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## Seriti Group hands over refurbished offices to DCSSL

**T**he Seriti Group of companies recently has handed over the newly refurbished Emalahleni Cost Centre offices to the Department of Community Safety, Security and Liaison (DCSSL).

The story of the relationship between the Security Cluster and Seriti goes back a long way back in 2023 when the company gifted the Department with two traffic law enforcement vehicles.

The current renovations at the cost centre were accompanied by two laptops, two desktop computers and a projector screen. The company went an extra mile and bought furniture for some offices in the Cost Centre.

Mr. Dirk Miller, the General Manager for Seriti who was speaking during the handing over said that what they did for the department is part of building lasting legacies which is what they are doing with other stakeholders and the community of Emalahleni.

He added that the building before the renovations was not in a good state such He explained that the status of the offices was in congruent with the important work the department was doing. He also suspected that the state of the offices must have even affected the morale of the staff. "From my side we have a good relationship with the department over the years. So with this token, we are here to build on that great legacy," Miller said.

He said that they were privileged to hand over the building which he believes will further strengthen the relationship with the department in promoting safety on the roads and in communities. Miller added that as a mining house they are happy to be part of the Emalahleni community where they are operating and that they truly want to contribute and make an impact in the community.



**Chief Director:  
Mr. Sibandiso Nkuna**

Speaking on behalf of the Department of Community Safety, Security and Liaison, the Chief Director for Transport Regulation, Mr. Sibandiso Nkuna expressed deep gratitude to the gesture by the company.

"The traffic officers who are working at the centre are managing the N4 toll road which has high traffic volumes of vehicles coming from other provinces and others traveling through Mpumalanga to the neighboring Eswatini and Mozambique," said the Chief Director.

He went on to state that the morale is now expected to improve and that Seriti's gesture has eliminated reasons for any under performance. Nkuna also hinted that the department would consider naming the newly refurbished boardroom at the Cost Center after the company as part of paying homage to the great corporate citizenship displayed by the company.

*Story: Moeti Mmusi  
Pictures: Zandile Mavuso*



## Mpumalanga wins National Roads Safety Debates and PET Competitions

**M**pumalanga Province was named winners of the National Road Safety Debates and Participatory Educational Techniques (PET) for 2025 during a Prize Giving Function at Time Square in n Pretoria on 10 October 2025.

The province was named winners in the rural category of the Road Safety Debates. They were also declared joint winners along with Limpopo Province in the urban category of the same competition. The place of the rising sun went on to claim top spots in both urban and rural categories of PET competition.

Each learner on all the categories received a medal, a trophy and a cheque amounting to R6600. The province also scooped the Best Speaker in Debate Urban Category. The best speaker is Sasha Nkabinde, a Grade 11 learner from Jerusalem Secondary School near in Hazyview.

All four trainers of the categories won Best Trainer awards. The trainers received medals and trophies.



The National Road Safety Debate and PET competitions are held annually targeting Grade 10 and 11 learners. They debate on road safety motions whilst the PET encourages participants to do research and identify road safety challenges in their communities. They then come up with proposals and present them to panels of adjudicators at all levels of the competition.

Mpumalanga competed with eight with eight provinces and Gauteng was not represented.

Meanwhile, Mpumalanga MEC for Community Safety, Security and Liaison. Mr. Jackie Macie congratulated the learners in various categories. Macie hailed efforts by both the learners, trainers, and officials for once again lifting up the bar and becoming champions. He said these competitions are not only about winning, but about sustained calls for action on road safety to prevent needless loss of lives on the road.

“We want all the participants, past and present, to become active road safety ambassadors in their communities and everywhere they go. Every crash statistic represents a life lost. Therefore, the learners must help us spread the message,” he said.

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Pictures: Zandile Mavuso



The Head of Community Safety, Security and Liaison, Ms. Gloria Mazibuko has thanked all the sponsors who supported Mpumalanga participants and trainers at all levels of the competitions.

