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As we usher the first quarter of the new financial year and as we close the fourth and the last quarter of the 2011/2012 financial year we close it in a positive note as we have just celebrated the lives of the people who have politically helped our land in achieving the political stability we see now in our country. We talk of former president of the ANC and of the land a pioneer of the African renaissance who has played an important role in the formation of the independent South Sudan and this is Thabo Mvuyelwa Mbeki. On the same breath we speak of the current president of the ANC and the sitting president of the country who has made South Africa a force to be reckoned with as part of the BRICS and that is none other than Jacob Gedleyihlekisa Zuma who just turned 68 years old. These are the two soldiers of the struggle who come from the same school of thought and drank from the same political tank under the leadership of OR Tambo.

June Month known by many as youth month is the most eventful month in the South African calendar. As we are marking the 36 years of commemoration of youth where young people were marching on the streets of Soweto calling for the banning of Afrikaans as a medium language for all subjects that was used forcefully

by apartheid regime where we lost a number of young people in the protest. Recently I have been observing with concern youth month being celebrated in a foreign way where you see young people on June 16 being intoxicated into water of dizziness, I mean is as if they are portraying the class of 1976 but is this how the 76 class would wish to be remembered or is this what they have died for? Surely the answer is no. I believe the youth today must start focusing on the real issues that affect young people in general and look for possible solutions. We cannot in this democratic South Africa have children who go to school without the necessary school material nor have learners who still sit under trees because the department cannot provide proper infrastructure. We must learn from the past generations and use the experiences learnt for possible solutions.

It must be said without equivocation that the last quarter has been a busy one indeed as we held our 4th regional conference of the ANC which was held in St Georges Hotel in the Northern part of our province. I wish to send my gratitude to the chairperson of the region comrade Simon Mahole Mofokeng who was elected the third time in a row as chairperson of this gigantic region, indeed this is an indication that humor, selflessness, dedication and diligence does pay off in time, and further congratulate the entire leadership that emerged out of the democratic processes.

I equally wish to congratulate the newly elected Regional Secretary Bob Mthembu, the branches of Sedibeng have again shown confidence in the youth of its region as they bestowed their trust for organizational development, quest to stabilize governance and ensuring that branches of the ANC become politically active and program orientated in this decade of the cadre, a task they have bestowed on a young gallant regional



secretary. These two will be leading a troop of eighteen driving forward the mandate of branches in the form of resolutions that will seek to transform society in building just but equitable society in Sedibeng, congratulations again to all of the Regional Executive Committee.

The SACP in Sedibeng also held its District Congress which was a resounding success as it was able to engage on issues the South African Road to Socialism bringing it home as to how far are we as the district in relation to the SACP Medium Term Vision. I wish to congratulate the SACP for their growth in numbers as we saw plus 50 branches attending conference as opposed to eleven that attended congress in 2009. Our task as communist is to ensure that we turn quantity in to quality, one of the things congress pondered on was the Nationalization discussions which congress managed to agree that it is not about to abandon its program on the nationalisation of Mittal and SASOL instead the organization will exert more energy in driving it forward. It is against this background that I wish to congratulate the newly elected District Secretary of the SACP in Sedibeng Cde SelloMaetso and the newly elected chairperson of the district Cde Archie Mokonane.

Comrades and fellow inhabitants of Sedibeng the ANC released its own policy approach to its structures and to the general public for engagements, as we know that the ANC remain one of the transparent movement in the continent with its policy approach being open to be engaged by even the general public. It is after everyone was given a chance to input on this policy approaches that bonafide members delegated by branches of the ANC took to the policy conference held in our province for discussions.

Surely we are aware that the ANC has correctly so conceptualized this epoch

we are in as the 'Second phase of the transition'. This is an indication that the movement is increasing the pace of transformation from all corners i.e. economy, judiciary, social and organizationally. These policy positions of the ANC from the policy conference going to Mangaung for ratification and adoption correlates well with the vision 2030 of the country as crafted by the planning commission led by Minister Trevor Manuel.

This is one event that showed the world that ANC understands itself and the direction its taking, many expected change of blows, ill-discipline, disorder and all sorts of things that will bring the organization into disrepute but all that did not happen. The policy conference became an incident free activity that sought to do nothing else but bring about unity.

Fellow compatriots Sedibeng hosted the flame which signaled 100 years of existence of this glorious movement in the country which makes the ANC the oldest liberation movement in the continent. This flame brought light to some of us as we were able to celebrate it with our communities in Sedibeng and members of the ANC. The flame brought about tranquility in the organization and in our area of Vaal, it brought about unity as I saw all black and white celebrating the path traversed by the ANC in its quest to liberate all those in bondages of economic and political oppression.

I wish to congratulate the newly appointed coach of the national team Mr. Gordon Igesund as he has without doubt shown consistency in his work. He has managed to win us as South Africans as he has displayed high level of discipline and dedication in his line of work. I wish to urge all South Africans to rally behind him as we soldier on to the Africa Cup of Nations and to the qualification to the FIFA World Cup. On the same breath I want to congratulate Oscar Pretorius for

being afforded a chance to compete with the able bodies in the UK, it is my prayer that he show the world what Africa is made of and that no one should be rid off because of physique.

As we all know that caucus of the ANC in Emfuleni Local Municipality remains one of the key special branch of the ANC in government, we are then committed with officials of the municipality that we focus our attention on service delivery issues in our area. From my office I wish to commend the efforts put together in ensuring that finally Lerothodi Street ward 32, N1 ward 30 and Cell C in Hostel are constructed and fully functional, on the same breath wish to commend the work done by our people in the construction of the two parks one in Evaton West and the other in Zone 11, this are indeed state of the art infrastructure which must be guarded by all cost against vandalism by anybody. This should be the efforts of the community as this is their property hence an element of community ownership is essential in this regard.

It is against this background that I urge all communities of Emfuleni Local Municipality household and business to be patriotic enough and pay for services that we render as the municipality. The grants that we receive from either province or national will never be sufficient to drive development we want in our area, as it is our aim that we build an infrastructure that will enhance the outlook of our municipality in an endeavor to attract investments for the creation of employment. We are still committed to building a Metro City, the form it will take is the other issue but ultimately we will be a Metro for the greater benefit of our people, whether the opposition agree or disagree we will soldier on as ours is not a cheap political score point but ours is in the benefit of our people civic and business.





16 June 1976: Student Uprising in Soweto

As the country marks the 36th anniversary of the June 16 1976 Soweto uprising and the 18 years since the advent of democracy in South Africa, there is an utmost need to reflect on what transpired during the Soweto Uprising and alluding to the fact that change was brought into practice by participation of young people in the liberation struggle which left majority of young people dead and injured while demonstrating their anger in response to measure laws of apartheid affecting only black people.

The immediate cause to the protest was that of students opposing Afrikaans as a medium of instruction to black high schools. The association of Afrikaans with apartheid prompted young black South Africans to take to the streets their anger and frustrations, but they had a plan in mind, their plan was to have a peaceful march. Things started to change when they noticed that roads were barricaded by the then police who used teargas to disperse the crowd and live ammunition to the students which resulted in pupils responding by throwing stones and setting of fire to symbols of the apartheid, burning of government buildings, beer halls and equally to the state owned vehicles. The situation was deteriorating and things went way out of line to a decree issued by Bantu Education Department that imposed Afrikaans as the medium of instruction to all black schools; however this fiasco led to a situation whereby students started to re-group and demonstrated against the ruling issued by the department.

On that historic day two young students by name of Hasting Ndlovu and Hector Peterson died from the shot that the police were firing and these led to hundred more sustained injuries during subsequent chaos that engulfed in areas and the surroundings of Soweto, which at the later stage and more of political influence spread around South Africa.

