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# TRAFFIC OFFICERS WHO DIED ON DUTY REMEMBERED

**E**very third Sunday of November, the World Remembrance Day is commemorated to remember victims of road crashes. The day is also set aside to reflect and honour those whose lives have been tragically cut short or forever changed by collisions on the roads globally.

This year's commemoration was held in Pretoria, at Boekenhoutkloof Traffic College, and it was attended by Gauteng Premier, Mr. Panyaza Lesufi, and Transport Deputy Minister, Mr. Mkhuleko Hlengwa.

The day was also used to remember and celebrate the lives of fallen traffic law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty, whilst ensuring safety of all road users and trying to prevent road crashes.

Speaking during the event, Deputy Minister Hlengwa said that the country should not only grieve those who have departed, but more should be done to reduce crashes on the road.

He said that the World Day of Remembrance is not only a day to remember road accident victims but is used also to appreciate and show gratitude to officers' unwavering commitment, courage, and selflessness.

"Each day, law enforcement officers put on their uniforms, knowing the risks they face. They answer the call to serve with dedication, often without hesitation, and always with a sense of duty to protect others," said Hlengwa.

The Deputy Minister also lamented the abuse of alcohol and its contribution to road crashes. He has appealed to Pastors and the community at large to pray for spiritual intervention on the widespread abuse of alcohol in the society.

The country has since 2018 lost 69 traffic law enforcement officers from various provinces. Among the 69, Mpumalanga Province lost nine. The families of the traffic law enforcement officers who lost their lives on duty since 2018 until 2024 also attended the wreath laying ceremony and were presented with tokens of appreciation.

The event was commemorated under a theme: "Remembering our fallen heroes and heroines as we give them dignified memorial." The following traffic law enforcement officers from Mpumalanga Department of Community Safety, Security and Liaison were remembered:

1. Nontobeko Innocentia Mlangeni
2. Maria Marule
3. Gijimane July Nkabinde
4. Henry Benjamin Ngwamba
5. Jubilance Vincent Ngomane
6. Joel Mashila Matshapala
7. Joel Mandla Masango
8. Sibusiso Christopher Ndimande
9. Norman Mpumelelo Simelane

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# SOME LIQUOR LICENCES TO BE REVIEWED - SIBUYI

The Deputy Minister of Police, Mr. Cassel Mathale recently led a Crime Prevention Imbizo at Ximungwe Village in Calcutta Policing precinct in Bushbuckridge Local Municipality. The Deputy Minister was accompanied by the Mpumalanga MEC for Community Safety, Security and Liaison, Mr. Jackie Macie.

Calcutta Police Station is among the top 30 priority stations in terms crime in the province. Some of the issues members of the community raised included payments of stipends to CPF members. They also pleaded for resources for the CPFs and patrol team members so that they could be visible, especially at night. These resources include reflective jackets and torches, among others.

Some residents also highlighted the need for more vehicles at the station as this will also assist in transporting CPF members and patrol teams during operations.

The community further called on government to consider building a police station for Ximungwe Village. There was also a concern that many volunteers do not get the opportunity to be hired when entry level posts are advertised within SAPS and other government departments.

Some residents were concerned about cases that they opened at the police station which were not successfully solved for years. Another community member bemoaned that most young people were not involved in crime prevention efforts in the village.

Responding to some of the concerns, the Director General for Civilian Secretariat for Police Service, Mr. Thulani Sibuyi announced that there are plans in place whereby the Mpumalanga Economic Regulator (MER) will conduct an audit into the liquor



licenses in the area. The Director General also stated that a team has been set up to revisit cases that were not solved or closed as undetected. These cases, he mentioned, include GBV incidents.

On the other hand, MEC Jackie Macie stated that employment of Crime Prevention Wardens (CPWs) will assist with combatting crime. He also applauded the police in the province for their relentlessness in fighting crime and protecting communities.

Deputy Minister Mathale encouraged communities to work with the police in the fight against crime. Mathale stated that crime in the area was affecting tourism saying that it needed to be urgently dealt with.

*Pictures by Justice Nyalunga and Story by: Moeti Mmusi*



# 131 YOUNG PEOPLE GRADUATE AS NATIONAL TRAFFIC OFFICERS



Mpumalanga Community Safety, Security and Liaison MEC, Mr Jackie Macie recently joined the Deputy Minister of Transport, Mr Mkhuleko Hlengwa at a pass-out parade for traffic trainees at Boukenhoutkloof Traffic College in Pretoria West.

The pass-out parade saw 131 young people graduating at the college.