She also thanked the Road Safety Education employees who along with the trainers, tirelessly prepared these learners from all levels. "We know there is a lot of work that went into preparing for the finals. For that we are grateful to all the employees who were involved," said Mazibuko.

The winners of the Mpumalanga Province per category are as follows:

#### Debate Urban Category

- Sasha Nkabinde
- Owami Mngewu
- Lonene Makhubela

**The trainer:** Ms. Nothando Chirwa

Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC Interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Ms. Refilwe Mongale said that the competition targets over 1000 learners from different provinces in various schools. "This programme has a huge impact on learners as they research and acquire knowledge on road safety. Through this programme, the learners learn basic skills such as research and public speaking," she said.

#### Debate Rural Category

- Emmanuel Nkambule
- Kamogelo Mbonani
- Siyamthanda Khumalo

**The trainer:** Mr. John Nkosi

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#### PET Rural Category

**Skhila Secondary School.**

**The learners are:**

1. Zandile Sifundza
2. Karen Nkosi
3. Oratile Masinga
4. Majuta Mankhana
5. Bright Masarwa

**The trainer is:** Mr. Nhlakanipho Makhanya

#### PET Urban Category

**Sikhwahlane Secondary School.**

**The learners are:**

1. Nokukhanya Magagula
2. Mncobi Vilane
3. Unathi Mubi
4. Silondiwe Shabangu
5. Ayandiswa Magagula

**The trainer is,** Mr. Nhlanhla Maziya

Both PET schools have won R100 000 each for their schools to assist with addressing road safety challenges identified.

## Government employees urged to resolve outstanding traffic summonses



It was not business as usual for employees working at the Riverside Government Complex (RGC) when Head of Department, Ms. Gloria Mazibuko led an operation to collect outstanding traffic fines. The operation targeted employees who work in the RGC vicinity.

Public transport and other vehicles using the same road were not spared as the Automated Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) vehicle, also known as Nyamsoro, was placed at the entrance and exit parts of the government complex in the morning and afternoon respectively. A stop and search was done to ensure compliance of motorist and their vehicles.

This operation was one of many initiatives that took place across the province to commemorate Women's Month. The HOD was joined by the Director General of the Province, Ms. Maggie Skosana and Deputy Director General in the Office of the Premier, Ms. Nonhle Mashinini-Nkosi.

During the operation, HOD Mazibuko said that as the country commemorates Women's Month, the Operation Basadi is meant to prove that women are equally capable of doing law enforcement work.

"We have started here at the Government Complex because we want officials to be exemplary to the community out there.

"We have a number of operations throughout the month to enhance (law enforcement) visibility," she said.

The DG, Ms. Skosana thanked the team for the sterling work and said that these kinds of operations must be done regularly to reduce fatalities on the road. "We are here to support and encourage you to always do your best," she said.

The team on the day collected an amount of R13 800 of outstanding fines from motorists and issued 26 fines for various offences.

## Department leads Basadi roadblocks to commemorate Women's Month



As part of celebrating Women's Month, a group of women in the Justice, Crime Prevention and Security (JCPS) Cluster collaborated and conducted multi-disciplinary roadblocks in the four regions of the province.

The roadblocks were led by the Department of Community Safety, Security and Liaison. They are conducted annually in August to celebrate Women's Month and to showcase women's abilities to enforce the law.

To provide support to the women, MEC Jackie Macie and SAPS Acting Provincial Commissioner, Major General (Dr) Zeph Mkhwanazi joined one of the roadblocks on the N4 Toll Road near Alkmaar outside Mbombela.

Institutions and organizations that participated during the operation include Provincial Traffic and Road Safety Education (DCSSL), Provincial Transport Inspectorate (DPWRT), SAPS, Mbombela Local Municipality Traffic and Law Enforcement, Department of Home Affairs, SARS, Department of Correctional Services, Cross Border Road Transport Agency, SANDF and local Disaster Management.

The MEC praised the group of women for the successes during the operation especially the two arrests of two men who were found in possession of dagga in a minibus taxi.