‘YOUTH DAY as it is called and celebrated today, is sincerely dedicated in paying tribute to the hundreds of students, who lost their lives during the 1976 uprising in Soweto, amongst lessons learnt thereof, however the challenges of the generation of 1976 and of today are not same, the yester year generation was fighting for change today’s generation is facing challenges of liberating themselves from the shackles of unemployment, poverty and crime. June 16 must be celebrated and be used to take stock of the progress the country and its youngster made and gear up to continue to empower young people...

We are still faced with one or two if not more challenges in this epoch, one being that of high rate of unemployment among the youth. We cannot keep pointing fingers to the apartheid regime without having to do our part. The very same way young people dealt with laws of apartheid is the same way we should fight unemployment and show sense of urgency. We need the very same determination and energy which was displayed by the youth of 1976 to meet up with the challenges we face as young people. We need to devise some means in which young people of South Africa take full responsibility in the economy of the country.

Youth should rise up to the challenges facing this generation by seeing themselves as possessing the solution to today’s youth quagmires. They must find ways to play pivotal role in job creation and the mainstreaming of our economy; youth development should be the order of the day.

The government launched the National Youth Development Agency on the very same historic day June 16, 2009 to address the socio economic factors among the youth. In curbing the challenges constrain on Unemployment the National youth development agency has introduced

a number of programmes to try and alleviate poverty. The South Africa’s National Youth Development Agency has launched the Ithubalentsha micro enterprise programme, which will young aspirant and developing entrepreneur with training, mentorship finance, market linkages and further with the access to the business opportunity.

According to the agency many of our young people have ventured into business opportunities and others have shown entrepreneurial skills while majority have graduated but cannot be absorbed in the job market. Both government and private sector have shown interest in mitigating with the challenge but a lot still needs to be done. Our economy is still in the hands of minority. But the challenge is accessing funds related to various sectors of business. Others are trying their luck in small businesses but cannot keep up or sustain them. And struggling youth of our country faces with challenge when resorted in becoming entrepreneurs as they come across with barriers that speaks to lack of finance to start or expand their business, and lack of business management and other appropriate skills. The programme is mainly created to cover especially the case of young people particularly in rural and peri-urban areas, as well as those number of young people with disabilities, with these factors mentioned thru feasibility studies it has shown that combined are the challenges or rather barriers to business or got huge negative impact on high failure rate among to start up a businesses initiated by young people of South Africa.

With these programme aim is to give young entrepreneurs the exposure that they need to succeed by facilitating access to mentors and business opportunities in both public and private sectors, while on other side empowering youth with relevant skills and methods of starting business,





further more NYDA has issued criteria in relation to boost the entrepreneurs in particular and the youth of today in general with loans ranging from R1000 to R100 000 respectively. The introduction of these programme came about to address the estimated statistics that estimated that almost 73% of the South African youth, who form portion of 42% of the country's population are the ones contributed to the stats of being unemployed, and it has been taken with high note that if the is a need to tackle issues of youth unemployment in the country; which will further assist to the debacle of poverty.

We believe that this programme of lthubalentsha will bring change to youth of today by creating direct and sustainable employment and will assist by alleviating the scour age of youth unemployment, which is the great concern in the country.

While the initiative of this programme is aimed at young aspirant and to establishment of South African entrepreneurs between the age of 18 and 35 which is the youth streamline

category of the country, with preferences being given to the youth in rural and peri-urban areas and to those living with disabilities.

With the second post- apartheid regime debacles that faced youth of today and it became a quit challenge in our newly rather 18 year of our democracy, is noted as the epidemic of HIV and Aids, however steps and initiatives has been brought forwarded trying to fight the increase number of young people who become the victims of the disease within the country. However to fight these the government has come up with 5 goals and 4 aims; the plan however proposes to deal with HIV, Sexually transmitted infections (sit's) and Tuberculosis (TB) together by adopting a holistic approach which included the preventative and therapeutic measures

The five goals are:

- To reduce new HIV infections by at least 50% using a combination of prevention approaches.
- To initiate at least 80% of eligible patients on antiretroviral treatment, with 70% being alive and on

- treatment five years after initiation.
- Reduce the number of new TB infections as well as deaths from TB by 50%.
- To ensure an enabling and accessible legal framework that protects and promotes human rights in order to support the implementation of the plan.
- To reduce self-reported stigma related to HIV and TB by at least 50%.

Four goals are:

- To address social and structural barriers to HIV, STI and TB prevention, care and impact.
- To prevent new HIV, STI and TB infections.
- To sustain health and wellness.
- To increase the protection of human rights and improve access to justice.

Apart from this aims and goals number of outreach programme have been continuously put on place to alert the new generation of South Africa especially the youth about the HIV/ AIDS issues it is of important that youth of today apply the methods used by 1976 generation as a lesson to fight for change by reducing the element of these challenges.

In essence education will forever form part in our lives and is also a catalyst for change and development for our young people. We must as young as we are remain focus in the attainment of a better future and play a significant role in the quality of our education as enshrined in the five priorities of 2011 local government manifesto. The transformation of these country remains in the future of its youth and its successes as they are the future leaders. After all the development of the youth in this country should be placed as the primary objective for the transformation of our country and further enhance the living standards of our young people. The youth of 1976 have already shown that it is possible if we work towards achieving a similar goal



Reclaiming our Neighbourhood

Community policing aims at preventing crime through consulting with local communities and other stakeholders on issues and factors that may lead to the occurrence of crime. This should lead to policing initiatives that emerge out of combined problem solving such as foot patrols at a certain place and time.

Like many communities in South Africa, the community of Emfuleni is faced with the challenge of Youth at risk of being forever engaged in criminal activities. The community of Emfuleni is witnessing high levels of youth involvement in alcohol abuse, assault, theft, murder, house breaking and witchcraft killings etc. There is also a grave concern regarding rape cases that lead to rapid increase in HIV/AIDS infections and illnesses. The high rate of unemployment and poverty especially among the youth is a challenge that needs concerted effort from everyone. We also need to enhance and give meaning to our PPP engagements in fighting crime. The worrying factor is that Youth is at the centre stage of crime activities.

Of course we need to fight this sense of despair by not discounting our optimum options. We need to accelerate the speed with which we provide young people with a different and safe environment to engage in a range of social development activities including life skills programmes, a space to study and getting involved in job creation projects. The idea of the intervention is to divert youth away from potentially criminal and harmful activities.

The unusually high unemployment rate with considerable numbers of youth both outside of the labour market and the education and training system has been a source of considerable concern. Large numbers of youth (aged between 18 and 24), estimated

over 3.5 million are not in education, employment or training. The attention to youth empowerment suggests that for effective outcomes to be realised, it is necessary to pay an unprecedented degree of attention to education, training and skills development. The need for the country to advance the social development agenda by effective and meaningful investment in education is abundantly clear.

The primary fact is not in dispute that crime is a real monster in our communities and it cannot be left unattended to; we all need to partner if we are to succeed in our endeavour to combat crime. Crime brings sorrow in our families; we have lost our loved ones.

Our children, sisters, mothers and grandmothers get raped on daily basis. We sacrifice a lot to pay for furnisher, accessories, cellphones, cars etc, over a period of years and criminals just rob us in minutes (sic). We need to raise the bar in the fight against crime.

What happened to moral codes, parentalhood, responsible and caring neighbourhood? How long will our ignorance last; is the moral fibre in our communities fading?

A number of retail outlets close shop as a result of business robberies which results in the increase on unemployment.

The other disadvantage with respect to crime is that it demoralises "Investor Confidence" which means work opportunities cannot be created and this is not good for the economy.

Neither the Police nor Community members can rest whilst criminals obliterate our communities.

