, a learner from Mziwokhanyo High School reflecting on the impact of safety patrollers in her school.

Attendees of Safety Patrollers workshop listening attentively.



The Department of Health conducted safety skills, such as how to perform Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and the art of applying pressure on the wound when a child is bleeding. Meanwhile, the South African Police Services (SAPS) gave them safety tips on how to disperse gang fights and protests. Social Development official, Ms Bongi Gxalathana shared symptoms that would indicate a molested child, drug addict and the steps to take to assist in such situations. The Department of Education as well as the Department of Transport were also represented. On the last day of the training, the Safety Patrollers expressed words of gratitude to the DSL for having granted them the opportunity to strengthen their strides in their quest to eradicate crime in schools.

Patrollers were given ample opportunity to air the challenges they were faced with at schools and the officials that were

present advised them on how to handle the issues. Sisanda Madlavana, a 15 year old grade 10 learner from Mzukhanyo High School at Duncan Village in East London, reflected on the impact of Safety Patrollers in her school.

“The Safety Patrollers are very helpful in our school,” she said. “Ever since they came, things have changed. Previously, we would get robbed inside the school premises by other learners. Some of us were afraid to go to school, because of bullies. Other learners would bunk classes and hide behind the toilets to smoke drugs, but that does not happen anymore. I would like to express my profound gratitude to the Department of Safety and Liaison, for having come to our assistance,” said Madlavana.

ISIKHULULO SAMAPOLISA ESITSHA SIFIKILE ENCORHA

BY SIPHOKAZI SONDISHE



NCORA: Abahlali belali yaseNcora banikwa ithuba lokuphakamisa izikhululo nelokubulela ngeSikhululo nezithuthi zamaPolisa ezitsha ngosuku olunye.

ABAHlalali bakuCofimvaba baxhentse kwaqhum'umuthuli yimincili kwitheko elalibanjelwe kwilali yaseNcorha apho lbambela ntloko kwiSebe Lezokhuseleko noNxibelelwano, uMnumzana Zukile Kani, ebambisene nomphathi wamapolisa, uNjengele Liziwe Ntshinga namanye amasebe karhulumente, baye banikezela ngokusesikweni inqwelo esiSikhululo samaPolisa.

Lomcimbi wawubanjwe ngomhla wama 27 kweyeKhala, ngo2017.

Yayi-ngumbo nomxesibe, intente eyayimi phambi kweholo yoluntu iTribal Authority igcwele ime ngeembambo zingwevu zelali nabafundi bezikolo zaseNcorha beye kuzimasa lomsitho. Iinjogo zabo yayikukwamkela iinkonzo ebabebonelelwe ngazo ngurhulumente, kwaye benyeke nethuba lokubhodla izikhululo neziphakamiso zabo kwabasemagunyeni. Echaza injogo yomsitho uNjengele, Liziwe Ntshinga wathetha wathi; "Lomsitho uyandonwabisa kakhulu ngokuba usisifezekiso sebhunga elalihleli kunye neNkos'uZanomhlaba ngethuba esasilapha ngaphambili. Sigqibe ekubeni sizise isikhululo samaPolisa esihambayo, kuba sisazi ukuba, ukwakha isikhululo kungathatha ixesha elide. Silapha ukuze sis'esweni izidingo zabahlali. Yiyo lonto sibone ukuba namhlanje masinothuse ngokongeza iinqwelo ezimbini zamaPolisa,

ukwaleka phezu kwesikhululo esi," utshilo uNjengele Ntshinga.

Wongeze ngelithi "Ndiyabongoza ukuba abahlali bancedisane namapolisa ekulweni ulwaphulo-mthetho kulengingqi ngokuba amapolisa awasoze alifeze idabi lokulwa ubundlobongela esebenza odwa."

Ngokwamazwi ka Njengele Ntshinga, ucaphule kudliwano ndlebe olwaluphakathi kwamapolisa no Nkos'uSabata, esithi, "Kwakhankanywa ukuba uninzi lolwaphulo-mthetho lwenzeka ekuzenikusa, ngenxa yeshibhini ezivalwa ngentseni."

