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DEPARTMENT HOSTS MEN'S INDABA TO PROMOTE WELLBEING





MEC Violet Mathye addressing departmental male employees. Photo: Sello Sebela / DTCS

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Polokwane - The Limpopo Department of Transport and Community Safety hosted a Men's Indaba for male employees in head office and Mopani District today, 07 March 2025, at the Royal Hotel in Polokwane.

The event aimed to create a platform for men to discuss issues affecting their professional and private lives, focusing on overall well-being. MEC for Transport and Community Safety, Violet Mathye, addressed the session, emphasizing the importance of men's well-being in the workplace and society.

Other notable speakers included Head of Department, Stephen Matjena; Maj. General Lesiba Mashaba and Lt. Colonel Mokale from the South African Police Service; Motivational Speaker, Apostle Bridget Hawkins; and experts in health and wellness.

The program was directed by Mopani District Director, Joel Chauke, and wrapped up by Director for Wellness and Special Programmes, Morgan Malatji.

By hosting such engagement sessions, the Department aims to promote a supportive environment where men feel encouraged to prioritize their health and well-being. This, in turn, can lead to stronger families, communities, and a more productive workforce.

MEC Mathye condemned acts of abuse and encouraged shared responsibility, stating, "We would like every man in the province to lead and model good behavior to the boys and young men. When a son sees his father or uncle treating vulnerable groups with



HOD Stephen Matjena. Photo: Sello Sebela / DTCS



Chief Director for Corporate Management Services, Ngoako Mangena. Photo: Sello Sebela / DTCS

care, they will emulate and grow into responsible, loving adults themselves."

The Limpopo Department of Transport and Community Safety remains committed to promoting the well-being of all employees and creating a positive impact on society.



Programme Director of the day: Mopani District Director, Joel Chauke. Photo: Sello Sebela / DTCS



Director for Employee Wellness and Special, Morgan Malatji. Photo: Sello Sebela / DTCS



SAPS Lt. Col. Motipe Mokame. Photo: Sello Sebela / DTCS



GEMS Representative, Baleseng Sekhukhune. Photo: Sello Sebela / DTCS



Motivational Speaker, Apostle Bridget Hawkins. Photo: Sello Sebela / DTCS



Medizone Representative, Caroline Boikhutso. Photo: Sello Sebela / DTCS



Dietician, Olga Nchabeleng. Photo: Sello Sebela / DTCS



Psychologist, Dr. Lesley Takalani Mauda. Photo: Sello Sebela / DTCS



Employees listening attentively to the Speakers at the Departmental Men's Indaba. Photo: Sello Sebela / DTCS



State Accountant for Financial Accounts, Vincent Selolo during Q & A session. Photo: Sello Sebela / DTCS



Deputy Director for Service Delivery Improvement and Customer Care, Jimmy Fuela during Q & A session. Photo: Sello Sebela / DTCS



Health Specialists performing regular health checks to the departmental male employees. Photo: Sello Sebela / DTCS



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SOCIAL MEDIA TRAINING TO SUPPORT ROLL OUT OF THE LIMPOPO ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY



Impact Catalyst Communications Specialist, Chumisa Ndlazi. Photo: Sello Sebela / DTCS

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Polokwane - The Impact Catalyst recently provided comprehensive social media training to road safety officers from across the province, support staff from MEC Violet Mathye's office, the Communication Services team of the Limpopo Department of Transport and Community Safety and the Provincial South African Police Service (SAPS) corporate communications team.

The training, held on 4-5 March in Polokwane, aimed to equip participants with the skills to effectively communicate the work of the Limpopo Road Safety Strategy (LRSS) 2025-2035.

Creative content creation strategies were explored to influence road user behavior for the better, in support of #projectEDWARD - Every Day Without A Road Death.

This initiative is a crucial step in driving the implementation of the LRSS in 2025 and beyond. The Limpopo Department of Transport and Community Safety, in collaboration with the Limpopo Road Safety Programme, will lead the implementation of this strategy.

The training session was an exciting opportunity to leverage social media for promoting road safety awareness.