Whilst we cannot prescind crime from prosperous life that everyone deems

fit, we ought to come together and protect what we have against criminal confrontations.

We should also make maximum use of able and willing stakeholders including academics and special interest groups, as resources of special knowledge and information.

An observation made over years, is the insufficient resourcing part of the patrollers programme but most importantly poor management that demoralises these volunteers.

There is absolutely no doubt that we need to enhance and embrace Community Safety Structures such that they discharge their responsibilities effectively and efficiently.

There is a greater need to tighten SAPS Systems such that they speak to each other (synergy). It is through active participation and cooperation that we can increase arrests, quality investigations including proper scrutiny of evidence and successful prosecution.

In this regard we should inform campaigns and programmes, become part of street committees; patrolling in our respective streets and blocks. And become whistle blowers in the process. The office of the Chief Whip joins South Africans, in particular women as they celebrate the appointment of the new National Police Commissioner Mangwashi Victoria Riah Phiyega, who should be given space and support in her endeavour to fight crime and advance the struggle of women in the South African Police Service. On the same breath congratulate the current Minister of Home Affairs Dr Nkosazana Dlamini – Zuma, for being elected the Chairperson of the African Union, making her the first woman to hold the post. South African government and politics will be poorer without Dlamini – Zuma, as she takes on the AU position



In mind with this, women are still faced with the challenges which amongst others include sexual offences, Common Assault, Assault GBH, Carjacking, Murder and Robbery

and the mammoth tasks that lie ahead. She certainly has been one of the most competent ministers to ever serve our government. The struggle for the total emancipation of women must continue to receive priority by the entire society.

Speaking at the 2nd National Conference of the Progressive Women's Movement of South Africa in Umthatha, Eastern Cape on the 6th July 12 the President said; "The country must do more to hasten the entry and participation of women in decision making processes and positions". It is against this backdrop that all men and women must actively work to promote women's rights as human rights.

In mind with this, women are still faced with the challenges which amongst others include sexual offences, Common Assault, Assault GBH, Carjacking, Murder and Robbery. The consolidation of our democracy requires citizens, cooperate sector, civil society organisations and government to work together to tackle challenges facing us towards transforming Emfuleni into a crime free municipality. Schooled at Leolo High School in rural Mpumalanga, South Africa's new

National Police Commissioner began her tertiary education at the University of the North in Limpopo, where she completed her Bachelor of Arts in social work. In 1986, she went to do her honours following her masters in 1994, both completed through the University of Johannesburg. These courses were done part – time while she earned a living, first as a social worker and branch manager of Pretoria Child Welfare, then as an employee well-being consultant at the Chamber of Mines. She also worked as a director of development for the National Council of Child Welfare in Johannesburg. Over the years, she has held a number of high profile positions with a variety of corporate, parastatals and NGO's. A significant number of these positions were at Transnet and its subsidiaries, including being a board member of the company, chairing at Production House, heading the Transnet Foundation, being a member of the International Association for Ports and Harbours board; chairing Transmed and serving on the Port Management Association of Eastern and Southern Africa. She has also chaired the task team of the Road Traffic Management Corporation and most recently chaired

the Presidential State-Owned Entity Review Committee. Obviously her credentials speak volume and it will be very wrong to cast doubt on one of our own at this early stage.

Phiyega has reached the peak of her career and needs support from all of us in order to efficiently tackle crime. It is our collective responsibility to do everything in our power to ensure that all hands are on the deck in rooting out crime in our communities. It is also important that at the level of the branch we have sustainable alliance driven campaigns and programmes in partnership with all stakeholders that speak to all types of crimes we are faced with in each ward across Emfuleni respectively.

Inversely, the battle against crime cannot be won if we continue to be spectators or provide criminals with space to make movements.

We must collectively find comprehensive responses to address the constraints that limit our advance towards a crime free society.

The following table serves as a highlight and guideline regarding campaigns and programmes that must be undertaken in line with types of the crime that affect each ward respectively:

The Barrage SAPS

AREA	TYPE OF CRIME	AREA	TYPE OF CRIME	AREA	TYPE OF CRIME
Lochvaal Mullerstuine Nanescol Theoville Vaalower	Burglary at residential premises	Kaalplaats Lochvaal UKN	Assault with the purpose to inflict grievous bodily harm	Kaalplaats Lochvaal Mooiwater	Burglary at business premises
Lochvaal Rosashof UKN	Common assault	Lochvaal Mooiwater Mullerstuine	Theft of motor vehicle and cycle	Lochvaal Nanescol Vaalview	Rape
Lochvaal Vaalview Vlakplaas	Culpable homicide	Vaalview	Murder	Lochvaal	Carjacking
Vaalview	House robbery				





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Sebokeng SAPS

Please note that zones are herein referred to as units

AREA	TYPE OF CRIME	AREA	TYPE OF CRIME	AREA	TYPE OF CRIME
Boitumelo Unit 10 Unit 12 Unit 14	Burglary at Residential premises	Unit 10 Unit 12 Unit 13	Assault – GBH	Unit 10 Unit 11 Unit 12 Unit 14	Common assault
Unit 10 Unit 11 Unit 14	Burglary at business premises	Boitumelo Polokong Unit 10 Unit 11 Unit 12 Unit 13 and 14	Rape	Unit 10 Unit 17 Thabong Shopping Complex	Theft of motor Vehicle and motor cycle
Unit 10 Unit 13 Unit 14	Common robbery	Boitumelo Unit 10 Unit 11 Unit 12 Unit 14	Business robbery	Unit 10 Ext 1 Unit 13 Unit 14	Carjacking
Boitumelo Unit 13 Unit 14 and 17	House breaking	Unit 10 Unit 12	Attempted burglaries at residential premises	Unit 14	Attempted motor vehicle theft

Evaton SAPS

AREA	TYPE OF CRIME	AREA	TYPE OF CRIME	AREA	TYPE OF CRIME
Evaton Central Evaton Evaton West	Burglary at Residential Premises	Evaton Evaton West Evaton Central	Assault – GBH	Evaton Central Evaton Evaton West	Common assault
Evaton West Zone 3	Theft of motor vehicle and motor cycle	Palm Springs Evaton West Terminus Shop No. 53 Graceland Evaton North	Business robbery	Evaton West Small Farms Evaton Central	Rape
Evaton West Small Farms Palm Springs	Common rape	Beverly Hills Evaton Rivers of Waters Church	Murder	Evaton Palm Springs Zone 6	Robbery with firearm
Evaton West Evaton Central Evaton	Burglary at business premises	Evaton Central UKN Palm Springs Evaton West Unit 6 Ext 11	Carjacking	UKN	Attempted burglaries at residential premises
UKN	Attempted motor vehicle theft	Evaton Central	Attempt to commit sexual offence		



Boipatong SAPS

AREA	TYPE OF CRIME	AREA	TYPE OF CRIME	AREA	TYPE OF CRIME
Tshirela Boipatong Winniespark France	Assault – GBH	Tshirela Lusaka Boipatong	Burglary at residential premises	Boipatong Tshirela France	Common assault
Tshirela and Phase 3	Rape	Tshirela	Common and house robbery	France	Business robbery