Uvalelise ngelicala amapolisa aseNcorha ukuba aziphathe ngononophelo iinqwelo ezo athenjwe ngazo ngurhulumente, ewayala kananjalo ukuba asebenzisane nabantu ngesidima kuba abubuso bukarhulumente eluntwini.



Ekhohlo: lbambela Ntloko KwiSebe Lezokhuseleko noNxibelelwano, Ummumzana Zukile Kani utyikitya incwadi zokunikezela isikhululo samaPolisa ngokusesikweni kwisithili saseNcora. Ekunene: Umphathi wamaPolisa uNjengele Liziwe Ntshinga.



Ibambela Ntloko KwiSebe Lezokhuseleko noNxibelelwano, Ummumzana Zukile Kani waphakama waphendula iziphakamiso zabahlali baseNcora.

Uluntu lwanikwa ithuba lokuphakamisa imicelimngeni ilali ejamelene nayo. Kuninzi lweziphakamiso zabahlali, kwakhankanywa umba wokubanjwa kwezikrelemnqa ngamapolisa ziphinde zikhululwe zibonwe ziyabula elalini ngethutyana elingephi. uXoliswa Baba, waseMgababa, waphakama wathi, “Ndiza nesilumkiso kulamapolisa sizakuwongezelwa apha eNcorha. Amapolisa siwatsalela umnxeba sisithi maweze kuvala iindawo zentselo, asuke afike ahlalephantsi asele utywala noonqevu baleNcorha. Maxawambi siye siwantluvisise ngemizi ethengisa intsangu, afike ngokukhawuleza, kodwa xa siwabiza ngenxa yokuba sigetyengwa, athatha ithuba elide ukufika,” ucacise watsho uBaba. “Sizifumana singenathemba lokhuseleko emapoliseni ngenxa yeemeko ezinjalo, nangona sizimisele nje ukusebenzisana nawo,” esoleka umsundu.

iBambela ntloko leSebe Lezokhuseleko noNxibelelwano, uMnumzana Zukile Kani wathetha ekhuza abazali ngokuthenga oomabona kude ebantwaneni besazi ukuba abaphangeli kwiivenkile zefenishala. Ukhankanye nombaba wokuhlukunyezwa kwabantu abadala lulutsha, ekhuthaza iikomiti zokuhlala ukuba zithathe inkxaxheba, zilwe ubundlobongela.

“Xa ndingena ezihlanguwini zabahlali, akukhonto ibuhlungu njengathi kukuya eSikhululweni saMapolisa uyokuphalaza ingxaki, uze ufike amapolisa ephantsi kwempempelelo zotywala emsebeni okanye, ube lilifa lentsini xa uyindonda uyokuchaza ngohlukunyezwa ekhayeni. Ndiyazikhuthaza iikomiti zokuhlala ukuba zithathe uxanduva lokuncedisana neSebe Lezokhuseleko noNxibelelwano, kunye namapolisa oMzantsi Afrika ekugcineni uxolo nokhuseleko ekuhlaleni,” uvalalise ngelitshoyo uMnumzana Kani.

uMonde Mnqanqane, 18, ongumfundi webanga leshumi elinesibini, kwiSikolo samabanga aphakamileyo, iFalo, uthe; “Kuyandivuyisa kakhulu ukufika kweSikhululo Samapolisa, kwaye, ndiyakholwa ukuba iyakwenza umahluko omkhulu. Ngoku nokuba umntu akanandlela yokutsalela amapolisa umnxeba angasuka aziyele kwiSikhululo, kuba sikufutshane eluntwini,” utshilo uMnqanqane.

MEC TIKANA HONOURS RETIRED POLICE

BY ANELE VALELA



The fight against crime is a lifelong commitment that should never be suspended until the scourge of crime and lawlessness is uprooted from society.

Testament to this was when the MEC of the Department of Safety and Liaison, Honourable Weziwe Tikana presented long services awards to retired members of the South African Police Service during the 10th year anniversary celebrations of the Eastern Cape Police Pensioners Association (ECPA), which was held at the SAPS Academy in Bhisho recently.

Honourable MEC Tikana commended the SAPS for all its endeavours in the fight against crime. "One of the biggest challenges facing our country is the protection of vulnerable groups, including women and children. It is very important that association like the ECPA should receive enormous support from all spheres of government and the private sector," said the Honourable MEC.