Macie applauded the women saying this should remove the old stigma that law enforcement work is only for men. "We are proud to have such hard-working women who are not afraid to go out there to face law breakers. We must therefore deal with those who think they will just do as they please when approached by female law enforcement officers," he said.

He mentioned that this operation was not only to celebrate Women's Month, but also to fight against the abuse of female officers by either their male colleagues or members of the community.

"This must therefore show us that women are capable too, they can equally perform what other male officers perform. We need to support them as male colleagues and stop looking down on them," he concluded.

At the same operation over 230 vehicles were stopped and searched, and about 20 fines were issued for different violations. Furthermore, 170 passengers and drivers were educated on road safety.

# MEC Macie and Cllr. Masilela brings joy to the elderly in Steve Tshwete on Mandela Day



The Mpumalanga MEC for Community Safety, Security and Liaison, Security and Liaison, Mr. Jackie Macie, and the Executive Mayor of Steve Tshwete Local Municipality, Cllr. Mhlonishwa Masilela brought joy to the elderly people in Sikhululiwe Village by donating 100 blankets on Friday, 18 July 2025.

The event took place at a local community centre which is also used as an Early Childhood Development Centre. The MEC and the Executive Mayor's entourage donated furniture in the form of tables and chairs for two classrooms to a local Early Child Development Centre meanwhile young people with disabilities received dignity packs and bags.

Three elderly people expressed their joy at the gesture bestowed upon them by the team saying, it was a great way to celebrate the legacy of Madiba. It did not end there, the CPF in Mhluzi were gifted with reflective jackets.

Speaking with CPF members, MEC Macie encouraged CPF members to work hard and represent CPF well by not colluding with criminals. He further added that they must always represent the SAPS badge well in fighting crime.

"Do not give space to criminals, expose them so that they can be arrested. We know that some SAPS members are allegedly shaming us by colluding with criminals. Such individuals must be dealt with," the MEC said. He also urged them to remain committed to crime prevention while their long-standing payments of stipends are being fast-tracked.

On the other hand, the Executive Mayor Masilela thanked CPF members for their continued volunteering in the fight against crime. He said that he was happy that the MEC continues to advocate for payments of stipends to CPF members.

The Head for Community Safety, Security and Liaison, Ms. Gloria Mazibuko along with DCSSL top management also participated in the activities of the day.

Speaking on the sideline, HOD Mazibuko indicated that other activities to commemorate the legacy of Dr. Mandela were also done in other areas. She highlighted that the furniture that was donated by the MEC was procured by the Department. The activities also received support from SAPS at both district and station levels.



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Story: Moeti Mmusi



## Macie leads GBV Imbizo in Buffelshoek

The Mpumalanga Department of Community Safety, Security and Liaison (DCSSL) recently hosted an Imbizo in Buffelshoek, an area serviced by Acornhoek Police Station, in response to growing concerns over crime, particularly gender-based violence (GBV) and house breakings.

The Imbizo, led by MEC Jackie Macie, brought together various stakeholders from the Justice, Crime Prevention and Security (JCPS) cluster to discuss programmes aimed at combating GBV and crime. These stakeholders included SAPS, Correctional Services, Justice, Social Development, National Prosecuting Authority, and Mpumalanga House of Traditional Leaders.

MEC Macie emphasized the importance of residents collaborating with the police to fight abuse and crime. He mentioned that Acornhoek has been identified as one of the top 30 police stations in the country for 17 serious community-reported crimes. The MEC also indicated that Security Cluster will soon conduct a High-Density Operations to combat crime in the area.

"Noting that Acornhoek is one of the top 30 police stations in the country for reported serious community crimes, MEC Macie emphasized the need for collective action. "After the release of the National crime stats by the Minister, we noticed that this area contributed significantly to GBVF cases and crime. So, we saw it fit that we must come and talk to the community to say let's fight this societal issue together as a collective," Macie said.

Major General Sam Sekgobela highlighted alcohol's role in abuse and contact crime, calling on parents to report delinquent children to the police. The community was advised not to withdraw cases already opened at police stations to ensure perpetrators face justice.