Sharpeville SAPS

AREA	TYPE OF CRIME	AREA	TYPE OF CRIME	AREA	TYPE OF CRIME
Sharpeville Tshepiso Phase 3 Phomolong	Burglary at residential premises	Sharpeville Tshepiso Phase 1 Tshepiso Phase 4	Assault – GBH	Sharpeville Tshepiso Phase 4 Tshepiso Phase 1	Common assault
Sharpeville Tshepiso Phase 1 Vuka – AME Church Dicksonville	Burglary at Business Premises	Sharpeville Tshepiso Phase 3 Rooistena Tshepiso Phase 2	Common robbery	Sharpeville Tshepiso Phase 1 Phelandaba Cemetery Ditentsheng Soul – City Tshepiso Phase 1 Tshepiso Phase 3	Rape
Sharpeville Tshepiso Phase 3 Phase 3 – Pitseng	Business robbery	Sharpeville	Theft of motor vehicle and motor cycle	Tshepiso Phase 1 Ditentsheng Tshepiso Phase 4	Attempt to commit sexual offence
Sharpeville	House robbery	Vuka	Attempted motor vehicle theft	Verganoeg	Murder
Sharpeville	Carjacking	Phelandaba Section	Robbery with firearm		

Vandebijlpark SAPS

AREA	TYPE OF CRIME	AREA	TYPE OF CRIME	AREA	TYPE OF CRIME
Bophelong V/Park C.W 6 V/Park S.E 7	Burglary at residential premises	Bophelong V/Park S.E 7 V/Park C.W 6 V/Park C.C	Assault with the purpose to inflict grievous bodily harm	Bophelong V/Park C.W 6 V/Park C.C	Common assault
V/Park C.E 6 Bophelong V/Park C.C	Burglary at business premises	Bophelong V/Park C.W 6 V/Park S.E 4	Rape	V/Park C.C V/Park C.W 5 N.W 7 Industrial V/Park C.W 2	Theft of motor vehicle and motor cycle
Bophelong V/Park C.C V/Park C.W 6	Common robbery	V/Park C.C V/Park S.E 2 V/Park S.W 2	Robbery with firearm	Bophelong V/Park C.W 5 V/Park S.E 7	Business robbery
V/Park C.W 2 V/Park C.W 5 V/Park C.W 6	Carjacking				



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Vereeniging SAPS

AREA	TYPE OF CRIME	AREA	TYPE OF CRIME	AREA	TYPE OF CRIME
All suburbs, CBD including industrial areas	General theft Burglary at residential premises	Vereeniging Sonlandpark Waldrift Redan Houtkop Agri hold	Theft out of a motor vehicle	Falcon Ridge Riverbend Steelpark Waldrift Risiville	Theft out of a motor vehicle and motor cycle
Vereeniging Three Rivers Arcon Park Powerville Bedworth Park	Shoplifting	Leeuhof Peacehaven Riverbend Powerville Sprincol Buycelia Vaalbank	Common assault	Unitas Park Waldrift Falcon Ridge Sprincol Buycelia	Malicious damage to property
Leeuhof Peacehaven Mooilande Leeuwkuil	Assault with the purpose to Inflict Grievous bodily harm	Falcon Ridge Mooilande Steelpark Powerville	Burglary at business premises	Mooilande Redan	Business robbery
Waldrift Riverbend Steelpark	House robbery	Redan Buycelia	Culpable homicide	Houtkop Agricultural house hold and Buycelia	Theft of live stock; poultry and birds
Falcon Ridge and Houtkop Agricultural house hold	Fraud	Redan and Houtkop Agricultural house hold	Carjacking	Powerville	Robbery with a weapon or instrument other than firearm and robbery with firearm
Sprincol	Crimen injuria	Mooilande	Sexual assault	Mooilande	Rape

Factors that Influence Crime

Family Factors

- Poor parental supervision
- Antisocial behaviour and criminality among peers
- Low family income
- Family conflict
- Substance abuse which leads teenage pregnancy and many other criminal activities

School Factors

- Absenteeism and lack of commitment to school
- Learning difficulties
- Disruptive behaviour or conduct disorder
- Low achievement
- Poor school management and planning
- Lack of support for children with special needs

- Violence, crime and intimidation at school

Individual Characteristics

- Alienation
- Lack of social Involvement
- Early involvement in problem behaviour (gangs, use of drugs and alcohol)
- Peer involvement in problem behaviour
- High proportion of unsupervised time spent with peers

Community Factors

- Community disorganisation
- Availability of drugs
- Opportunities for crime
- High proportion of children
- Unoccupied houses
- High levels of alcohol consumption
- Availability of firearms

What are the possible Remedies to fight Crime?

- To adopt the theme "It starts with me", If we are to succeed in this regard
- Develop a community safety audit
- Support and Participate in the currently Proposed Emfuleni Local Municipality Community Safety Forum which must cascade down to wards
- We need to bring back Operation wanya Tsotsi with clearly defined terms of reference
- We need to undertake and promote Know your Neighbour Campaign
- We need to have every member of the community taking active part in the formation of safety related committees as part of community efforts to combat crime
- Establishment of street committees



- Government and the private sector should provide support and inject more resources for other platforms of local participation, such as community policing forums, community safety forums, street and village committees
- Continuous integrated and sustainable substance abuse outreach programmes with realistic and probable intervention
- Stop buying stolen goods
- Employment of more police personnel to ensure that each sector is capacitated with respect to efficient and timeous response
- More visible policing and patrolling in identified high crime areas

Given the above deductions, it becomes clear that we all have the responsibility to actively partake in measures that are aimed at helping the situation by creating a conducive environment in which our communities are crime free and safe for the upbringing of our children.

Ordinarily; crime affects every member of the community regardless of race, colour or gender. It is incumbent on each one of us to partner with all stakeholders but not limited to Police in the fight against crime.

We can't find comfort in crime, our efforts and initiatives should gradually

help us to decimate and ultimately eradicate crime.

In the next issue we will as a follow up article reflect on the progress made; most importantly the impact on the programmes as well as initiatives that communities would have engaged themselves into in the fight against crime. At the same rate expand more on the Municipal Community Safety Forum with clearly defined terms of reference in tandem with programme of action in fighting the plight and scourge of crime.

Let us take the fight back to criminals, liberate our streets by reclaiming them from criminals!

Never Doubt Your Potential

If you observe nature at work, you will marvel at the intelligence contained within it. Fish don't try and swim, they just swim. Flowers don't try to bloom, they just bloom. Birds don't try to fly, they fly. This is their intrinsic nature. The earth doesn't try to spin on its own axis; it is the nature of the earth to spin with dizzying speed and to hurtle through space. It is in the nature of the sun to shine and the stars to glitter and sparkle. And it is human nature to make our dreams manifest into physical form and achieve all the goals we perceive.

You can be as great as you want to be. George Bernard Shaw once said "Life is not a brief candle to me, it is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for the moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations".

If you want to get the results that winners get, you must first think like a winner thinks.

Thinking like a winner means believing you have courage, determination, dedication and a competitive drive. It means sacrificing the little things in life and a willingness to pay the price for the things that are worthwhile to you. Set your sight high, the higher the

better; expect the most wonderful things to happen, not in the future but right now and realize that nothing is too good. Allow absolutely nothing to hamper you or hold you back in any way.

There are ten core beliefs that are unique to all peak performing men and women. Consider each one carefully and imagine what your world would begin to look like if you held the same beliefs and made them a part of your life today

- Winners are not only born but made as well
- The dominant force in your existence is the thinking you engage in
- You are empowered to create your own reality
- There is some benefit from every adversity
- Each one of your beliefs is a choice
- You are never defeated until you accept defeat as a reality and decide to stop trying
- You already possess the ability to excel in at least one key area of your life
- The only real limitations on what you can accomplish in your life are those you impose on yourself
- There can be no great success without

great commitment

- You need the support and cooperation of other people to achieve any worthwhile goal

You are unique; your particular footprint has never walked on the face of the earth before and never will again. Nor will another voice sing out encouragement and praise to people with the particular sound and characteristics of the voice you possess.

It is through your thoughts that you can enrich your life and control your destiny. You can rise to any height and find peace, happiness and unlimited power within you. You can become all that you want and deserve to be. Ultimately, it all depends on your manner of thinking.