Key among the goals of the ECPA has always been to take care of retired policemen and women as well as the widows, widowers and children of late policemen and women. The Honourable MEC further reiterated the importance of transfer of skills from the one generation of police officials to the next.

"In my opinion, the wealth of expertise and knowledge gathered here should find expression in all platforms, and of particular importance the focus should be placed on young new recruits so that continuity of the fight against crime is kept at the highest level that the retirees have shown over years," she insisted.

Three different medals were awarded to ten former police officials eligible to receive the honour.

The first medal was the South African Police Service Twenty Year Loyal Service medal, which was awarded to a member of the SAPS who had served for a period of at least 20 years and had displayed an irreproachable character and exemplary conduct.

This award was bestowed upon Colonel Jafta, Colonel Ndzelu, Colonel Ngini, Warrant Officer Ndema, Warrant Officer Quluba and Colonel Jongidiza.

The second medal was the South African Police Service Ten Year Commemoration Medal, which was awarded to a member of the SAPS, who had served during the amalgamation period, with effect from the 27 January 1995 to the 27 January 2005 and had displayed an irreproachable character and exemplary conduct. This award was received by Captain Soyizwapi.

The third and last medal was the South African Police Service Centenary medal, which, had been awarded to members of the SAPS, a Reservist or a Civilian employee of the service who was in the service during that period up to 1 April 2013. The medal was deemed appropriate by His Excellency the President of the Republic of South Africa, Honourable Jacob Zuma, to celebrate 100 years of policing in South Africa, from 1 April 1913 to 1 April 2013. The medal was awarded to Captain Twalo. Captain Soyizwapi said he was honoured for having received such a prestigious award in recognition of his service to the SAPS.

"I feel honoured to be counted among those members who are eligible to receive medals here today. Being a police officer is a calling of a high esteem, because members of the SAPS lay down their lives to put the people of South Africa first," he explained.

MEC TIKANA TALKS TO MEDIA TO CONDEMN THE SPATE OF CANNIBALISM IN THE EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE

BY ANELE VALELA



PRESS CONFERENCE: From Right - left: Acting Head of Department for Safety and Liaison, Mr Zukile Kani, MEC for Safety and Liaison, Honourable Weziwe Tikana delivering the keynote address. Far Left: Provincial Police Commissioner Lizwe Ntshinga.

Aphiwe Mapekula was subsequently shot by the police while he was trying to flee after he was found eating the flesh of the deceased. Another horrific incident was the murder of four year old Kamvelihle Ngala, from Port St Johns whose body was chopped up, his heart eaten and his blood was drunk by his uncle.

"I must state unequivocally, that as Government, we condemn all of these criminal acts, with the strongest possible terms," she emphasized.

Honourable MEC Tikana further stated that communities should take centre stage and expose all forms of criminal behaviour so that the people could live in peace and harmony with one another.

Following an outbreak of senseless killings and acts of cannibalism, including eating of human flesh in the Eastern Cape Province, the MEC of the Department of Safety and Liaison, Honourable Weziwe Tikana held a Media Conference with the aim to send a message of hope to the Eastern Cape community at large.

According to the MEC, it was prudent for her to keep the members of the media and the community abreast of what the government was doing to curb the spread of violence against women and men, in the Eastern Cape Province.

The cases reported and referred to during the media briefing included the murder of 35 year old Thembisa Masumpa from Mount Frere who was beheaded. The 23 year old suspect,

"Crime is not unique to any community, the province or the country, but it is a world-wide challenge that requires collaborative efforts to combat it. Communities need to be involved not only in determining policing priorities in their areas, but also in identifying the crime prevention needs as well. Crime levels are affected by a wide range of economic, social and political factors. Addressing the crime prevention needs requires a multi-disciplinary, integrated approach. So, in unity, much could be achieved and in unison we shall indeed achieve more," explained the Honourable MEC.

Present at the Media Conference was the Acting Head of Department of Safety and Liaison, Mr Zukile Kani and the Eastern Cape Provincial Commissioner Lieutenant-General Liziwe Ntshinga.



Reporters from various media houses such as the SABC, Daily Dispatch, Daily Sun, Isolezwe, Mdantsane FM, Fort Hare FM and many more honored the conference.

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