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Once again, as the Communications Family, we bring you glitz and glamour, through the programmes that were implemented during the fourth quarter of the Department of Safety and Liaison(DSL).

It is worth noting that the fourth quarter of each financial year is always a busy period for the DSL. The 2017/18 financial year, was no different to the

financial years preceding this one.

The DSL has recorded many significant milestones and achievements for the fourth quarter, with specific reference to the Safety Month Programme. High impact programmes which were rolled-out to the communities, in the fight against crime, were some of the following:

- Strategic Planning Session
- Safety Month Launch
- Youth Dialogue and School Debate
- Accountability Engagement
- MEC Breakfast with Learners Living with a Disability
- Cleansing Ceremony at Engcobo

However, the tragedy of Engcobo, where five police officers were gunned down inside the police station, as one of the cruelest acts of crime, has left an indelible mark in the minds and hearts of the people of the Eastern Cape Province. Safety and Liaison played a central role in government's concerted efforts to handle the tragedy with absolute care. You can read more about this story on the Opinion Piece column on page 3.

The Department of Safety and Liaison is committed to the realization of a "Safe and Crime free Eastern Cape". Through this newsletter, we are obliged to encourage all current and potential readers to play their part, and contribute significantly towards the safety and security of their family and community members, virtually in all walks of life.

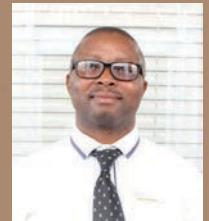


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MANCOBA TRAGEDY



BY MICHAEL MSEBI



Mrs Nombongo Mancoba, (widow of the late Siphiwo Mancoba who was the founder of the 7 Angels Ministry in Engcobo), is pictured here in her home at Nyanga Village, in Engcobo with the Eastern Cape Provincial Commissioner, Lieutenant-General Liziwe Ntshinga on Saturday, 21 April 2018.

First and foremost the brutal killing of five police officers and a retired soldier in Engcobo on Wednesday, 21 February 2018, had indeed sent shock waves throughout the length and breadth of the Eastern Cape Province and country alike.

In this context, cults that are hiding under the pretext of religious beliefs should be dealt with harshly through collective social cohesion and responsibility. Inextricably linked to the cult in Engcobo, was a myriad of criminal activities that were associated with it, which, resulted in the killing of five police officers and a retired soldier in the area. These criminal activities range from fraud to murders. In view of this social phenomenon, no one would imagine that a church, which by its very nature is to restore and uphold the moral fibre of the communities, could actually bring out in the people, immoral behaviour detrimental to the moral fibre of the communities.

In view of the church of this kind, we therefore, call upon all members of the community across the Eastern Cape Province, to refrain from joining churches that are condoning criminal activities. Instead, they should first conduct proper research before joining any church of their choice. In so doing, they would be exercising their right with vigilance, so that they could discern right from the wrong at the inception. Most importantly, we should be more frank and honest to admit that Engcobo tragedy, has indeed signalled a point of no return, as it was not a simple attack on a police station, but an attack on the security apparatus of the Eastern Cape Government as a whole. We have now realised how vulnerable our rural police stations are, and that unless we

effect significant changes to the policing and safety fraternity, as by the look of things, we are likely to experience more of the same or worse.

Nevertheless, good churches should continue to bring out the best in their people, so that each person could live in peace and harmony with the other. In this regard, churches are expected to play their vital role in restoring and upholding the moral fibre of the communities for the safety and security of all people in the Eastern Cape Province. Most importantly, as neighbours, we should know one another very well so that if there is anything that is likely to ruin the moral fibre of the community, it can be detected at an early stage. This will then afford the community members an opportune time to overcome it just before it grows to a disaster, which, is akin to that of Engcobo.



The mountain from the foot of which the 7 Angels Cult operates in Nyanga Village, Engcobo.

ISEBE LITHANDAZELA IPASIKA EKHUSELEKILEYO

NguBUKIWE MDABULA



Abefundisi beemvaba ngee mvaba bemanyene kwi nkozi yePasika eyayibanjelwe ezwelitsha ngomhla wama 27 kweyoKwindla 2018.

Ngomhla wamashumi amabini anesixhenxe kwinyanga yoKwindla ngonyaka wamawaka amabini eneshumi elinesibhozo, uMphathiswa weZothutho, uKhuseleko noNxibelelwano uWeziwe Tikana wayesingathe inkonzo yomthandazo weholide zePasika.

Le nkonzo yayibanjelwe eMxenge kwiiOfisi zesiPolisa kwiPhondo leMpuma Koloni.

Injongo yalenkonzo yayikukubeka emthandazweni bonke abantu baseMzantsi Afrika ababesakube besezindleleni ngethuba leholide zePasika ukuba bafike bephila kwindawo abazakuya kuzo. Uluntu lwakhunjuzwa kananjalo ukuba ukuphila kwabo kuxhomekeke kwindlela abaziphetheyo ngayo. ukuze bakhuseleke ezindleleni xa besiya kwindawo ngendawo beyobhiyozela ipasika nezihlobo zabo.

