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Provincial Government Launches Phase-One of the In-Sourcing of Security Officers

In a significant move towards fulfilling its commitment, the Provincial Government, led by Premier Dr. Zamani Saul, together with MEC responsible for transport, Safety and Liaison (DTSL) Ms. Nomamdla Bloem, launched and announced the commencement of the first phase of the in-sourcing of security officers on 23 January 2024. This commitment, stems from promises made by the 6th Administration, underscores the government's dedication to enhancing service delivery and ensuring the well-being of its employees.

The inaugural phase of the initiative focuses on centralizing the security function for Provincial Government under the management of the DTSL. This strategic move aims to streamline operations and bolster efficiency within the government's security framework. Additionally, it sets the stage for the incremental in-sourcing process, which will soon open avenues for the recruitment of more security officers.

Integral to this initiative is the commitment to equipping all security officers with comprehensive training. This training encompasses essential aspects such as Batho Pele principles, access control, information management and other pertinent security-related matters. By investing in ongoing education and development, the government seeks to ensure that security officers remain well-prepared to uphold the highest standards of professionalism and service excellence.

Premier Dr. Zamani Saul emphasized the importance of continuous skills enhancement among security officers. He urged them to embrace opportunities for learning and growth, highlighting the pivotal role they play in advancing quality service delivery across the province. Through this proactive approach, the government reaffirms its commitment to fostering a culture of empowerment and proficiency within its workforce.



MEC Bloem visits two schools in the JTG district to assess state of readiness for the 2024 academic year



17 January 2024- The first day of the 2024 school calendar as learners trooped back to school. It was the day that also saw the entire Northern Cape cabinet deployed to various public schools across the province to ensure learning and teaching commences unabated. As part of the government back to school initiative, MEC Nomandla Bloem spent the morning at Langeberg High School and Noordkaap Laerskool in Olifantshoek to ensure schools kick starts on a positive note.



MEC Bloem's visit sought to ensure that learning and teaching takes place on the first day of school and to take note of any education related challenges and address any safety concerns that are a hindrance to learning and teaching ranging from resources, substance use, gangsterism, possession of dangerous weapons, acts of vandalism, bullying, and absenteeism in a momentum effort to create and promote a conducive learning environment.

MEC Bloem in her address, encouraged learners to show commitment and dedication in their school work and to realise the importance of education as it supports their developmental aspirations and to refrain from partaking in any wrongdoings, she also commended educators in ensuring excellence in teaching. MEC Bloem intends to continue helping the schools by addressing safety concerns and ensure all children learn comfortably.

MEC Bloem pleaded with all stakeholders to have a shared responsibility and to work together towards a common goal of ensuring a safe environment for children to learn and to safeguard the infrastructure of government.



2023 Arrive Alive Safer Festive Season Review Session

30 January 2024- MEC Nomandla Bloem and HOD Rodney Pieterse participated in a review session conducted by the DTSL Transport Regulations Directorate. During the session, the Arrive Alive Safer Festive Season Campaign was reviewed to reflect on the challenges and success of the campaign in order to enhance the effectiveness of road safety campaigns and law enforcement operations. Based on the statistics, the Northern Cape reduced fatal crashes by 33% and fatalities by 16%. 43 persons lost their lives on our road compared 51 in the 2022 Arrive Alive Safer Festive Season Campaign.



MEC Bloem expressed gratitude to all law enforcement officers for their commitment and dedication during the campaign which ensured, we reduce the number of lives lost on our roads.

She also expressed optimism regarding the 50 new recruits that the department sent to a traffic college in Welkom to address the dire need of law enforcement officers next to our roads.

The high law enforcement visibility, road safety education and awareness campaigns during the festive season resulted in a significant reduction in road fatalities and road crashes for the Northern Cape Province.



The department pays respect to all those who lost their lives on our provincial and national roads and wish a speedy recovery to all those who sustained injuries on our roads .

MEC Bloem joins PC Otola for the SAPS Back to school outreach programme in Mecwetsaneng



28 February 2024- The MEC for Transport, Safety and Liaison, Nomandla Bloem joined the Provincial Commissioner of SAPS Lt. Gen. KC Otola together with the Provincial Commissioner Major Gen. Lekhele, for the SAPS Back to School Campaign to hand over school shoes to learners at Mecwetsaneng Primary School in the John Taolo Gaitsiwe District.

The multi- grade school which comprises of only 72 learners is remotely situated in the rural confines of Kuruman, in which school based needs and academic resources are a huge challenge, however the school serves as a beacon of hope and a path to a better life for many learners.

The school principal, Ms Modise, highlighted a few challenges faced by the school, in which learners from the village enters the school premises to attack learners in the school, break-ins, substance use, learner drop outs and school based needs were top of the list. She expressed her sincere gratitude for the visit as this noble gesture will impact learners in a positive way.



MEC Bloem, PC Otola and DPC Lekhele, handed over 80 pairs of school shoes to the principal of the school to distribute to each and every learner. This outreach programme is part of the governments intervention to form social compacts in order to improve access to education, relieve the plight of underprivileged pupils, and the ongoing commitment in supporting underprivileged pupils in their academic journey through the Back to School initiatives.

MEC Bloem said “as the government, we must remove obstacles in the way and address safety concerns in order to create and promote a conducive learning environment”. She also pleaded with parents and communities to play an active role in ensuring children refrain from partaking in any wrong doings. MEC Bloem continued to shift attention to learners to address them about ill- discipline, bullying and the dangers of substance use.

The day concluded with a few learners taking fingerprints as a measure for easy tracing in the event of danger and Kgosi Selao thanking MEC Bloem and P.C Otola including all stakeholders.