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FROM THE MEC'S DESK



MEC: MAVHUNGU LERULE-RAMAKHANYA

HUMILITY AND SELFLESSNESS AS A WAY TO HONOUR MADIBA

The father of our nation and an international Icon President Nelson Mandela has taught us that success comes through passion and dedication. As we commemorate the Mandela Month, I want to take this opportunity to thank the entire staff of Transport and Community Safety Department for the commitment you have shown under the difficult Covid-19 pandemic era. Your courage and determination has

helped us sail through the difficult lockdown stages.

I know it is still not possible to have the entire workforce in the office under the current lockdown alert. Our front-liners have been on the streets since day one monitoring compliance under very harsh and life threatening conditions. It was not an easy task but you showed resilience and passion to what you do. This is exactly what President Mandela meant when he said **“Everyone can rise above their circumstances and achieve success if they are dedicated to and passionate about what they do.”** Your passion has saved the province and the entire country from the predicted Covid-19 storm. You continue to serve the nation with pride under lockdown level two and the recent crime statistics bear testimony to the long hours of hard work.

The staff in the provincial office, district offices and all our satellite offices have also heeded to the call by Madiba to put the country first. I have interacted with you during my Covid-19 compliance monitoring programme and I was satisfied with the effort each one of you put to ensure we continue rendering services to our people. The principle of Batho Pele is what we must always strive for to continue with the legacy of our icon Tata Mandela. The pandemic will soon be a thing of the past, our lives will get back to normal and I encourage you to continue prioritizing service delivery ahead of our personal achievements.

As we continue serving the public, always remember that humility is a basic principle for every public servant. Let's always remind each other why we are in the public service. We have a responsibility to change the narrative of how public servants are perceived. President Mandela advocated a better life for all and that can only be achieved if we you and I play our part. Let us continue with the good work and follow on Madiba's steps

FROM THE HOD'S DESK



HOD: MS HANLI DU PLESSIS

INSPIRE CHANGE, MAKE EVERYDAY A MANDELA DAY

While it's not possible to gather in large groups, even for acts of kindness, Mandela Day events are still taking place in the Department, virtually and in accordance with physical distancing and hygiene requirements.

I hereby call upon officials of the Department to focus their charitable efforts around the challenges of the Covid-19 outbreak, poverty, food and nutrition to the most vulnerable in their communities.

I encourage you to support the law enforcement officers, doctors, nurses and medical staff across the province. Since we are in the middle of winter, you could put a smile on someone's face by buying a few blankets, or grab the ones you no longer use and give them to someone in need. No matter how small your action, Mandela Day is about changing the world for the better, just as Nelson Mandela did every day.

I encourage everyone who can, to get involved and to challenge your friends, family and co-workers to make donations too.

To those on the frontlines in our Safety and Security Units, I say thank you for your continued commitment and determination in helping to keep our province safe. We appreciate the sacrifices you are making and your dedication towards the safety of residents in Limpopo does not go unnoticed.

Mandela Day is the day we share the successes we have achieved and the lessons we have learned as we battle this pandemic, and its effect on those less fortunate than ourselves.

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MEC PARTICIPATES IN A LIVE RADIO DIALOGUE ON THE GENDER BASED VIOLENCE



MEC for Transport and Community Safety, Mavhungu Lerule Ramakhanya participated in a live radio dialogue on the Gender Based Violence with the Capricorn FM from their studio in Bendor Surbab within the City of Polokwane.

The dialogue started at 18:00 and ended at 20h00, and was intended to seek solutions on the rise of the incidents of Gender Based Violence and Domestic violence across the province. In her presentation, MEC Lerule Ramakhanya addressed members of the community on the following issues:

- The crime picture in terms of these crime categories since the start of the Lockdown.
- The Flashpoints areas where the GBV is prevalent
- The role of the Police in assisting the victims
- Available resources in dealing with the scourge
- The newly implemented District model on Policing.
- Allegations of police suppressing cases, (secondary victimization)
- Process of reporting GBV cases especially in the rural areas.

“Women are therefore encouraged and advised to report all incidents of these crime categories to the Police immediately before they can be harmed” Said MEC Mavhungu Lerule Ramakhanya.



DID YOU KNOW?

FLEET MANAGEMENT BOOST SAFETY, MONITORING AND COMPLIANCE



TRANSPORT OFFICER: NANCY MOGODI
FLEET MANAGEMENT

This month we profile Ms Nancy Mogodi from Fleet Management, based at head office.

Nancy was nervous to take on this role of a Transport Officer as it's a big responsibility. When she arrived in Fleet Management, the unit was mainly dominated by men, through courage and guidance, she managed to thrive to great strides.

“In such a big department as The Limpopo Department of Transport and Community Safety, the scale of the job is huge, especially since the recent merger of

Transport and Community Safety Departments”. **Said Nancy.**

Although her day typically starts at 07:30 am and ends in the evening, she is on call 24/7. Nancy takes the early hours to support her team, either in Fleet Management or the Provincial Traffic Police. And then, when she thinks everything is going smoothly, she would get a complicated request - vehicle mechanical issues - or a call that the fuel card is not working, she must always have a backup plan to mitigate challenges and emergencies when they arise.