Consult not your fears but your hopes and dreams; think not about your frustrations but about your unfulfilled potential.

Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do. You can break through the success barrier simply by selecting your target and pursuing it with all your talents, abilities and energy at your command.



Report of ANC centenary flame in the region

1. Purpose

The purpose of the report is to share with leadership and membership, the activities that the region undertook and lessons learnt while the flame was in the region.

2. Background

The pillars of the centenary program were celebrating ANC presidents, Mobile ANC Art Exhibition, One month provincial Focus and centenary flame. When there was a national focus on the province, the celebration of that ANC President went with the flame. The province together with their regions was then required to develop a program on the flame that was to move in all the regions. The Gauteng Province was to be the hosts for the entire June 2012 and celebrating President AB Xuma under the theme 'The Doors of learning and culture shall be opened to all'. The arrival of the flame in the region was therefore part of broader national and provincial programs of using the flame to reconnect with the past struggles and celebrate new dispensation.

3. Introduction

The flame touched the revolutionary soil of the region from the 4-9 June 2012. We developed the program of the flame based on below history of the region:

- The Vereeniging Treaty to end Anglo-Boer War and link the treaty to the formation of the Union of South Africa (1910). The treaty excluded black majority and led to establishment of SA National Native Congress (later named ANC) in 1912.
- The struggles and the history of Evaton. Evaton has reached centenary in 2006. Many struggles were waged in Evaton during the 1940s and 1950s (most popular being bus boycott that lasted more than 10 months).
- In 1960 more than 69 peaceful protesters in Sharpeville were massacred. The day is declared as a public holiday, Human Rights Day.
- The Vaal Uprising, 3 September 1984

as a turning point of struggle. On that day more than 75 people were killed. As the result of this struggles Vaal townships were invaded by about 7000 members of SADF and following July 1985, state of emergency was declared. And South Africa was never the same.

- Remember the massacre in Ratanda and heroic struggle and places which symbolized resistance by Ratanda community.
- Upon unbanning of the ANC in 1990, the Vaal once became casualty of state security frustration, on 26 March 1990, 26 peaceful marches were massacred in Sebokeng. The region became centre of state sponsored violence, more 40 people massacred in Sebokeng at Night Vigil. The following year more than 40 people were shot dead in Boipatong in 1992, and this led to halt in negotiations.
- The constitution for democratic SA was signed in 1996 in the Vaal.

The region developed a program based on the above. The Regional Conference occupied most of our time, the arrival of the flame had to be moved from 31 May 2012 to the 4 June 2012. The new collective was having only a week to prepare for this activity and ensure the success thereof. The province brought MK flame bearers which were complemented by the MK members in the region.

4. Highlight of activities

4.1 Vereeniging treaty-31 May 2012

The activity was successfully hosted by the municipalities in the region led by the District Municipality. It drew all racial groups and was remembered in style with historians from Afrikaner and English communities recalling the day and how Africans were recruited to serve interests of either side.

4.2 Memorial lecture-31 May 2012

The initial plan was that the former President of the ANC, comrade Thabo Mbeki or comrade Nkosazana Zuma will present the lecture. But speakers were later changed and focused on

the role of Civic movement during the 1980s. Comrade Gcina Malindi and Amos Masondo lead the discussions. The lecture was held at VUT, organized by the PEC but hosted by our region.

The discussions were thought provoking and armed audience with understanding of the role the civic movement played in mobilizing communities. The attendance was generally poor according to regions standards of organizing although it was announced at our Regional general Council a day before.

4.3 Hand over of the flame-4 June 2012

The initial plan was to receive the flame at the border of Sedibeng and West Rand and have some activities in nearby wards, particularly ward 25 or 28. On observing how the flame was received by the province from the Eastern Cape in West Rand, we changed our approach.

We organized a hand over reception party for the flame at 6pm after realizing that the flame will arrive late. We continued with prayer service at Roman Catholic Church in Sharpeville wherein victims of various struggles and their immediate families were invited. In both events attendance was very good with hand over reception attracting more than 400 leaders from ANC branches, alliance, business, religious groups, sporting organizations and others. The hand over from the West Rand achieved its objective in that it set a tone for subsequent activities.

4.4 Sharpeville, boipatong and bophelong-5 June 2012

The following activities in their sequence were successfully held and drew large crowds:

- Flame paraded through various streets of Boipatong from Engen Garage.
- Visit to the late house of comrade Ernest Sotsu family. In honoring the contribution of the family during



struggle and massacre that wiped almost the entire family.

- Touching base with Boipatong monument site which is under construction.
- Held public meeting combined with prayer at Boipatong Hall.
- Pay homage in Sharpeville to the late commander of MK, comrade Motaung, who served MK during the 1970s and passed on in 1996.
- Pay tribute to the family of Rangwane Lifedi who was killed by apartheid regime during the earlier 1990s.
- Salute the contribution that comrade Theresa Ramashamole and others have played during the rent boycotts in the region, Vaal Uprising.
- Pay tribute to comrade Futheli Ledula who was killed by police during the 1990s.
- Visit the Sharpeville Memorial site to reconnect with the past and appreciate initiatives of building memorial site by the democratic government.
- Pay homage in Bophelong to Elia Phalane on his contribution during the struggle.
- Public meeting in honoring the contribution that the people of Bophelong have played during the struggle.

4.5 Sebokeng-6 June 2012

The following activities in their sequence were successfully held and drew large crowds:

- Visited the graves of the following fallen heroes and heroines comrade Elizabeth Letanta, Lord McCamel, Dira Simelane and Setshedi Nhlapo.
- Visited the spot of 26 March 1990 massacre (more than 30 people died) opposite to provincial offices in Houtkop.
- Pay tribute to the many massacres by apartheid forces in July and September 1990, more 50 people died, in Hostel at a four way stop after the robots.
- Pay homage to a spot in KwaMasiza where more than 40 people died while there were travelling to work

using ISCOR busses, it was also during the 1990s.

- Visited Gobizithwala sorghum beer hall, the place was attacked almost on monthly basis during early 1990s, undisclosed number of people perished during the attack.
- Pay homage to the family of comrade Bobo Matsobane in Sebokeng, zone 11 who died in Robben Island while in prison in 1980s.
- Visited the family of the late comrade Toboti Zwane in zone 12, who were massacred during 1990s state sponsored violence against blacks.
- Prayer service at Roman Catholic Church to honor the role that the church played during the struggle.
- Public meeting at Mphatlalatsane Theatre, the meeting failed to materialize due to poor mobilization by the zone. This is only activity that was not successful.

4.6 Evaton-7 June 2012

The following activities in their sequence were successfully held and drew large crowds:

- Paid tribute to the grave side of Mme Adams, the founder of Evaton who gave land and free house hold, to blacks defying the racist regime.
- Visited the Roman Catholic Church in small farms, to acknowledge its role during the struggle.
- Paid homage at the memorial site in zone 7 of Evaton Massacre, night vigil of Nangalembe where more than 40 people were killed.
- Visited the home of comrade Mzwakhe Nhlapo who was brutally murdered by the apartheid forces during fierce battles during the early 1990s.
- Paid tribute to the family of Benedict Mashoke who was killed by the security branch police in 1986 while in prison.
- Visited the family of Mpiyakhe Mthombeni who were massacred in their home in zone 7 during the 1990s.
- Touched the soil of old Residensia court which was used as Kangaroo

court against our people during the repression of the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s.

- Visited the family of the late comrade Levy Mbatha who served more than 20 years in Robben Island together with Nelson Mandela and others.
- Paid homage to the church and contribution of the late comrade Lord McCamel on the role he played during the struggle particularly in the 1980s.
- Public Meeting in Wilberforce to honor the role played by the late comrade Charlotte Maxeke.