Impact Catalyst HOD for Social Development and Communications, Noeleen Greyling. Photo: Sello Sebela / DTCS







Human Rights Month is commemorated in March to remind South Africans about the sacrifices that accompanied the struggle for the attainment of democracy in South Africa. Human Rights Day on 21 March falls within this period. The month of March is a heightened period in South Africa to mark Human Rights Month, commemorated under the 2025 theme, “Deepening a culture of social justice and human rights”.

The 1960s were characterised by systematic defiance and protest against apartheid and racism across the country.

On 21 March 1960, the community of Sharpeville and Langa townships, like their fellow compatriots across the country, embarked on a protest march to protest against pass laws.

The apartheid police shot and killed 69 of the protesters at Sharpeville, many of them shot while fleeing. Many other people were killed in other parts of the country. The tragedy came to be known as the Sharpeville Massacre and it exposed the apartheid government’s deliberate violation of human rights to the world.

The democratic government declared 21 March Human Rights Day to commemorate and honour those who fought for our liberation and the rights we enjoy today.

Our Constitution is hailed as one of the most progressive in the world. The Constitution is the ultimate protector of our Human Rights, which were previously denied to the majority of our people under Apartheid.

We commemorate Human Rights Day to reinforce our commitment to the Bill of Rights as enshrined in our Constitution.

These rights include:

Equality – everyone is equal before the law and has the right to equal protection and benefit of the law.

Human dignity – everyone has inherent dignity and have their dignity respected and protected.

Freedom of movement and residence – everyone has a right to freedom of movement and to reside anywhere in the country.

Language and culture – everyone has the right to use the language and to participate in the cultural life of their choice.

Life - everyone has the right to life.

Whether we are at the workplace, within communities, at schools, or with our partners and children, we all need to demonstrate the kind of responsibility that we would like to see in our country’s future.

We call on all South Africans to use Human Rights Month to foster greater social cohesion, nation-building and a shared national identity. It is our duty as a nation to strive for inclusive socio-economic development while ensuring that we combat scourges such as racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and all related intolerances as well as gender-based violence and femicide, which are undermining our human rights culture.

MOPANI DISTRICT OFFICE HELD A SUCCESSFUL STAFF ENGAGEMENT MEETING

Mopani - Mopani District Director, Joel Chauke successfully hosted a district staff engagement meeting on 4 March 2025. The primary objectives of the meeting were to introduce newly appointed officials, officially welcome them, and motivate all staff members as they embark on the new year.



Mopani District Director, Joel Chauke flanked by employees. Photo: Supplied



Government Fleet Directorate. Photo: Supplied



Provincial Secretary for Police Services Directorate. Photo: Supplied



Financial Management Services Directorate. Photo: Supplied



Corporate Management Services Directorate. Photo: Supplied



Transport Operations Directorate. Photo: Supplied



Transport Regulation Directorate. Photo: Supplied

DTCS COMPLETES GBV COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME



Director for Police Oversight, Conduct and Compliance, Matthews Bopape. Photo: Sello Sebela / DTCS

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Polokwane - The Limpopo Department of Transport and Community Safety (DTCS) successfully concluded its Gender-Based Violence (GBV) community engagement programme with a session held at the Apostolic Faith Church in Ga Matlou village, Polokwane Capricorn district, on 26 February 2025.

This marked the final session of a comprehensive programme rolled out across all districts in Limpopo since April 2024.

The community engagement sessions, conducted by the Provincial Secretariat for Police Service, aimed to educate communities about:

- Gender-based violence and its constituting actions
- Rights of victims
- Reporting procedures

These sessions are part of the Department's intensified efforts to combat the scourge of gender-based violence and femicide, which has devastating effects in the province and country.

The programme featured presentations by various stakeholders, including:

- South African Police Service - Services related to GBV
- National Prosecuting Authority - Handling of protection orders and withdrawal of GBV cases
- Department of Justice and Constitutional Development - Legislative amendments (Acts 12, 13, and 14 of 2021) addressing GBV
- Department of Correctional Services - Rehabilitation of GBV offenders.

These amendments introduce significant changes, such as:

- Mandatory reporting of domestic violence against vulnerable populations.
- New punishable crimes, including sexual intimidation.
- Restrictions on police/prosecutor bail in GBV and femicide cases.

The Matlou traditional leadership and the community of Blood River commended the Department's initiative and pledged to break the silence and stand together against GBVF.






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