

Minister of Police, Hon, Nhleko opened Diepsloot Police Station - on Friday, 19 February 2016.



The community of Diepsloot now has reason to partner with the police to eradicate crime in their surroundings, following the official opening of the much anticipated state-of-the-art police station on Friday, 19 February 2016.

The six-block building, which consists of two floors, various police facilities and a local Criminal Record Centre, will also serve to improve the working conditions and resources of police officials.

At the opening, the Minister of Police, Mr Nhleko, the Deputy Minister of Police, Ms Soty and the MEC for Community Safety, Ms Nkosi-Malobane, urged the community of Diepsloot to work hand in hand with the police to curb crime in the area.



The Minister, Mr Nhleko also called on the community to protect women and children, saying that they should use the local policing structures to fight crime in their areas. The Minister further emphasised the importance of community policing structures.

The Deputy Minister stressed the importance of community participation to fight violence against vulnerable groups. "The practice of abuse on women and children must stop. Working closely with the police, we can win the fight against crime," said the Deputy Minister.



The Acting National Commissioner, Lieutenant General Phahlane, encouraged the community to work with the Station Commander and the police officials, because the police are stationed in communities and are accountable to the people they serve. Therefore, the importance of a strong partnership between the police and the community cannot be overemphasised.

Together with **#CrimeMustFall**, police killings must also fall. The murder of protectors in blue is unacceptable and the community must turn in killers of police officials.

Lieutenant General Phahlane explained that the South African Police Service was delighted to have the new police station in the area to serve and protect the people of Diepsloot more efficiently and effectively. "You, the community, requested this police station and in line with our government's direction, we heeded the call to take our services to the people," he said. "A well-functioning police station is important to people in any particular community. It brings hope that whenever you have a challenge, you will have service on your doorstep from people who are there to listen to you and who are willing to assist you," he said.



Lieutenant General Phahlane acknowledged the government's Front-line Service Delivery programme, which was launched in 2014 and is aimed at revamping and restructuring the country's police stations. As part of the "**back-to-basics**" approach, professionalism and respect are expected to be the order of the day in the police. "We will continue to tackle members who use our dignified badge to do the opposite of what it stands for, head-on, and call on the community to report any misconduct."



To increase the number of resources, Minister Nhleko handed over 21 new vehicles to the Station Commander, Colonel Maharaj. A member of the community expressed his utmost happiness. He explained that the new police station had brought some relief as they would no longer have to depend on a police station with neither resources nor capacity.