4.7 Lesedi-8 June 2012

The following activities in their sequence were successfully held and drew large crowds:

- Pay homage to Hero's Arc at Ekuthuleni Cemetery.
- Visit to the spot next to Ratanda Hostel where youth and Escourt Bus massacre happened.
- Pay homage to the Ratanda Cemetery where a comrade was killed by the IFP warlords.
- Visit to the home of the late comrade Obed Nkosi to acknowledge the role he played during the struggle.
- Visited the Roman Catholic Church in Ratanda, to acknowledge its role during the struggle.
- Pay tribute to the family of the late comrade Mpostoli Makhoba to acknowledge the role he played during the struggle.
- Visit to the home of the late comrade David Nkosi to acknowledge the role he played during the struggle.
- Pay homage to the family of late comrade Linda Motsepe to acknowledge the role he played during the struggle.
- Public meeting to share with people of Ratanda the role of the movement during struggle and assert its leadership role in particular after the riots.

4.8 Midvaal, roshnee & rustervaal-9 June 2012

The following activities in their sequence were successfully held and



Report of ANC centenary flame photo gallery



Eric Tshabalala, REC Member & the Deputy Chair of the ANC had their touch of the flame



Cllr Theresa with Velile Mkhontwane & Chairman, Sy Mahole of the ANC



Members of the Veterans League



Members of the Women's League had their moment of flame celebration



Members of ANC



Chairman & Deputy Chair & Eric Tshabalala, REC Member of the ANC witnessing the arrival of the flame



Deputy Chairperson of Sedibeng Region, Greta Hlongwane and Chairperson of West Rand Region, Mpho Nawa



Both the Chairman, Sy Mahole & Secretary, Bob Mthembu of the ANC leading the proceedings



The owner of this car had two things to celebrate



Members of the community were all smiles after touching the flame



Left and right picture: Members of MKMVA leading the proceedings of the flame





Report of ANC centenary flame in the region *continued*

drew large crowds:

- Parading the flame in Meyerton and Sicelo to register the presence of the movement.
- Visit the home of the late MK combatant General Tshikare in Walkerville to acknowledge the role the family paid during the struggle.
- Pay visit to the home of MK combatant General Ndaba in Walkerville who is very sick to acknowledge his role and that of the family during the struggle.
- Public meeting in Sicelo to share with them the role the movement has played in liberating SA and the need to consolidate our support base in Midvaal to free them from racism.
- Paid homage to comrade Baboo Kadjee in Roshnee to acknowledge his role in the struggle and sacrifices for his community throughout the region.
- Visit comrade Moss Morley in Rustervaal to acknowledge his role in the struggle and sacrifices for his

community throughout the region.

- Bid a farewell to the flame by attending the prayer service in zone 7, Sebokeng.

5. Conclusion

The roving of the flame to various historic sites, homes of the heroes and heroines has opened a new chapter in our region. The connectivity brought by the flame to these places should be maintained. When the flame visited these places, overwhelming response was "WE THOUGHT THE ANC HAS FORGOTEN US".

Routes to some places were not planned and we found ourselves responding to the cries and requests. In places visited the weather changed and rain drizzled. The campaign of the flame was successful but it has raised many questions among others: Why only selected families visited? Was it just for the flame and we will then be forgotten as usual?

The public meetings that were organized were supposed to be convergence of all family victims and heroes and heroines of the struggle. The little time and budget that the region had resulted in the Task Team not paying attention to them. The flame activities must reconnect the region to its rich history as cradle of the human struggle.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1 Branches with the assistance of the region through Regional Centenary Task Team should consolidate data of all incidents, heroes and heroines of our struggle.
- 6.2 Consideration should be given on how families can be assisted to erect tombstone for their beloved ones.
- 6.3 Branches as part of Centenary year must organize events or activities in their respective areas to honor heroes and heroines.

Only a woman understands her diary

This woman, so beautiful. Her being so divine, her smile keeps any person warm at night when you think about it. I look at her character and every time when I think I have figured her out, she surprises me completely.

The way she walks and carries herself says a lot about how much of a woman she really is, her statement is made by the way she chooses her colours and clothes, and the way her hair is done always complements her personality.

You look at her face today and tomorrow and it never changes, it has surely kept me wondering; is it always the season of love and summer in her kind world? Surely, this is impossible! How then does she always manage to bring the best in her and in others as well? What could be the secret of this woman?

I followed her footsteps to everywhere she goes to get a glimpse of her life and her daily routines, and what I saw

was a new person with new actions everyday. But why? I ask. There must be a strong force behind this woman to be behaving like a different person everyday.

What I was looking for was her strongest force and all I got everyday was perfection, strength, compassion, laughter & tenderness, but nothing about this strong force that was driving her.

I finally decided that I was going to ask this woman about her passion for love and life. I asked her one question; what is your secret? She smiled at me and with a polite voice, she said; my dear the secret that you have been looking for is a girl's old-time favourite book, her diary! A diary I said. With a very surprised look! How is it so; how can a diary make you the woman that you are?

She said, it's not every second and every minute that I am this perfect being that you always see, I too like any

other human being make mistakes... what makes me different is that I record my thoughts, reactions and experiences of my day. I engage more in the wrongs that I have done and look at them as a way of God having to speak to me about the kind of person I am, hence you see me behave different every time.

She said when God gave a woman the power to invent a diary it was not by mistake. He knew that there is only one book that will raise its women to be conscious and become nation builders, a book that allows every human to just be, and yet at the same time reflect upon life's own experiences. Only a woman could have thought of a diary. When you get older, you appreciate all the things that make our girls women that is the fuss of owning a diary.

Only a woman could have come up with a diary that will always remain a part of her journey.





Tshwane study tour

The Office of the Chief Whip and Whippery on the 20th March 2012 took a study tour to Tshwane Municipality as part of its quest to enhance the performance of the council. We have taken this study visit as an opportunity to learn best practices on how other municipalities conduct their businesses. Tshwane is one of the leading metros in the province and we believe that formation of partnerships between the two municipalities will yield positive outcomes as we are building towards a developmental metropolitan state.

In his address the Chief Whip of Tshwane Municipality welcomed the Chief Whip of ELM and the Whippery and went on to say that Tshwane is the 3rd largest municipality in the world, union building is also situated in this area with 118 ANC Councillors and has the highest number of tertiary institutions. Majority of councillors in this municipality are correctly placed as most of them serve in branches, zonal and REC structures. The Chief Whip of ELM acknowledged the welcoming and graced the occasion by his presentation. He further introduced the Whippery team and allowed the Manager to introduce the office staff.

In its quest to execute its mandate and responsibilities this office has a staff complement of 34 members with both the Chief Whip and the deputy chief whip. The responsibility of Senior Executive Head is taken with confidence in ensuring administration arm to the Chief Whip and the smooth running of the office. One of her key responsibilities is to ensure that there is signage at caucus and office level in terms of administration.

Among other things Caucus Lekgotla is also convened on an annual basis in an endeavour to take caucus to the people to enhance public participation and oversight on service delivery and government accountability. Comparatively speaking there is no difference between the office of the chief whip in Emfuleni and Tshwane in

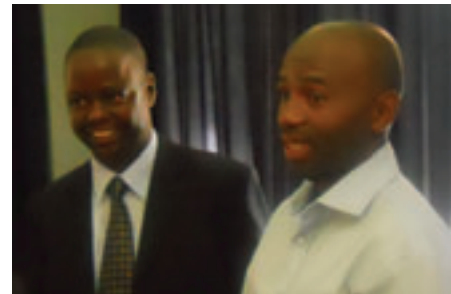


Sipho Mokake, Manager in the office of the Chief Whip presenting how the office operates

terms of the operations except that the Separation of Powers concept is fully functional and implemented.