Abasenzi ababazimase le nkonzo yayingaba sebenzi balamasebe alandelayo: eloKhuseleko noNxibelelwano, Isebe lesiPolisa kunye neSebe leZothutho. Abasebenzi balamasebe akhankanywe ngasentla baye bamkelwa ngokusesikweni kulenkonzo indilisekileyo yamazwi asixhenxe nguMphathiswa weZemidlalo neNkcubeko uNkosazana Pemmy Majodina, evathe izambatho zenkonzo yake yamaWisile ukuhlonipha lomcimbi undiliseke kangaka.

Ulwamkelo novulo nkonzo lwenziwa ngumfundisi M.L Qwabaza, etshaye le inkonzo yamazwi asixhenxe ayesenziwa ngabafundisi beemvaba ngeemvaba, bemanyene ukuvuselela emphefumleni abasebenzi bamasebe kaRhulumente.

Inkqubo yamazwi asixhenxe yahamba ngoluhlobo uMfundisi uLali we United Congregation wenza ilizwi lokuqala,

elesibini nguMfundisi uBloko we Anglican Church, elesithathu nguMfundisi uMagadla we Evangelical Presbyterian, elesine nguBhishophu Meintjies waseTopiya, elesihlanu lenziwa nguMfundisi uJaxa we National Baptist, elesithandathu lenziwa ngumfundisi waseFree Church uMfundisi Kettleadas, elesixhenxe lenziwa nguMfundisi uNyoni wasemapoliseni.

Umfundisi wabopha bonke abasebenzi ngomthandazo wokuvala ebayaleza kuMdali ukuze basinde kwizixholoxholo zexesha lePasika baze bakhuseleke neentsapho zabo babuye bonke bephephile.

Umunzana Zukile Kani oyiNtsumpa kwiSebe lezoKhuseleko noNxibelelwano wabulela bonke abantu ababazimase loonkonzo, ingakumbi abefundisi beemvaba ngeemvaba, abaphathi bamasebe kunye noluntu ngokubanzi ngokuzimasa lomthandazo wePasika.



uMnumzana Monwabisi Mathumbu, uNkosikazi Nomandla Zuma kunye noNkosazana Nomfundo Mahonga bezimase inkonzo yePasika eyayibanjelwe ezwelitsha ngomhla wama 27 kweyoKwindla 2018.

INYANGA YOKHUSELEKO IPHEHLELWE NGOKUSESIKWENI

NguSIPHOKAZI SONDISHE

UMphathiswa weSebe lezoKhuseleko noNxibelelwano uNkosazana Weziwe Tikana wayiphehlelela ngokusesikweni inyanga yoMdumba njengoko yatyunjwa njengeNyanga yoKhuseleko.

Lomnyhadala owawubanjelwe eCobosi, kwilali yaseNgcobo, wawuzinyaswe ngamaziko aliqela aquka iSebe Lezophuhliso Loluntu, Isebe leZothutho, iSebe Lemfundo, abakwa-SASSA kunye Neziko laMapolisa Omzantsi Afrika (SAPS) likhokelwa nguMkomishini waMapolisa uNjengele Liziwe Ntshinga, ngomhla wesibini kuFebruwari, 2018.

Injongo yokusekwa kwenyanga yokhuseleko yayigxile ekuphuhlisweni kwamalinge okulwa ubundlobongela nolwaphulo mthetho ingakumbi uhlukunyezo lwabasetyhini nabadala, urhulumente ebambisene nolutsha kwiPhondo leMpuma Kapa jikele. Ibambelantloko leSebe Lezokhuseleko noNxibelelwano uMnumzana Zukile Kani wadandalazisa injongo yethoko ngelithi; “Umongo weliphulo ugxile ekuphumezeni amalinge okhuseleko ePhondweni jikelele. Kunjalo nje iSebe Lezokhuseleko nezoNxibelelwano kulenyanga yokhuseleko lizimisele ukulwa ubundlobongela, ingakumbi impatho gadalala komama, abadala kunye nabantwana,” litshilo ibambela ntloko, uMnumzana Kani.

Umphathi weZiko Lezendlela and Public Works, uMnumzana Zamide Kalako wathetha wathi: “Siyiqaphele into yokuba ilinge lika SASSA lokuncedisa abantu abadala ngemali yendodla nabo baphila nokhubazekho lusuke lwangomnye unobangela wokuba abantu bagetyengwe. Umyalezo esizanowo ngalemini yanamhlanje ngowokuba; Kwanele!. Abantu bakuthi mabancedisane ekukhuseleni umphakathi nezalamane zethu, singenzani amakhoba sodwa singumzi ontsundu,” Utshilo uRegional Director we Roads and Public Works, Zamide Kalako.

