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Official conferment of Law Enforcement Officers at Limpopo Traffic College. **Photo: Sello Sebele / LDTCS**

Sello Sebele

Mutale - MEC for Transport and Community Safety, Violet Mathye, presided over the conferment of higher ranks on 28 Law Enforcement Officers on Monday, 29 June 2026, at the Limpopo Traffic College in Manenu. She was joined by the Head of Department, Stephen Matjena, and the Head of Traffic, Tshivhandalani Matsila..

The newly promoted cohort comprises one Deputy Director, nine Chief Provincial Inspectors, and 18 Principal Provincial Inspectors. Each officer assumes greater responsibility in response to the province's call for stronger and more consistent protection for communities.

In line with her Budget Speech commitment to strengthen 24/7 Law Enforcement Operations, the MEC said these appointments signal a department that is ready to meet the demands of the people.

"The elevation of these officers will lift morale across the floor. It also creates space for the recruitment of new officers, so that the promise of round-the-clock service is lived, not just spoken," MEC Mathye said

The Department remains committed to building a professional, disciplined, and service-oriented law enforcement workforce capable of enhancing road safety, enforcing legislation, and protecting the people of Limpopo.



MEC Violet Mathye addressing Law Enforcement Officers. **Photo: Sello Sebele / LDTCS**



Official conferment of Law Enforcement Officers. **Photo: Sello Sebele / LDTCS**



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YOUTH DAY COMMEMORATION



Young employees of the department dancing on stage as they are commemorating Youth Month. Photo: Mary Raphela

Mary Raphela

Giyani - The Limpopo Department of Transport and Community Safety recently hosted a Youth Day Commemoration event at Unigaza Hall in Giyani. Young employees from Head Office and Giyani gathered to reflect on the significance of the day. The event was attended by stakeholders from GEMS, Sanlam, a Dietitian, and officials from the South African Police Service (SAPS).

The purpose of the commemoration is to honour the youth of 1976 who courageously fought for equal rights and quality education during the Soweto Uprising. Their sacrifices continue to inspire young people to be active citizens and contribute positively to society.



Dr. Olga Nchabeleng. Photo: Mary Raphela

A Dietician, Dr. Olga Nchabeleng presented on health matters. She emphasised the importance of a healthy lifestyle, including eating nutritious food, exercising regularly, and making choices that promote overall well-being.

Sergeant Eunice Mabunda of SAPS, in her presentation, highlighted that Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) remains a serious challenge affecting individuals, families, and communities. She urged young people to stand against all forms of violence and abuse. "GBVF is not limited to physical violence. It also includes emotional, psychological, sexual, and economic abuse. Every person deserves to be treated with dignity, respect, and equality," she said.

Director for Employee Wellness and Special Programmes, Morgan Malatji said the June 1976 commemoration is not only about honouring those who lost their lives, but also about building a better future for the next generation.

He further noted that the department has recruited young interns to complete experiential learning programmes as part of efforts to reduce youth unemployment. He encouraged young people to continue applying for available opportunities.

He concluded by stating: "Forward we go, backward never," and quoted: "Aspire to inspire before you expire."



Sgt. Eunice Mabunda presenting on GBVF. Photo: Mary Raphela



Director, Morgan Malatji. Photo: Photo: Mary Raphela



Young employees of the department getting ready to entertain attendees. Photo: Photo: Mary Raphela

SAPS LIMPOPO RECOGNISES COMMITMENT, DEDICATION AND HARD WORK THROUGH EXCELLENCE AWARDS



HOD Stephen Matjena (Far right) and Mayor of the Capricorn District Municipality, Cllr. Mamedupi Teffo (3rd from left) and SAPS Excellence Awards Winners. Photo: SAPS

Mashudu Mabata

Polokwane - The South African Police Service (SAPS) in Limpopo honoured its outstanding members at the Excellence Awards, recognising their commitment, dedication, professionalism, and hard work in serving communities across the province.

The awards celebrate exceptional performance across various policing and support functions, acknowledging members who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in promoting safety, combating crime, and upholding the values of the organisation.

The Limpopo Department of Transport and Community Safety's Head of Department, Stephen Matjena, attended the prestigious ceremony, reaffirming the department's support for recognising

excellence in public service. The awards serve not only as recognition of outstanding achievements but also as motivation for SAPS members to continue maintaining the highest standards of service delivery while embracing the values of integrity, accountability, teamwork and professionalism.

The ceremony was further graced by the presence of Lieutenant General Thembi Radebe, who is concluding her distinguished service in SAPS. She congratulated the award recipients and expressed her appreciation for their unwavering dedication to protecting and serving the people of Limpopo.

Congratulations to all the award recipients on this well-deserved recognition. Their commitment and exemplary service continue to inspire excellence and make a meaningful contribution towards building safer communities across Limpopo.



Limpopo artist, Tiisetso Swafo performing on stage. Photo: SAPS



HOD Stephen Matjena. Photo: SAPS



Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe. Photo: SAPS



HOD Stephen Matjena (left) handing over an award to the Winner. Photo: SAPS

DTCS AND GAAL ACCOUNT TO PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON Q4 PERFORMANCE

Polokwane - The Department, together with the Gateway Airports Authority Limited (GAAL), appeared before the Portfolio Committee on Transport and Community Safety to present their Fourth Quarter (Q4) performance for the 2025/26 financial year. The meeting was chaired by Portfolio Committee Chairperson Kedibone Lebea.

MEC for Transport and Community Safety, Violet Mathye and GAAL Chairperson, Dr. Mavhungu Musitha, led the delegation. The Head of Department, Stephen Matjena, was part of the team of senior officials from both DTCS and GAAL.

The briefing focused on the Department's and GAAL's Fourth Quarter performance for the 2025/26 financial year, highlighting key service delivery achievements, challenges and progress made during the reporting period.



MEC Violet Mathye and HOD Stephen Matjena appearing before the Portfolio Committee. **Photo: Limpopo Legislature**



Portfolio Committee Chairperson Kedibone Lebea and GAAL Chairperson Dr Mavhungu Musitha during the Fourth Quarter performance briefing. **Photo: Limpopo Legislature**

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