The new traffic officers went through a three year training programme underscored by both theory and practice. They are now holders of diploma qualification equivalent to NQF Level 6.

The new graduates are expected to boost government in road safety and traffic law enforcement. The team will be effective from 1 January 2025.

Speaking during the ceremony, Deputy Minister Hlengwa encouraged the new traffic officers to remain true and honest to their badges and remain honest in executing their duties. He cautioned from corruption saying that they are now going to serve the country in the most patriotic way by contributing towards saving lives on the road.

Nine Road Safety officers of the Department graduated and acquired a three year NQF Level 6 Diploma on Occupational Road Safety.

The Diploma was developed by the Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC) with the assistance of QCTO (Quality Council For Trades & Occupations) to equip Road Safety Officers with in-depth knowledge and skills on road safety.

The group that graduated was the first as initially there was no Qualification specific for Road Safety.

The group consisted of officials in the Road Safety field from all provinces in the country.

The nine officials from Mpumalanga Province who completed the Diploma and graduated are:

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Dumisani Magagula | 6. David Nghondzweni   |
| 2. Sipiwe Mbungela   | 7. Simangaliso Nxumalo |
| 3. Advice Mogakane   | 8. Rwisai Rufetu       |
| 4. George Msiza      | 9. Paulinah Tseisi     |
| 5. Jester Ndlovu     |                        |

*Pictures and Story by: Zandile Mavuso*





# MTTC PASSOUT CEREMONY PRODUCES 86 NEW TRAFFIC OFFICERS

The Mpumalanga Traffic Training College (MTTC) recently held its 5th Pass Out Parade where 86 traffic learners graduated. The learners underwent a 12 month programme which included modules on the National Land Traffic Act, National Road Traffic Act, AARTO law, professional conduct, firearm handling, eNatis, First Aid and firefighting as well as restraining techniques.

82 of the learners joined the Department as Traffic Law Enforcement Officers from 1 January 2025. Four of the learners were sent to MTTC by Steve Tshwete Local Municipality. The newly qualified law enforcers are expected to augment law enforcement to enhance road safety.

Speaking during the function, MEC for Community Safety, Security and Liaison, Mr. Jackie Macie said that the appointment of these new traffic officers could not have come at a better time as this as the province recently launched the Festive Season Road Safety Campaign.







He called on the new traffic officers to serve with integrity. He referred them to many law enforcement officers who lost and ended their careers in the public service as a result of taking bribes from motorists.

He pleaded with them to remain honest so that they do not disappoint their families and the Department. “We do not have a place in the Department for employees who are corrupt. It is your choice to choose whether you want to be in the right or wrong path. If we find you in the wrong path, we will not hesitate but ensure that you removed from the system.

Your responsibility is to serve the community and ensure the safety of road users. By doing so, we need to ensure the adherence to the rules of the road by all motorists without fear or favour,” he said.

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## THE FIGHT AGAINST GBVF REMAINS A PRIORITY - PREMIER NDLOVU

**T**he fight against (GBVF) gender-based violence and femicide continues in Mpumalanga. Recently when he launched the 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children, Mpumalanga Premier, Mr Mandla Ndlovu reassured communities that fighting the scourge was a priority in the province.

The Premier in his address, said that the 16 Days of Activism campaign served as a painful reminder of the pervasive violence that women and children continue to endure.

He said that it was in that regard that government continue to put in place programmes and tighten the existing ones to curb the scourge.

"The fight is not ours as government only, we also call upon our social partners to come into this space and assist our communities in dealing with the scourge. We need to intensify and mobilise all government structures, businesses and community leadership, including civil society, labour, communities, families, and individuals to take ownership, invest and harness actions to prevent GBVF," he said.

He added also that, there was a need to intensify the call to action for men and boys to actively stand-up against violence directed to women and children.

The launch for 2024 took place at Elukwatini in Chief Albert Luthuli Local Municipality following the National launch which took place on 25 November 2024.

The provincial launch was attended by various MECs, the President of the Congress of Traditional Leaders of South Africa, Kgoshi Lameck Mokoena and other traditional leaders, Executive Mayors and Councillors from various municipalities, SAPS Acting Provincial Commissioner, Major General Dr Zeph Mkhwanazi and senior government officials.

The launch for 2024 was observed under the theme "30 Years of Advancing Collective Action to End Violence Against Women and Children."



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# MEC Macie conducts his inaugural MUNIMEC in Steve Tshwete local Municipality



The MEC for Community Safety, Security and Liaison, Mr Jackie Macie recently engaged municipalities on issues of safety at a MUNIMEC Meeting that was held in Steve Tshwete local Municipality.