Umphathiswa weSebe Lezokhuseleko noNxibelelwano uWeziwe Tikana wathetha emsithweni egqale ngakumbi elutsheni, ephalaza imbilini yakhe ngesimo sesizwe nonqongophalo lokhuseleko loluntu nabantwana jikelele; “OTatu Mandela noLindiwe Sisulu babesilwela ukhuseleko loluntu. Ndiva kabuhlungu xa namhlanje abantwana becofwa ngoTisthala, amalungu eSchool Governing Body (SGB), nalamakhwenkwe nihlala nawo. Siyafuna ukuninceda intonayo niyathula ixesha elide. iTarvens ezingenamaphepha zizakuvalwa zonke. Njengoko umkomishini wamapolisa enikeza ngenombolo zakhe zocingo rhoqo, zenizisebenzise ngobulumko nichaze xa nibona kuthutyeleziwa intsangu neziyobisi,” watsho engqukruleka uMphathiswa Tikana.

uMkomishini waMapolisa weMpuma Kapa uNjengele Liziwe Ntshinga wakhankanya izinto abazakugxila kuzo



Umphathiswa weSebe loKhuseleko noNxibelelwano uNkosikazi Weziwe Tikana esothula intetho ephambili ngethuba kuphehlelelwa inyanga Yokhuseleko kwilali yaseCobosi ngomhla 1 kweyoMdumba 2018.

bengamapolisa ekulweni ulwaphulomthetho ingakumbi ngenyanga yokhuseleko. Wathetha wathi ezona zinto bazakugxila kuzo kakhulu kukuvalwa kwendawo ezithengisa utywala.

“Lenyanga yinyanga yokuba sibambane ngezandla siyimijelo karhulumente. Ixesha lokuthetha kakhulu liphelile. Sizimisele ukuvala zonke indawo ezithengisa utywala. Sivale zambini phezolo oku eNgcobo. Eyesibini, kukuvala ivenkile ezithengisa ngokungekhomthethweni zingenazimpepha mvume ngoba kuye kuthengiswe neziyobisi ekhusini. Sicebisa ukuba otsotsi babophe imithwalo yabo bahambe ngoba sifikile,” utshilo uNjengele Ntshinga.

Wavalelisa ngesithembiso kubahlali baseCobosi uNjengele Ntshinga esithi, bengaMapolisa bazakuboleka isithuthi kumaPolisa aseCofimvaba esiyakusetyenziswa ngamapolisa aseCobosi njengesiKhululo saMapolisa esihambayo, kwiVeki elandelayo logama besayondelelanisa esaseCobosi.

GOVERNMENT WAGES WAR AGAINST CRIME IN PORT ALFRED

BY GCOBANI HLULANI



Chief Director for Community Safety Ms Phumla Nqakula, Acting Head of Department (HOD) of Safety and Liaison Mr Zukile Kani and Eastern Cape Provincial Commissioner Lieutenant – General Liziwe Ntshinga at the Safety Month community outreach program held in Port Alfred on Friday, 16 February 2018.

On Friday, 16 February 2018, the Department of Safety Liaison (DSL) held an Accountability Engagement program at Titi Jonas Hall – KwaDuzza in Port Alfred.

The purpose of the event was to engage with the community of Nemato about the matter of domestic violence and the abuse of women and children.

Sector departments including Social Development, Correctional Services, Justice and Home Affairs delivered strong messages against criminal activities. Acting Head of the DSL, Mr Zukile Kani and the Provincial Commissioner of Eastern Cape, Lieutenant-General (Lt. Gen.) Liziwe Ntshinga were among the speakers of the day.

The Acting Head of the Department of Safety and Liaison, Mr Zukile Kani urged the community to report domestic violence, rape and any other forms of criminality. He also expressed his concerns over the safety of children in the area. "Let us all work together to ensure the safety of children in our communities," he said.

Ms Nosithembiso Sakata from the Department of Social Development gave a brief explanation about the role and responsibility of the Crime Prevention Unit.

"As from 2008, government introduced the law that deals with children under the age of 18, where child who is involved in criminal activities will be taken to the Department of Social Development. We assess the child and find out what influenced the child to commit the crime. In cases such as theft, you would find out that a child comes from a poor family or does not have parents. Some of the children commit crime, because they were influenced by friends, so we take them to the diversion programme to prevent re-offending. If

the child commits serious offence we take the child to a Child Youth Centre to be rehabilitated," she concluded.

Lt. Gen. Ntshinga used the platform to introduce to the community the new Station Commander of Nemato, Lieutenant Colonel Cowan Cannon.

"We have appointed a new Station Commander to serve this community. There will also be an increase in resources," she explained.

Lt. Gen. Ntshinga applauded Nemato SAPS for their dedication and commitment and urged the community to work with the police in the fight against crime. She also encouraged them to support the Community Police Forums (CPFs) in the concerted efforts to fight crime in their areas.

"The CPF needs your assistance. These are your representatives, please support them," she said.

She condemned all criminal activities that were taking place at different schools and urged teachers, learners and parents to report any act of criminality.

