

Deputy Minister of Police conducts the stakeholder engagement in Limpopo

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Media Statement

POLOKWANE - The Deputy Minister of Police, Ms Polly Boshielo, has, on Monday, 30 December 2024, conducted a collaborative stakeholder's engagement in SAPS Provincial Office in Polokwane, Limpopo province.

The Deputy Minister was joined by the Provincial Commissioner, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, Deputy Provincial Commissioner responsible for Crime Detection, Major General Samuel Manala, Deputy Provincial Commissioner responsible for Policing, Major General Jan Scheepers, District Commissioner of Capricorn, Major General Lesiba Mashilo, Provincial Heads, Station Commanders under Capricorn District, SAPS members from National, and Provincial Office, various stakeholders from organizations such as The Eyes of the Nation, Seshego Community Against Crime and Gangsterism, Limpopo Anti-Drugs, Gangsterism and Crime.

The purpose of the engagement was to collaborate with various stakeholders to intensify the fight against crime and share strategies to eliminate criminal elements across the province. The initiative follows the recently discovered shocking incident in which a 28 year old was appearing in court for a statutory rape of a 13-year-old child in which he also fathered her child.

During the meeting, the stakeholders interacted directly with the Deputy Minister and shared their concerns and strategies aimed at enhancing the safety and security of communities across Limpopo.

The Provincial Commissioner, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe appreciated the availability of all the stakeholders. She assured them that her office door is always open for any engagement that is aimed at creating safer communities. She said, as the Police, they need this kind of interaction with the community leaders, especially those who spend sleepless nights fighting against crime and social ills, while developing the future leaders of the peaceful province.

Meanwhile, the Deputy Minister, Ms Polly Boshielo acknowledged the critical role of the stakeholders in crime fighting initiatives as she broadly outlined the purpose of the stakeholders' initiative. She urged the stakeholders to continue with the fruitful discussion with the police beyond the festive season and come up with implementable action plans to significantly reduce the crime rate in the province. This will ensure that they restore trust within the communities they serve.

The Deputy Minister further encouraged the Police officials to take charge against crime by

arresting criminals without being biased. “The police must be confident that they are authorised by the constitution of this country to save lives, so they must never fear to take action when their lives and that of others are in danger. We cannot co-govern with criminals,” said Deputy Minister Boshielo.

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