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## PRIORITY 2: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

### Career Expo empowers uThukela youth

By Patrick Mchunu and Vuyolwethu Gwala: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal

The Department of Employment and Labour, together with other various stakeholders, hosted a Career Expo for the youth of uThukela District Municipality at the Bergville Sports Complex, on 20 October 2022.

Unemployed youth had the opportunity to interact with representatives from various government departments and tertiary institutions about possible career opportunities on offer.

Information on the application process for the National Student Financial Aid Scheme was provided.

The day started off with all stakeholders introducing their organisations to the youth and outlining opportunities that the youth may access for their benefit.

There were exhibition stands where the youth could engage with officials one-on-one and ask questions of clarity.

The Small Enterprise Development Agency also empowered the youth with information on available entrepreneurial and funding opportunities.

The Career Counsellor from the Department of Employment and Labour, Rennitha Sooknannan, said that they had decided to bring the Career Expo to uThukela because it is a rural area where youth do not always have the opportunity to access such critical information about skills development and career opportunities offered by the different organisations.

The youth expressed their appreciation for the initiative, as it would assist them in making good career choices and knowing how to go about accessing internships and other programmes in order to develop themselves.

Zoliswa Zakwe, who recently completed her studies, said the programme was very beneficial and informative. She said she would use the information acquired to apply at the various institutions for employment opportunities.



Mnambithi TVET College sharing information with youth.



The Department of Employment and Labour sharing information about government opportunities.



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Call the COVID-19 hotline 0800 029 999.

## PRIORITY 6: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFE COMMUNITIES.

### Be safe on the roads

*By Louis Botha: GCIS, Western Cape*

As part of a festive season road-safety campaign, Western Cape MEC for Mobility Daylin Mitchell met with leaders and representatives of the local taxi industry and the Overstrand Taxi Association, in Hermanus on 24 October 2022, to encourage them to ensure safe long-distance driving.

The MEC's visit to Hermanus aimed to raise awareness on road safety in the minibus taxi industry.

He was accompanied by Overstrand Deputy Mayor, Councillor Lindile Ntsabo and councillors Elnora Gillion, Clinton Lerm, Arnie Africa and Ronald Nutt, and the Municipal Manager, Dean O'Neill.

The Overberg District Municipality Councillor Archibald Klaas, the Acting Director of Road Safety Management Nina September, the Senior Manager of Traffic, Law Enforcement and Task Team, Rudi Fraser and various traffic and law enforcement personnel also attended the event.

MEC Mitchell said transport plays a crucial role in economic growth and stated that the taxi industry is a critical stakeholder in the mobility space, transporting about 82% of public-transport passengers in the Western Cape.

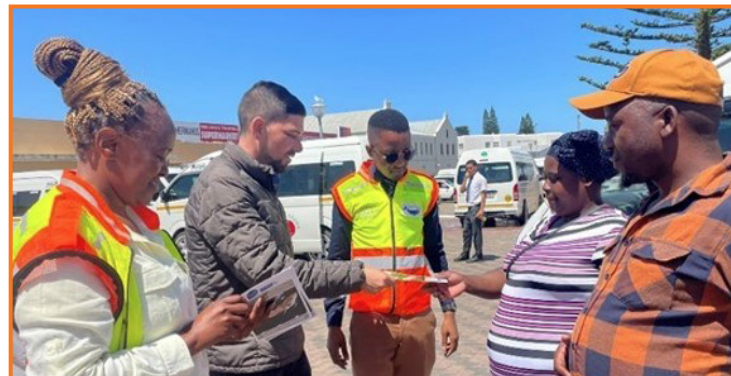
During the festive season, many people will be travelling to different holiday destinations or returning home. A special appeal was made to the taxi industry to be aware of driver fatigue as one of the ongoing major causes of accidents, particularly on long-haul routes.

The MEC urged drivers to avoid overloading and to ensure that every taxi is roadworthy and has a valid operating licence and permit.

This sentiment was echoed by Caledon Traffic Chief, Thembele Qunta, who assured taxi operators that provincial traffic officers would be visible across the provincial road network, enforcing the law.

The Deputy Mayor and MMC for Protection Services, Councillor Ntsabo, encouraged all vehicle occupants to fasten their seat belts and urged taxi operators to respect the rules of the road.