Members of the Nemato community had an opportunity to raise their concerns relating to policing in their area. Community member, Lulama Sontsonga highlighted her concern over the protection of informants. She said the police officers revealed the names of those reporting crime to the accused offenders. She said this compromised the protection of informants.



Sarah Baartman District Director Mr Mbuyiselo Dyasi making welcoming remarks during the Safety Month community outreach program held in Port Alfred on Friday, 16 February 2018.

DSL DEALS WITH GANGS AND DRUGS IN WHITTLESEA

BY ANELE VALELA



Learners of Nompulelo High School in Whittlesea making a presentation on gansterism and drug abuse during the Safety Month outreach program that was held in Whittlesea on Tuesday, 13 February 2018.

when the youth has realized what ganstarism is all about, they struggle to get out of it. We will steadfastly continue to work with the community of Whittlesea and the schools in particular, until the problem of drug abuse and gang groups is eliminated permanently," he added.

DSL has been hard at work in the Whittlesea area since 2009. In 2014, the department formed impactful partnerships with the Department of Social Development, the Department of Education and the South African Police Service (SAPS), in order to rapidly resolve the problems identified.

The venue was packed to full capacity at Dongwe Township in Whittlesea, by the people who came to listen to their leaders. This gathering was organized as a quick response to the proliferating gang groups which have given rise to the shocking criminal activities in the area.

In a response to this clarion call, the Department of Safety and Liaison (DSL) partnered with the Department of Education in hosting a massive Community Engagement Programme in Whittlesea on Tuesday, 12 February 2018. This was a concerted effort made to address the problem of drugs and gang groups, which, have become so wide-spread in the area.

The programme formed part of the Annual Safety Month Programme of the department, which, was implemented across the entire Eastern Cape Province. The 2018 February Safety Month programme had focused its attention on the youth. Chief among the issues that were increasingly becoming a stumbling block to the fight against crime, included cases of human trafficking, drug abuse, bullying in schools, gangstarism, cannibalism and abuse of women and children. All these social-ills have strongly affected the youth, in one way or the other.

The Acting Head of the Department of Safety and Liaison Mr Zukile Kani said that the programme was one of many initiatives that the department had carried-out to bring stability to some of the affected communities of the Eastern Cape Province. "For many years we have been driving the Safer Schools Programme, where we have deployed Safety Patrollers to schools which had alarming levels of drug abuse and gang groups," he said. "Another important programme that we bring to Whittlesea today is called the "Exiting Ganstarism" programme. We have noted with concern that

One of the major root causes of drug related problems and ganstarism in the area has been attributed to the high levels of unemployment. Many young people who are in the "youth out of school" bracket, have not had an opportunity to further their studies at Institutions of Higher Learning. Many of them have resorted to criminal activities as a way of consoling themselves.

The Eastern Cape Provincial Police Commissioner, Lieutenant-General Liziwe Ntshinga said there was no excuse for getting involved in crime.

"Poverty is not an excuse for a criminal act. We are all responsibility for our own lives and for our own actions. No matter what your reason for getting yourself involved in crime may be, the law will find you out and you will be dealt with harshly, because we are all equal before the law. I want to encourage the young people to think positively and to focus on their future. Dream big and work hard to attain your goals," she concluded.



Acting Head of Safety and Liaison Mr Zukile Kani seen at the Safety Month activities held at Whittlesea on Tuesday, 13 February 2018 with ex - offenders and youth who are involved in the Exiting Gangstarism Program facilitated by the Department of Safety and Liaison on Monday, 12 February 2018.

PHOTO GALLERY



Member of the Safety and Liaison Youth Development Forum, Mr Lukhanyo Mbiza giving the youth perspective on issues of safety during the Safety Month activities held at Cobosi Village on Friday, 2 February 2018.



AmaXhosa King Mpendulo Sigcawu, National Police Commissioner Genral Khehla Sitole, Deputy Minister for Police Bongani Mkhongi, MEC for Cooperative Governance & Traditional Affairs (COGTA) Fikile Xasa and Minister for Police Bheki Cele among the VIPs who attended the memorial service of the 5 policemen and a soldier who were killed in Ngcobo. The memorial service was held in Ngcobo on Tuesday, 27 February 2018.



Members of the Community Police Forum (CPF) of the Ngcobo Cluster present during the Engcobo cleansing ceremony held at Nyanga Village in Engcobo on Saturday, 17 March 2018.



Ms Nohle Tabata made her final appearance as an employee of the Department of Safety and Liaison at the farewell function held in her honour on Friday, 16 March 2018 at the Steve Biko Centre. Ms Tabata worked in the Community Safety Directorate for many years.



Executive Mayor of Engcobo Local Municipality Councillor Lizeka Tyali, MEC for Safety and Liaison Weziwe Tikana and MEC for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) Fikile Xasa present at the cleansing service held at Nyanga Village, Engcobo on Sunday, 18 March 2018.



Mr Anele Valela interviews the AbaThembu King Azenathi Dalindyebo with community leaders and Headmen in attendance during the Engcobo cleansing ceremony held at Nyanga Village in Engcobo on Saturday, 17 March 2018.