The MUNIMEC meeting is led by the MEC where he meets with councillors and managers responsible for public safety in various municipalities across the province .



This was the MEC's first MUNIMEC meeting since he was appointed in the current administration. The meeting was also attended by the executive mayor for Nkangala District Municipality, Cllr. Thomas Ngwenya, Public Safety councillors, Municipal Managers, Community Services and Public Safety Directors and law enforcement senior officials from various municipalities.



Among issues that were discussed include Safer Festive Season Plan for the province, the functionality of Community Safety Forums (CSF) and the implementation of the Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences (AARTO) Act.

Following the MUNIMEC Meeting the MEC and Nkangala District Mayor led a team of officials to visit spaza shops owned mostly by foreign nationals to monitor compliance. The visit was part of the ongoing campaign by government to ensure food safety following the outbreak of food poisoning in the country towards the end of November 2024.



From the three spaza shops that were visited, unlabelled food items, medicine and illicit cigarettes were confiscated. One of the spaza shops was closed because it was operating with an expired licence.

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## OVER 30 NEW VEHICLES TO BOLSTER LAW ENFORCEMENT

Mpumalanga MECs for Community Safety, Security and Liaison, Mr Jackie Macie joined by the MEC for Public Works, Roads and Transport, Mr Thulasizwe Thomo recently unveiled traffic law enforcement vehicles to assist with law enforcement in the province.

The vehicles were unveiled during the launch of Festive Season Road Safety Campaign that was held in Middelburg in early December last year. The MECs were joined by Steve Tshwete Executive Mayor, Councillor Mhlonishwa Masilela and other stakeholders.

Macie said the vehicles came at the right time when the province was embarking various safety programmes during the busy holiday season. He said that the vehicles will assist to intensify traffic officers' visibility.

***“ We understand that there is shortages of resources in the different cost centres, we however believe that the little that we have can be used effectively and efficiently to promote safety on our roads.”***

“Let us not be discouraged by the limited resources we have, that is why we must discourage working in silos. Municipalities, both DCSSL and DPWRT, SAPS, and all other stakeholders must always work together so that we make an impact in the communities that we serve, with the little that we have,” The vehicles have since been distributed to cost centres across the province.

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# Department to vet livestock committees to curb cattle theft

Mpumalanga MEC for Community Safety, Security and Liaison, Mr Jackie Macie has recently announced that the Department will commence with a project of vetting to members of livestock committees in the province. The project will be first piloted in the Nkomazi Local Municipality.

This comes after many cattle owners complained that some members of the committees engaged in stealing livestock while others were allegedly colluding with criminals from neighbouring countries. The MEC made this pronouncement at Boschfontein Community Hall during an engagement with stakeholders and livestock owners in the area. The MEC also mentioned that the purpose of the engagement was to bring a report on government's plans to curb livestock theft. He said that the challenges faced by the livestock owners were known, that is why they have already engaged authorities from Mozambique and Eswatini to work together to curb livestock theft and also bring perpetrators to book.

Chairpersons of Livestock Committees from the East and West in Nkomazi Local Municipality complained that there were not enough vehicles in stations for the Stock theft Unit, and this resulted in delayed response to communities by the police. They also pleaded with the MEC to intervene on the rehabilitation of the fence on the borderline to prevent the stealing of livestock and vehicles.

The MEC also told the gathering that he will continue to engage with other members of the security cluster to strengthen border security which was also vital in addressing livestock and vehicle theft.

"We are also appealing to residents to refrain from colluding with criminals. We have heard that some communities allow car thieves to rent their garages for storing stolen vehicles which are destined for foreign countries," said Macie. He also encouraged communities to collaborate with the police in solving and preventing crime.



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To improve community and road traffic  
safety through mass mobilization,  
oversee the performance of the  
police and provision of security.

#### SERVICE STANDARDS

- We will consult all our clients about the level and quality of service they will receive;
- We will provide assistance and information in the language of your choice;
- We will respond to all complaints received within 14 working days and we will refer complaints that falls outside the Department to the relevant Department within 7 working days and you will be informed accordingly of such referral;
- We will provide citizens with 8 hours of service each business day and our hours of work will be posted in each office;

- We will respond to media enquiries within three (3) hours;
- We will ensure that our help desk offers fast and friendly service and that our clients do not wait more than five(5) minutes without being attended to;
- We will pay all our creditors within 30 days of receipt of and original invoice;
- We will confidentially and without delay, attend to problems and concerns of clients within 14 days and we will immediately investigate transgressions brought to our attention;
- We will provide all our services promptly and in an economical, efficient and effective manner in order to give you the best possible value for money.



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