The MEC also presented reflective jackets to Community Policing Forums (CPFs) at five police stations in Bushbuckridge. The Imbizo served as a platform for stakeholders to engage with the community and discuss ways to address crime. The Imbizo was part of Women's Month programme

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Story: Moeti Mmusi*



## Churches encouraged to be wary of criminals amid robberies

**M**pumalanga MEC for Community Safety, Security and Liaison, Mr. Jackie Macie is calling on church leaders across the province to ramp up security measures and protocols to better protect themselves and their congregants. Macie was reacting to the recent business robberies that occurred in Emalahleni, Bushbuckridge, KwaMhlanga.

"The recent attacks are a clear indication of moral decay in our society. Therefore, we must all work together by reporting suspects to the police. These robberies is an indication that more still needs to be done to secure our communities. Men and women in blue should remain undeterred in their efforts to bring perpetrators to justice," the MEC.

The MEC went on to state attacks on places of worship is an attack on Constitutional Right to Freedom of Religion. Congregants do not only lose their possessions, but they are also vulnerable at the hands of these monsters," The MEC stated.



**Rev David Nkosi**

Meanwhile, Reverend David Nkosi from TACSA said that the recent robberies are an attack on church, and they must be condemned by all and sundry. He has even advised worshippers that evening midweek services will now be conducted on virtual platforms.

"These brutal acts call on congregants and the broader society to work together and also work closely with law enforcement agencies especially the police," Reverend. Nkosi added.

### SOME TIPS FOR CHURCHES

- Working closely with the police
- Planning with local security companies especially for night services
- Utilize private security for monitoring premises during services and events
- Install CCTV cameras and alarm systems to deter and detect potential threats
- Designate a security team or ushers to keep an eye on the congregation and respond to incidents
- Conduct risk assessments to identify potential vulnerabilities, such as isolated areas or unsecured entrances
- Assess the likelihood of robbery or other safety threats based on location, time of day and other factors
- Congregants must also be encouraged to report suspicious individuals and activities particularly around the church vicinity



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Pictures: Supplied

# Farms Should Be Audited as Part of Crime Prevention Efforts - Macie

**M**pumalanga MEC for Community Safety, Security and Liaison, Mr. Jackie Macie, emphasizes the need for an urgent audit of all farms in the province. The audit, to be conducted in collaboration with SAPS, municipalities, and the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Land Administration, will focus on ownership and management, and produce. This initiative aims to detect and prevent criminal activities on farms. MEC Macie made these remarks during the recent MUNIMEC Meeting held in Manzana on Thursday, 25 September 2025.

The proposal follows the recent discovery of an alleged drug laboratory in a farm between Volksrust and Amersfoort. Municipalities are urged to repurpose empty and unoccupied buildings to prevent them from becoming crime havens. Delegates were also encouraged to reinforce by-laws and ensure functional Community Safety Forums.

MEC Macie also expressed concerns about water tanker owners interfering with water infrastructure so that they can then sell water privately to residents leading to violent service delivery protests when residents are left without water.

He also bemoaned the proliferation of taverns that he blamed for the rise in contact crime and gender-based violence. Macie also stated that the platform was crucial to discuss crime trends and pressing challenges affecting residents and businesses.

The MEC also bemoaned the presence of groups who paraded as business forums. It is alleged that these groups were demanding monies from service providers appointed legitimately to do work in various municipalities. In recent years, South Africa has a troubling rise in the phenomenon known as construction mafias."

"The impact of these groups have been has been profound leading to delays, increased costs and chilling effect on investment in the construction industry and at worst, it obstructs the pace of service delivery," he added.

The meeting also discussed progresses on functionality of CSFs, the implementation of AARTO, Fourth Quarter Crime Statistics, collaboration of law enforcement on traffic raiding of liquor outlets.



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## National Roads Safety Debate and PET Competitions in pictures



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- We will provide citizens with 8 hours of service each business day and our hours of work will be posted in each office;

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- 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;
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