Acting HOD of Safety and Liaison, Captain Govender, Brigadier Govender, Lieutenant – General Liziwe Ntshinga with Ndlambe FM presenters, Xolisa Dyaka and Titus Jibiliza ahead of the community outreach program that was held in Port Alfred on Friday, 16 February 2018.



MEC for Safety and Liaison, Weziwe Tikana speaking at the community outreach program held at Linge Location on Thursday, 22 March 2018.



Provincial Chairperson of the Safety and Liaison Youth Development Forum (YDF) Mr Siyanda Ngceba and Ms Lumka Ludwaba from the Policy and Research Unit were present at the Safety Month Youth Dialogue program held in Aliwal North on Monday, 12 February 2018.

YOUTH AS AGENTS OF CHANGE BY THOMAS HELLMANN



Young people who attended the youth Activation Workshop in Addo. The programme was intended to enhance the functionality of existing youth volunteer structures, the Youth Crime Prevention Desks (YCPD) for promoting community safety.

As a way of activating the youth and their capacities to be agents of safer communities, the South African Police Service (SAPS), the Department of Safety and Liaison (DSL) and the Inclusive Violence and Crime Prevention Programme (VCP) of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) have developed a programme to enhance the functionality of existing youth volunteer structures, the Youth Crime Prevention Desks (YCPD) for promoting community safety.

According to Mr Thomas Hellmann, the structure is a youth division of the Community Policing Forum (CPF) and it is based in police stations. It consists of young people from the community, who voluntarily implement youth crime prevention activities in their respective communities. One measure of support to the YCPD is a Leadership Training Initiative with an aim to capacitate the young people with skills which provides them an opportunity to take up social responsibility and contribute actively to the safety of their communities.

“The activation workshop in the Cambridge Police station was a first step of the actual training to showcase the importance of youth volunteerism and leadership where seven stations participated with each being represented by

three to six members. The police stations were from throughout the Amathole District Municipality, jointly with their SAPS Youth Coordinator,” said Mr Hellmann.

He added by saying that the Stations which participated included East London Central, Duncan Village, Cambridge, King William's Town, Sutterheim, Idutywa and Butterworth. At least two members of each station would be selected to take part in the training that would take place throughout the month of April at the Addo SAPS Training Center.

In conclusion he had this to say, “Subsequent to the Amathole Activation Workshop, six other stations participated in an Activation Workshop in Port Elizabeth. This is the second round of training that evolved through this project in the support of making South Africa a safer place and to contribute to the National Development Plan (NDP) Outcome 3 – “Building Safer Communities”. It is intended for SAPS and DSL to take this project further in a next phase to train all YCPD members throughout the 196 Police stations in the province”.

DSL INVESTS IN THE YOUTH

BY ANELE VALELA



A multi-sector delegation including learners, politicians, community leaders and civil servants, which was led by the Acting HOD of Safety and Liaison Mr Zukile Kani and the Provincial Commissioner Lieutenant – General Liziwe Ntshinga gathered at the Limakatso Conference Centre in Aliwal North during the Safety month activities held on Monday, 12 February 2018.

Driven by its commitment to uproot crime in order for all South Africans to feel and be safe, the Department of Safety and Liaison (DSL), through the February Safety Month programme, held a Youth Dialogue session on Monday, 12 February 2018 at the Limakatso Conference Centre in Aliwal North.

It is a known fact and an undisputable truth that the young people are the future leaders.

As much as there are many positives to celebrate about the reality of this truth, there is a negative side about it. The youth will grow up to be adults who will become responsible for the development and stability of the country and world at large. However, the world is faced with the unfortunate reality of the ever increasing challenge of crime. Therefore, there is a possibility that some of today's youth will be accidentally or intentionally caught up in criminal activity, even though there is a commonly shared desire that all children would grow up to become responsible citizens of South Africa.

The programme was held in partnership with the Joe Slovo Local Municipality, the South African Police Service (SAPS) and the Department of Transport.

Outlining the purpose of the day, the DSL Acting Head of the Department (HOD), Mr Zukile Kani reminded the learners and the young adults that the future was theirs for the taking. "In order for you to succeed in life, you need to work hard and focus on your goals," said the HOD. "It begins with the correct frame of mind and making correct decisions. You

must never estimate yourself or allow people to undermine you because of your age," he added.

While delivering the message of support, the Eastern Cape Provincial Commissioner, Lieutenant-General Liziwe Ntshinga reminded the youth that crime does not pay.

"South Africa has been at war against crime for a very long time and we will not rest until we have won," said the Provincial Commissioner. "The youth is our only hope. We need young people to be pioneers for change. You must lead by example, so that your peers could learn from you. Each one should teach one so that in the end everyone would be on the side of the law. You are tomorrow's leaders and it is said that a good leader knows the way, shows the way and goes the way," Lieutenant – General Ntshinga motivated the youth.