Whippery meetings are held on monthly basis to ensure discussions and adoption of reports from various study groups and recommendations to caucus for adoption. PCO deployments are done in this office and all councillors are obliged to attend to their designated PCO's and are expected to submit their constituency programmes of action with clear time frames. Councillors are expected to make 24 hours application before the meeting to the Chief Whip for not being able to attend to a particular programme or committee as part of disciplinary measures and accountability. All ANC Councillors are deployed to study groups and each is chaired by a whip, its core function is to do political work before the portfolio committee seats and must make sure that ANC policies find expression. MMC's come as ex-officios and for accountability purposes in the study group to ensure acceleration of service delivery.

Every first week of the month is dedicated to capacity building for councillors to focus on assignments and attend to school related matters. Study groups sit on every second week of the month. Programming Committee is used to manage issues in council sitting by the office of the speaker and time allocation is done through the same office. During



City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality, Chief Whip, Cllr Jabulane Mabona (left) and Emfuleni Local Municipality, Chief Whip, Cllr Eric Tshabalala

Programming Committee which seats every third week of the month ANC councillors take note of the issues raised by opposition to the study groups to make follow ups and recommendations. Tshwane has already adopted and implemented the separation of powers model. The office of the chief whip must play an oversight in this regard to ensure that ANC Caucus Resolutions find expression in council and councillors are capacitated enough on issues before meeting with the opposition.

This must be said that was a worth a while exercise which has yielded positive results in our approach as ELM caucus. It must be mentioned though that Tshwane commands a huge budget which makes it simpler to attain what they had attained especially the separations of powers. It is against this background that ELM ANC caucus will without fail advocate the agenda of the metro status so that all resources can be brought to the centre in an endeavor to champion the developmental agenda of our people.

Without further exacerbating the matter one cannot stop to give praises to the ELM leadership for what they have done and achieved with the minimal resources at their disposal, our experience in Tshwane showed us that we read less of ourselves when we have capacity to pull huge weight on our shoulders and indeed the ELM caucus is on the right track, moving with the right speed towards the metro.



On the chair with Cllr Theresa Ramashamole member of (Sharpeville Six)



1. Who is Theresa Ramashamole?

• Place of birth

I was born and grew up in Sharpeville, South of Gauteng on August the 31st 1960 during women's month

• Parents

I am the daughter of Moipone Julia Ramashamole, born the very same year people were shot during the Sharpeville shooting in 1960

2. Take us through that day in 1984?

I was only 24 years old, member of COSAS and as we were attending to our regular meetings was reported that our parents must pay R5.00 as a rent. We felt that our parents were treated unfairly and the issue of paying rent was not received well by the community as we had issues with regard to service delivery and the apartheid system. We started chanting songs around the streets, protesting against the rent and planned a march to the Administration Board. One community member Motsiri Mokoena was shot coming from work in Dlamini Street which resulted in the mob killing of Deputy Mayor Khuzwayo Jacob and by just being there I was on the wrong side of the law and got implicated in the whole turmoil.

3. How did you become part of the Sharpeville Six group?

My name became involved and implicated in the mob killing of Mr Jacob Khuzwayo who was the deputy mayor then. The name Sharpeville Six came after we were detained. Remember there were eight of us and two were released on the condition that they were not directly involved

and I was among the six left for death sentence and life imprisonment.

Sharpeville Six Members Theresa Ramashamole, Oupa Moses Diniso, Duma Joshua Khumalo, Mojalefa Reginald Sefatsa, Reid Malebo Mokoena and Don Francis Mokhesi

4. Did you know each other before your conviction?

I knew Mojalefa Sefatsa who was selling fruits in the street corner; Duma Khumalo was selling clothes and Reid Mokoena was just a young school boy and others I did not know

5. When you meet with other members of Sharpeville Six what do you say to each other?

It becomes an emotional type of a gathering but we console each other by teasing, mocking and laughing at each other.

6. The name Sharpeville Six came after you were convicted, are you still six?

No, I mean Moses Diniso, Duma Khumalo, and Francis Mokhesi have passed on. Reid Malebo Mokoena, Mojalefa Sefatsa and I still alive.

7. After the six of you were convicted and sentenced to death what was going through your mind?

Let me take you back, before the sentencing we were arrested and placed to detention where we were beaten and the cell where I was placed was very cold, as I speak to you now I lost my womb and my right arm and leg do not work properly. The only thing that was in my mind then was the

word of God. I was always reading the Bible and praying that God can help us through. Sharpeville Six and Treason Trial made the whole world stand still. People in the township were with us in their prayers even abroad which is the reason I took everything to God because I knew he will never fail us. Our survival came through from strong prayers from the international world and our communities I mean no muthi or anything that could have helped except prayer.

8. How would you describe your relationship with other members in the group?

We do not meet often; nevertheless we get along just fine

9. It must have been hard for you being a young woman at that time, how would you describe yourself then, have you made peace with this traumatic experience? If yes how

Crying was never a solution as I have tried it in so many nights and had to resort to something that made me strong each day and that was a prayer. It was a terrible experience ... I mean being a woman placed in a very cold open space, lost my womb and had to attend court with a broken arm. It is difficult to say I have made peace or not. The reality of the matter is that I have lost my womb, shot on the head and all this things make me feel I mean "tears on her face she starts crying"

10. If you were to describe the youth then what would you say? Particularly women...

Women during those days were respectful and obedient to their





husbands. I see the youth today being very sexually active and they even lead men in sexual activities. Drinking in public has become fashionable among young women which results in high rate of teenage pregnancy and school drop outs. As both women and parents in society we must not allow our children to be misled by this behaviour and mischief. Let us go back to the basics and remember that it takes a village to raise a child.

11. Having played such a significant role in the liberation struggle what would you say to the youth today?

My message to the youth today is that June 16 1976 was not a day where young people gathered and threw parties but it was a very sad day for the African child who suffered the oppression at the hands of apartheid regime and could not afford opportunities like the youth today. Despite the conditions then they never lost respect to their elders. The youth today must learn from the past experiences and grasp as much information from their elders so that they can make informed decisions about their future.

12. Do you ever share your experience in prison with your siblings and how do they react?

I do, in exchange of their efforts to understand what they were doing meanwhile I was in prison and the responds I got never stopped to amuse me. At some point they planned to go to a Sangoma and one man advised them not to because their child will one day come out of prison. I mean u know how Africans are about muthi "laughing". They were sent from pillar to post and lost lot of money in the process.

13. How did your family deal with this ordeal, especially your parents?

My mom went to exile and was in countries such as France, Sudan and England. Sudan announced that they would like to buy us and our families so that we can stay there and be safe.

Margret Thatcher wrote to PW Botha pleading to him not to kill us.

14. If you were to meet with the people who put you in jail, what would you say to them?

When the judge asked me what I wanted before delivering the sentence I told him that I want nothing after realising that this judge is not a remorseful person I then said you are not God and you are going to die before me, believe you me am still alive and where is he?....one question for PW Botha and Minister of Justice Ardian Flock how they felt when we were sentenced to death.

15. If you were to die, how would you like to be remembered?

I want people to remember that day and how we were treated whilst in prison for the murder we did not commit. People must remember that I was sentenced to death, given my grave number and place; my neck was also measured for the rope I was going to be hanged with.

16. You were also mentioned in January 8 statement by the state president as a highlight among other people such as Thandi Modise, Barbara Hogan and others who were sentenced to jail.?