My role involves making sure that I co-ordinate motor transport and to ensure optimal utilisation of vehicles at all times, exercise control over the maintenance of and expenditure involved in the use of motor and other transport, ensure the proper completion and regular scrutiny of all records and returns concerning transport, ensure that all vehicles are kept in good roadworthy condition and that they are serviced on a regular basis, ensure that all instructions relevant to the use, operation and maintenance of vehicles are complied with, enforce and monitor compliance. **Said Nancy**

Nancy Mogodi forms part of the men and women in Fleet Management Directorate, under the Chief Directorate: Strategy, Information and Communication Technology

MEC EMBARKS ON COVID-19 MONITORING OPERATIONS



The MEC for Transport and Community Safety, Honorable Mavhangu Luruli-Ramakhanya accompanied by the SAPS led the COVID-19 operation to monitor compliance in the Mphephu policing princint.

The Parade was conducted at Mphephu Police Station, composed of members from various units including VISPOL, POPs, K9, Detectives, joined by LEDET, the Provincial and Municipal Traffic Police and the South African National Defence Force (SANDF).

The operation was conducted at Dzanani complex(Biaba) and along Mavhoyi public road. The MEC interacted with customers on COVID - 19 regulations around the complex and markets.

Twenty-four (24) Traffic Summons were issued. Two (02) people were arrested for contravention of nature conservation Act and two (02) for contravening the Immigration Act.



The following activities WILL BE ALLOWED at Level 3 with strict health protocols in place



Restaurants for sit-down meals, with limited capacity



Personal care services, including hairdressers



Conferences for work purposes



Commercially licensed accommodation (but not home sharing services)



Cinemas, theatres and casinos, with limited capacity



Non-contact sports, including golf and tennis

MEC AND THE SAPS VHEMBE DISTRICT EMBARKED ON COVID-19 MONITORING OPERATIONS



MEC for Transport and Community Safety, Mavhungu Luruli-Ramakhanya accompanied by the Saps Vhembe led the COVID-19 monitoring operation comprised of members from various police units including POP, K9 Unit joined by the South African National Defense Force (SANDF) and Provincial traffic, at Watervaal shopping complex to enforce compliance.

The operation was conducted along the R578 road, through roadblocks, stop and searches to check the non-

compliance on COVID-19 Regulations by motorists.

Furthermore, the MEC interacted with customers on COVID-19 regulations at the complex.

The following regulations where emphasised:

- Maintain social distancing during shopping.
- Wear masks at all times including when entering the public space.
- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water/ Hands Sanitizer.

Total stop and check =628

66 Summons

01 unlicensed heavy

09 unlicensed mini bus

01 unlicensed Suv

03 unlicensed Sedan

02 unlicensed Idv



LIMPOPO PROVINCIAL TRAFFIC OFFICERS BUST SAPS OFFICIAL IN POSSESSION OF ILLICIT CIGARETTES

The 42-year-old Police Constable stationed at Maake, outside Tzaneen and his henchmen aged 25 were apprehended on 5 July 2020 for possession of illicit cigarettes along the R81 road in Mooketsi, next to Weigh Bridge in Modjadjiskloof policing area.

The Police received a report from the Limpopo Traffic Officers stationed at Mooketsi Weigh Bridge, about a sedan vehicle that had knocked against a fence, travelling from Soekmekaar. Upon arrival of the police, they allegedly found two occupants in the vehicle, and during the investigation, 933 cartons and 05 packets of illicit cigarettes with an estimation value of R100 000.00 were discovered. The member of SAPS was then disarmed and arrested on the spot, simultaneously with his accomplice.

MEC for Transport and Community Safety Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya commended both Limpopo Traffic and SAPS law enforcement officers for taking strong-willed action against their colleague.

The suspects have appeared before the Modjadjiskloof Magistrate's Court on 07 July 2020 on a charge of possession of illicit cigarettes in contravention of the Disaster Management Act.



NOT ALLOWED

- ~~✗~~ Borders remain closed
- ~~✗~~ No inter-provincial travel, except L3 goods & services, funerals, moving, learner transport & family care with permit
- ~~✗~~ No leisure passenger air & sea travel
- ~~✗~~ No international travel
- ~~✗~~ No gatherings, onsite food, recreation, personal care places
- ~~✗~~ No tobacco products, only export
- ~~✗~~ No public gym, fitness facilities or group exercise
- ~~✗~~ No eviction of tenants, exceptions with court order

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SA TAXI LENDS A HELPING HAND



Staff member at LDCS, Ms Tsakani Helani utilises the hands free sanitizing station

SA Taxi, which is a financing and insurance company specialising in the taxi industry donated a hands free sanitizing station to the Limpopo Department of Transport and Community Safety. This initiative was encouraged by the bold steps taken by President Ramaphosa and his administration to contain the spread of this deadly disease and mitigate its socio-economic impact, particularly among the country's citizens.

SA Taxi is working closely with the Limpopo Department of Transport and Community Safety, South African National Taxi Council (SANTACO) and National Taxi Alliance (NTA) structures to contain the potential spread of the virus through the province's largest public transport network.

With regards to sanitisers, SA Taxi donated over 1,000 x 25 litre sanitisers that have been distributed to regional taxi structures across the province's five districts.



Members of the Provincial Command Council, led by Premier Chupu Mathabatha and MEC Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya joined by the Deputy Minister of Transport, Dikeledi Magadzhi to hand over Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and sanitisers to the taxi industries, sponsored by SA Taxi Finance.