Joe Gqabi District Manager Mr Monwabisi Mathumbu making closing remarks at the youth Dialogue programme held at Aliwal North on Monday, 12 February 2018

MEC HELD EVENING PROGRAMME WITH LEARNERS LIVING WITH DISABILITY

BY SIPHOKAZI SONDISHE



MEC Weziwe Tikana speaking at the outreach program held at Khanyisa Special School on Thursday, 1 February 2018 as part of the 2018 Safety Month campaign.

Over 180 learners who live with various disabilities beamed with smiles, seated in round tables as the MEC of the Department of Safety and Liaison (DSL), Weziwe Tikana, graced the occasion with her presence.

The evening programme was held on Thursday, 1 February 2018, at the Khanyisa Special (SP) School in

Cala. This programme in particular was meant to educate the learners about various forms of abuse they were likely to experience in their daily lives, and how they should break silence about them. These ranged from sexual, psychological and to emotional forms of abuse at school.

"First of all, you should feel free to report any crime related incident so that it could be dealt with immediately. Do not sit with your problems, speak them out to your teachers and principal. Nevertheless, this is my token of love and affection as some of you never received love during the Christmas season. I urge you (as a school) therefore, to invite us when you conduct workshops, so that we could educate these children more on crime related issues. I urge the Principal to contact myself or Mr Kani the Acting Head of the Department of Safety and Liaison, during their parental meetings for us to make our input," said MEC Tikana.

The MEC also pledged to buy school uniform for the learners of Khanyisa Special (SP) School who did not have school uniform at the time. Most importantly sanitary towels were also handed over to the school by the MEC. The event attracted attendance from various departments including the Department of Education, South African Police Service (SAPS) and the Department of Transport, that willingly collaborated with the DSL to ensure a resounding success of the event.

The Department of Education District Director, Mr Amos Thamsanqa Fetsha thanked the MEC, DSL officials as well as other sector departments for the brilliant initiative. He said the department's adoption of Khanyisa Special School (SP) was a worthwhile job that elevated the standard of teaching and learning at the school.

Five learners from Cala High School also attended the event

dressed in full school uniform and sashes across their chests that read "Road Ambassadors." One of the grade twelve learners, Nontando Tshetsha was afforded an opportunity to speak and explain the role of road ambassadors in their schools. She alluded to the fact that road ambassadors have a daily responsibility to ensure that learners are kept safe at all times. "South Africa faces a major road safety challenge. About 13 thousand people die on our roads every year. 40% of those victims are pedestrians and most learners are pedestrians. The government came up with initiatives to ensure that learners take responsibility of their safety and that of their peers. The Road Safety Ambassadors' team carries that responsibility, which is to transfer skills and instil an attitude and behaviour of responsible," she said. Meanwhile, the Eastern Cape Provincial Commissioner (PC), Lieutenant-General Liziwe Ntshinga said the programme of learners living with disabilities was one of the top priority programs of the SAPS.

"This is why the police have dedicated themselves to conduct visits to schools to ensure that learners do not endanger themselves and become drug users and rape victims inside school premise. We are aware that children get abused, especially those living with disabilities, but they remain silent out of fear of more victimisation. We encourage you to come forward even if you do not have family support. As SAPS we are here not only to throw offenders in jail, but to represent you in court as parents. We do not condone keeping any form of abuse a secret," said PC Ntshinga. Khanyisa SP School coach, Mlandeli Jama explained the condition of the learners at the school and their state of mind.

"These children may vary in disabilities, but what I have observed during my time with them is that they have great potential. In most cases some can write, but cannot read what they have written while others excel at hand work. They make remarkable sculptors such as wooden pulpits, chairs and tables, which get sold and yield profit that affords them food to eat," said Jama.

He also thanked the DSL for the sanitary towels it brought for the learners at the school.



Learners of Khanyisa Special School making a Road Safety Presentation during the Safety month activities held at Cala on Thursday, 1 February 2018.

ISEBE LIBONAKILISA UBUZALI KUBANTWANA BASE EFATA

NguANELE VALELA

UMphathiswa weSebe Lokhuseleko noNxibelelwano, uNkosazana Weziwe Tikana ebekhohekle inkqubo yokuxhasa uluntu olukhubazekileyo ngokwasemzimbeni, noluzifumana lungamaxhoba lolwaphulo mthetho.

Lo msitho wawubanjelwe kwikolo sabantwana abakhubazekileyo, iEfata School for the Deaf and the Blind, eMthatha, ngomhla wama 25 KweyoMdumba 2018. Phakathi kwendwendwe ezibalulekileyo ezazizimase lomcimbi kwakhukho uSodolophu kuMasipala iKing Sabata Dalindyebo (KSD) kunye noSodolophu kuMasipala ombhaxa iOR Tambo (ORTDM).

“Amasebe kaRhulumente azimisele ukudibana azise iinkonzo eluntwini, utshilo uMphathiswa uTikana.