He also emphasised that the Overstrand traffic and law-enforcement officers would be out in full force this festive season to apply the law without fear of favour.



MEC Daylin Mitchell distributing pamphlets on road safety to commuters.



Traffic officers speaking to taxi association members about transport and road safety.





Thembinkosi Mehlo said:

"I was reminded to adhere to road safety guidelines. I will also remind fellow drivers to do the same."



Billy Kubheka said:

"I learnt a lot today on road safety and I will use the information to ensure safety on the road."

## PRIORITY 6: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFE COMMUNITIES.

### Road safety is everyone's responsibility

By Tinyiko Molefe: GCIS, Gauteng

The Sedibeng District Communicators' Forum embarked on a community-outreach activation at the Meyerton Taxi Rank, on 25 October 2022, to raise public awareness about road safety.

"We are here to remind everyone to adhere to road-safety regulations in order to contribute towards a safe environment for yourselves and other road users in our country," said Mamoroesi Seitshiro from the Gauteng Department of Community Safety (GDCS).

The taxi drivers were advised to adhere to road safety regulations and guidelines to ensure safety on the roads.

Adelaide Padi from the GDCS emphasised that road safety is not only the responsibility of drivers, but also the pedestrians.

She further advised community members to ensure their safety on the roads by following road safety guidelines and ensuring that they are visible on the road by wearing visible clothes and reflectors, especially at night.



Government officials engaging the community in raising awareness about road safety at Meyerton Taxi Rank.

## PRIORITY 6: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFE COMMUNITIES.

### Government interacts with liquor traders and communities

*By Joy Themba: GCIS, Mpumalanga*

The Government Communication and Information System (GCIS), in collaboration with various stakeholders, embarked on a campaign to remind liquor traders about the negative impact of non-compliance with licence conditions and irresponsible trading in alcohol.

The stakeholders held the engagement at Jeppes Reef on 10 November 2022. They included the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (the dtic), South African Police Service (SAPS), Mpumalanga Economic Growth Agency (MEGA), Mpumalanga Economic Regulator (MER), Small Enterprise Development Agency and the Nkomazi Local Municipality.

Communities were also reminded to adhere to the rules and regulations, and the operating hours applicable to liquor outlets.

William Metileni, of the National Liquor Authority (NLA) in the dtic, said the event aimed to reduce the socio-economic consequences of alcohol abuse by upholding national and provincial norms and standards in the liquor industry.

He explained that the NLA only deals with distributors' licences while the MER is responsible for liquor traders' licences for taverns, pubs and restaurants.

Liquor traders were informed that their previous conduct, based on whether they were compliant or not, will be considered before their licences are renewed.

An MER representative said, "It is a big concern to us as MER, we are aware that you survive by trading alcohol, however, we are here to remind you of the risks of non-compliance, including trading without a liquor licence."

The SAPS discouraged business owners from employing illegal immigrants, saying only documented foreign nationals may be considered.

According to the MER, a liquor trader found employing an illegal foreign national could be criminally charged together with the employee.

Outlining their mandate to fight crime, a representative from the SAPS stressed that non-compliant traders would be arrested.

The SAPS also highlighted the importance of safety and encouraged traders to hire security guards to prevent the smuggling of weapons into their premises.

The MMC responsible for Local Economic Development in the Nkomazi Local Municipality, Councillor MJ Mavuso, urged all business owners to adhere to the rules and regulations of their liquor licences.

He further urged people to be vigilant during the upcoming festive season and beyond. "Drink responsibly and drink at home," he said.

In closing, the GCIS urged the communities to help in the fight against gender-based violence and femicide, and crime in general.



William Metileni from the dtic engaging with the audience.



A representative from the MEGA presenting on their services and funding offers.



**Simanga Mamba said:**

"The local community policing forum is facing challenges of fly-by-night liquor outlets, which do not comply with the law. Since we are very close to the Kingdom of Eswatini borderline, illegal immigrants cross into South Africa day and night, some allegedly commit criminal activities such as selling dagga and drug trafficking."



**Sethuli Dlamini said:**

"We always see the bad conduct of local liquor traders, but due to brown envelopes given to some people we end up being afraid to report such things. Again, I heard a representative from the Department of Social Development saying that there are rehabilitation centres in the province, but my concern is that they are too far from our area because at times families would like to visit their family member. We request at least each municipality to have such a facility."