- **Did you know that your name was going to be among the list?**
- **Describe the feeling after hearing your name in January 8 Statement?**

Unfortunate I was in coma then and Nono Mhlanga called singing 'utheresa lo abamaziyo lo abazangebambona" she then told me that the president of the ANC Mr Jacob Zuma has mentioned my name in January 8 Statement. I was humbled and happy to hear the news; I mean being recognized by the ANC at National level is something I will forever cherish

17. Is there a person whom you consider your role model and why?

Only God is my role model, has never failed us, and continues to bless us

even when we fail. I have no reason to be ambivalent of his love upon mankind. OR Tambo is one person whom I cannot forget and if he was still alive I would meet him personally just to thank him for his efforts and the letter he wrote to Mr PW Botha

18. You have played a significant role in the struggle against apartheid where are you now and what are you doing?

Currently I am a PR Councillor in Emfuleni Local Municipality and would like to compliment the newly elected leadership of our region and call upon all members of the ANC to rally behind these leaders so as to bring unity and raise the flag of Sedibeng high.

19. What message do you have for the people of Sedibeng particularly in Sharpeville?

I love the people of Sedibeng and would like to thank them for taking me with confidence and the support shown during our convictions. One thing which I would like to make an emphasis on is that we must continue to support leaders that we have elected. Councillors are firstly members of the community before being deployed or elected as councillors, so it becomes imperative that we support and protect them. Services come as a result of communities working together with government and paying of services. Let us not make a mistake of reducing ourselves to non-paying communities, protesting, burning ward councillors' houses and municipal buildings. Solutions to problems come as a result of us clarifying and educating one another on issues and work towards building better communities.

We must continue paying for municipal services and work hand in hand with the government of the day to advance service delivery and change the lives of our people for the better. We are now free and let us protect this very freedom we fought for and not forget the heroes and heroines who died for us.



Mandela day

It was after the Rivonia trial after Nelson Mandela, Sisulu and others were sentenced to life sentence in Robben Island that the ANC led the release Mandela campaign which saw the whole world rallying behind the campaign. The campaign was aimed at showing the plight of oppressed black people in South Africa. This saw the world uniting in support of the liberation struggle of black people in South Africa.

All these efforts pay off as South Africa was now sanctioned in many parts of the world and this did put pressure to the then Apartheid regime to begin talks of a democratic South Africa which led to the release of Nelson Mandela in February 1990. Immediately after that National elections were held under the Government of National Unity. It is under the leadership of Nelson Mandela that we saw the establishment of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission which was headed by Bishop Desmond Tutu.

The aim of the commission was to build a united nation that is healed from the Apartheid atrocities and it could not have happened that these are just buried without being spoken about and perpetrators being forgiven. This program was hailed by many parts of the world as we saw former president Nelson Mandela leading a united but peaceful country into a new dispensation of Reconstruction and Development in our land.

After serving only one term which was not normal in many parts of our continent he retired as a statesman, but continued doing development work in the rural parts of our land hence even now he is still respected in the whole world. After the United Nations declared a day unto him which is his birthday he remains the only man whose birthday is celebrated across all religions in the world which is phenomenal.

As South Africans we also took part in celebrations of the life of this icon by pledging a day on bringing a difference in the life of our people

As South Africans we also took part in celebrations of the life of this icon by pledging a day on bringing a difference in the life of our people, as the office of the Chief Whip in Emfuleni Local Municipality we also identified an old man who is destitute in Zone 11 Sebokeng, who was leaving with chickens in a very dilapidated house. We partnered with business fraternity in reshaping the life of an old man through putting windows, rough casting the whole house, giving a new bed, new clothes, electricity connection, giving new chairs and table, repairing a dysfunctional toilet, building a chicken yard and providing groceries to more than ten families

This was the first of its kind as an office and could not have been achieved had it not been about the humanitarian support from companies like Ha-Chota, Cape Gate, ESKOM, Lorsons Clothing, Bob's Hardware, Diphoko Sand and Stone, Diamond Corner, Mannete construction, Chicken Licken and Food Bank. We also acknowledge the support from the University of North West (Vaal Campus), as they were very hands on making sure that their 67th minute is felt. The office intends on keeping up with its business relatives in other projects to come as the Chief Whip takes the baton of building a better life for all forward.



Mr Serahanye's house in a bad state before the community's intervention

Mandela day photo gallery



Executive Mayor of ELM & the Chief Whip with the students from NWU



Officials from office of the Chief Whip



Facilities Department was also dirty at work



Eskom Officials



MMC of Infrastructure, Cllr MR Thulo, Beneficiary, Mr. David Serahanye, Eskom Official, Teboho and Siphon, Manager from the Chief Whip's office



MMC of Infrastructure hard at work



The house of Mr Serahanye after 67 minutes of Mandela day



The Chief Whip & members of the Whippery donated blankets, clothes and food parcels to Mr Serahanye



Vaal River Carnival Calendar



It's vaal river carnival time!



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5 Sept - 7 Oct 2012



Cllr NG Hlongwane
Executive Mayor of
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Events Calendar for the Vaal River Carnival			
5 September 2012 SAPS Fun Day Venue: SAPS, K9 Vaalrand, Redan Time: 8h00am till late Contact: Captain Tsoari 079 522 7774	7-8 September 2012 Tekkies Fees Venue: HTS Vereeniging Time: Friday: 15h00 Saturday 7h00 Contact: 083 287 5566	8 September 2012 Wet & Wild Venue: Emerald Casino & Resort Time: 11h00am - 4h00am Contact: Shaun 083 562 3365 www.spicedevents.co.za	8 September 2012 ELM Indigenous Games Venue: Saul Tsotetsi Sports Complex Time: 9h00am Contact: Ms Miriam Power 016 932 4472
15 September 2012 ELM DJs Festival Venue: Palm Court Hotel Bequaarl Street, CW2 Vanderbijlpark Time: 6h00pm till late Contact: Sechaba 082 819 3714	21 September 2012 Vaal Arts Awards Venue: Civic Theatre Time: 6h00pm till late Contact: Themba Khoza 084 748 7400 www.vaalartsawards.co.za	22 September 2012 Vaal Hip Hop Reloaded Venue: Vaal Show Grounds Time: 12h00 noon Contact: Makhosini Kharodi 072 045 8733 www.wamzalounge.co.za	22 September 2012 Sports Expo Venue: Saul Tsotetsi Sports Centre Time: 9h00am Contact: Mr. Oupa Masiloane 016 932 4472
22 September 2012 Brass Band Festival Venue: Mphahatsane Theatre Time: 9h00am Contact: Mary Makwetlane 016 932 4510	23 September 2012 Dance Music & Theatre Venue: Mphahatsane Theatre Time: 9h00am Contact: Sechaba 082 819 3714	28 September 2012 Miss Emfuleni Venue: Civic Theatre Time: 6h00pm - till late Contact: Anita 016 950 5420 Mabel 016 950 5152	29 September 2012 All White Affair Venue: Caravan Park Time: 12h00 noon for 2h00pm till late Contact: Tshepo Mbele 084 329 3306 www.allwhiteaffair.co.za
30 September 2012 Jazz by the River Venue: Dickson Park Time: 11h00am till 0h30am Contact: Ntintili 074 368 6353 production@Tmusicman.co.za	1-7 October 2012 Lifestyles Venue: Emerald Casino Time: 9h00am till late Contact Person: Gali Mthethwa 082 6580 554	6 October 2012 ELM Street Parade Venue: Vanderbijlpark Commences: Fire Station Ends: Checkers Hyper Time: 9h00am Contact Person: Mary 016 932 4510	7 October 2012 Beauty Extravaganza Venue: City Hall Vereeniging Time: 3h00pm till late Contact: DISCE 082 500 9529 discernmentman@yahoo.com



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