“Sifuna abantu abakhubazekileyo bazazi ukuba bayinxalenye yoluntu. URhulumente uwonyusile umyinge wokuqeshwa kwabantu abakhubazekileyo ukusuka kubantu ababini ekhulwini (2%) ukuya kubantu abasixhenxe ekhulwini (7%). Sivumelene nenkonzo yesipolisa ukuba kwizikhululo zamapolisa, kufuneka kuqeshwe abantu abakwaziyo ukuthetha ngezandla ukuze bakwazi ukunceda abantu abathetha ngezandla xa bezifumene bedinga uncedo lwamapolisa. Amapolisa azakuzibeka phambili izikolo namaziko abantu abakhubazekileyo, kwaye kuzakwenziwa ugqogqo kwiingingqi zonke zaseMthatha ukuze kunqandwe ukuhlukunyezwa kwabantu abakhubazekileyo,” ethembise esitsho uMphathiswa.

Olilungu leBhodi yolawulo kwisikolo sase Efata uMfundisi uZilindile Myeko uthe bayayivuyelwa inhyweba yokoundwendwelwa ngumphathiswa.

“Kukokokuqala ezimbalini zesisikolo ukuba uMphathiswa azekunyathela ngokwakhe phakathi kwethu. Ukuza kwenu apha kuzakubangela ukuba siphile isizwe,” uthethe watsho uMfundisi.

USodolophu waseORTDM uNomakhosazana Meth uthe uyazingca ngesikolo sase Efata.



Inqununu kwisikolo saseEfata uNkosazana Yolanda Mtwana kunye nomfundi ongabaniyo uSinazo Bhulu (20) besamkela izipho kuMphathiswa weSebe Lokhuleko noNxibelelwano uNkosazana Weziwe Tikana, kumsitho owawubanjelwe kwisikolo saseEfata eMthatha ngomhla wama 25 kweyoMdumba 2018.

“Ngo 2017 esisikolo sifumene izphumo ezingu 100% kwibanga le shumi elinesibini. Yiyo lonto singuMasipala sizimisele ukufaka isandla ngaphezu kokuba besisenza ngaphambili.

“Sizakulungisa ingumbi lokubhalela iimviwo. Kuhlalo lwabiwo mali lukaMasipala luka 2018, sibekela bucala isigidi seeRandi ukuba ijongane nabantwana abakhubazekileyo. Kananjalo, sibekela bucala imali engange 6.4 yezigidi ukuba ixhase abantwana abadinga imali nxaso yokufunda kumaziko mfundo aphakamileyo.



Umfundisi Ntsapho kwisikolo sabantwana abangabaniyo kunye nabangevayo saseEfata uNkosikazi Nompandulo Mpumlwana esenza intetho ngezandla ngethuba abaSebe kaRhulumente ebekalisa inxaso kwisikolo saseEfata eMthatha ngomhla wama 25 kweyoMdumba 2018.

UMPHATHISWA UQINISEKISA UKHUSELEKO EZINDLELENI

NguGCOBANI HLULANI



Umphathiswa uNkosazana Weziwe Tikana uncokola naqhubi bezithuthi zikawonkewonke kwiphulo lokuqinisekisa ukhuseleko ezindleleni olaluqhutywa eKomani ngomhla wama 23 kweyoKwindla 2018.

Ngomhla wamashumi amabini anesithathu kwinyanga yoKwindla 2018, uMphathiswa Wesebe loKhuseleko noNxibelelwano uNkosazana Weziwe Tikana ebesungula iphulo lika “Fika Usaphila” leeholide zePasika eKomani, njenge nxalenye yephulo lokhuseleko kwezi Holide zePasika.

UTikana uthe kuzakutyalwa amagosa ezendlela kubo bonke oohola bendlela beli phondo. Ukwathe abo bangayithobeliyo imithetho yezendlela bazakudibana “nenyoka iphungu'umhluzi.”

Xeshikweni kuqhuba iphulo lika “Fika usaphila” amapolisa ebesenza uhlolo lwezithuthi, kulapho uMphathiswa afumene khona ithuba lokuthetha nabakhweli nakunye nabaqhubi. Abanye babaqhubi balamkele eli phulo, kodwa bakwathe liyazilibazisa izithuthi ezindleleni.

UMphathiswa ukhuthaze abaqhubi bezithuthi ukuba basebenzise izithuthi ezilungele ukubasendleleni, kwaye bathobele imithetho yezendlela. Ukwabongoze abakhweli ukuba banxibe amabhanti okhuseleko kwizithuthi. Ukhuthaze abakhweli ukuba bangavumi ukukhweliswa kwizithuthi ngaphezulu komlinganiselo wesithuthi eso.

Emva kokusungula eliphulo, uMphathiswa uye watyelela kwilokishi yase Linge apho athethe khona nabahlali kwiholo yoluntu. Ubakhumbuzile ngesiganeko esehlayo kule lokishi

apho amapolisa abamba umfana owabulala umntu eKapa kanti ubaleka ityala lokubulala. Ubongoze uluntu ukuba basebenzisane namapolisa ukulwa ulwaphulo mthetho. Ukwakhuthaze abazali ukuba baqeqeshe abantwana ngendlela efanelekileyo, ekwakhuthaza abahlali ukuba bachazele amapolisa ngokuhlukunyezwa koomama nabantwana.

Nkosikazi Tikana uchaphazele nombamba worhwaphilizo nokusetyenziswa kogesi ngokungekho mthethweni. Woleke ngelithi: “Luxanduva lwabahlali ukujonga amapolisa ukuba akhuselekile ngalo lonke ixesha. Makuyekwe ukunyotywa kwamagosa ezendlela kuba lonto yenza ukuba kwande iingozi ezindleleni. Luxanduva lethu ukuhlola izithuthi ukuxele zikulungele ukuhamba ezindleleni nokujonga amaqhubi ukuba abekho phantsi kweempembelelo zotywala”.

Emva kwesiganeko esenzeke eNgcobo ukwalumkise abahlali ngecawa ezingoo vuk'engceni ukuba maziqwalaselwe.

Umphathiswa Weziwe Tikana ne-Bambelantloko leSebe leZokhuseleko noNxibelelwano uMnumzana Zukile Kani, bephelekwe ngamapolisa, baye bandwendwela enye yeendawo zolonwabo, besenza iphulo elibizwa ngokuba ngu “Operation Field”, enjongo yalo ikukuhlola amaphepha mvume okuthengisa. Baye baqinisekisa ukuba abakho kulendawo abantwana abangaphantsi kweminya elishumi

elinesibhozo kwakunye nabantu abaphethe izixhobo ezinobungozi eluntwini, kwaye akuthengiswa iziyobisi. Kuye kwaqatshelwa into yokuba kukho nevenkile, kwaye unovekile ngummi wangaphandle ongenazi iimpepha mvume zokuthengisa. Amapolisa asivala isirhoxo eso besithengisa ngokungekho semthethweni. Kwaye kwafunyaniswa ukuba umbane nawo usetyenziswa ngokungekho semthethweni, nto leyo ebangele kubizwe ingcaphephe zombane zizocima lo mbane usetyenziswa ngokungekho mthethweni.

Ngokuhlwa kuye kwakho Gala Dinner ibibanjelwe J.J Serfontein eKomani apho umphathiswa athethe khona esithi “lo ngumsitho esivumelene kuwo silisebe ukuba siye kubantu esisebenzisana nabo, bantu abo batyunjwe nguMasipala kuba sifuna ukuqinisa intsebenziswano phakath kwalamasebe nomasipala”. Uqhubeke esithi “siyayazi ukuba kukho nabantu abazimasileyo esisebenzisana nabo kwicala lezithuthi zoluntu nabo asibalibelanga, sifuna ukuthi sizise phambi kwenu izinto ebesivumelene kuzo ukuba sizozenza silisebe lezithuthi nezokhuseleko. Senzela sikwazi ukunihlola nani nongeze ezenu imbono”. Ukhankanye nephulo elenziwe eLinge lokuhlolwa kwendawo ezithengisa utywala apho kuye kwafunyaniswa ukuba umbane uyabiwa. Ulumkise uluntu ukuba umntu ofunyenwe esiba umbane uyakuvallelwa kuba lulwaphulo mthetho. Kuye kwakho iziphakamiso ezisuka kubaphathi bezithuthi zoluntu, uMnumzana Kenneth Nyalaba uye waphakamisa ingxaki abajongene nayo xa

bekhwelise abakhweli abaya e-Free State amagosa endlela baye bothule abakhweli noba banawo amaphepha mvume okhwelisa babize izithuthi zase Free State ezingalungelanga nokukhwelisa abantu. Ucele umphathiswa angenelele kule nyewe kungekonakali. uNkosazana Nomakhosana Dayi uphakamise umba wosetyenziswa kwezinyobisi ngabantwana abaselula, ekwatyhola namapolisa ukuba ngawo anika abantwana iziyobisi. Umphathiswa Weziwe Tikana uphendule ngelithi wonke umntu onezikhazazo ngamapolisa makeze ngaphambili ku Lt Gen Ntshinga azonika inkcukacha malunga namapolisa asebenzisana nonqevu. Umphathiswa ubongoze uluntu lungathuli xa amapolisa esephula umthetho okanye besebenzisana nezigilamkhuba, ecela kubahlali ukuba baze nengxelo ezithe vetshe. Ugxininisile ukuba ukubiwa kombane akulunganga kuba kubeka ubomi babantu esichengeni, kwaye umntu ofunyenwe esiba umbane uyakutshutshiswa. Ubatyityimbisele umnwe abaqhubi bezithuthi zoluntu ezingenazo mpepha mvume zokuthutha abantu kwakunye nenqwelo ezingekho semgangathweni wokukhwelisa abantu.

Injongo zalemisitho lukhuseleko loluntu, nentsebenziswano phakathi koluntu norhulumente ukuze kuliwe ulwaphulo mthetho. Ukuze lwehle izinga lolwaphulo mthetho uluntu malisebenzisane namapolisa.



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