

# #IdolsSA SAPS congratulate one of its own



The management of the South African Police (SAPS) congratulates Warrant Officer Thapelo Molomo for being crowned the Idols South Africa Season 18 winner.

The organisation said it is immensely proud of the 29-year-old member who is stationed at the Brits Police Station in North West for hoisting the SAPS flag higher.

Born and bred in Mokopane in Limpopo, the member began his career in the SAPS as an intern within the Psychological Services Section and was later employed to serve as a

trauma counsellor in the same environment. As a registered counsellor attached to the Employee Health and Wellness (EHW) component, the member holds a B.A (Hons) Psychology degree and is responsible for providing counselling and proactive psychological interventions to alleviate mental health ills for police members and their families.

The Minister of Police, General Bheki Cele who attended the finale has on behalf of the SAPS congratulated the newly crowned winner.

"The member serves as a beacon of hope for many police officers who are on a daily basis faced with psychosocial challenges. He has illustrated to thousands of officers that hard work, determination and perseverance is the foundation of any successful human being. We are proud of him and wish him all the best. We cannot wait to have him back in office to continue serving our men and women in blue", concluded Minister of Police General Bheki Cele.



## #ActAgainst Abuse

The 55-year-old grandfather from Letshale Maduke Village in Qwaqwa was arrested on Sunday the 13th November 2022 afternoon after his wife opened a case on behalf of their granddaughter, who was allegedly raped by him since February 2022 and threatened to kill her if she tells anyone. The suspect is expected to appear before the Phuthaditjhaba Magistrates' court facing a charge of rape.

## Fight against Gender Based Violence a 365 days mission

Fight against Gender Based Violence is and should be a 365 days mission. This is what Luwizi Given Mulambo, the Provincial Spokesperson of Gender Based Violence and Femicide in Free State Province, is ready for. Mulambo was one of the delegates who attended the Presidential Summit on Gender Based Violence, on the 1st and 2nd of November 2022, that was held at Gallagher Convention Centre in Midrand. Mulambo said is ready to fight Gender Based Violence, as President Cyril Ramaphosa declared it as a South Africa's 1st pandemic at the 2nd Presidential Summit on Gender Based Violence and Femicide. "As Men we must stop abusing and killing

Women, real Men Love and Protect Women, we must stop being against Gender Based Violence only in theory but in actions we are not, we must support the Victims with a call to walk away from abusive relationships and again we cannot fight GBVF while we are xenophobic, we must love and protect one another" said Mulambo.

"Standing together we can end Gender Based Violence, enough is enough, we must say no to GBV, we must allow Women to Live, be free from our control and dress how they want without being abused, the fight against GBVF is a 365 day mission for which society and government must take action to make our communities more safer" added Mulambo.

## Labour dept undertakes liquefied petroleum gas inspections

The Department of Employment and Labour in the Free State is embarking on a series of inspections on Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) installations, storage, filling and exchange sites as gas usage peaks amid load shedding. The department's Inspection and Enforcement Services branch, whose mandate is to enhance occupational health and safety, compliance and awareness in the workplace, will lead the initiative.

The department said the objective of the campaign is to aggressively subject this industry to scrutiny through inspections, assess levels of compliance and enforce health and safety in accordance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act and Pressure Equipment Regulations, of 2009. In light of the country's current energy crisis, the Department said that businesses and households have notably resorted to utilising gas as a primary solution.

"Albeit considered safe, if incorrectly used, gas may cause fire, explosion and poisonous fumes resulting in fatalities and/or damage to property. This risk must be managed through ensuring that there is requisite compliance from all gas users to prevent potential harm and fatalities," the department said.

Provincial Chief Inspector, Manelisi Luxande, stated that this initiative seeks to monitor compliance of the Pressure Equipment Regulations, 2009 of Occupational Health and Safety Act. This is a legislation that obligates the manufacturers, importers, sellers, suppliers, installers and end-users of the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Equipment to ensure that the apparatus comply with the applicable South African National Standards (SANS 347, 10019, 10087, 1156-2, 1237 & 1539)".

Liquefied Petroleum Gas users are urged to ensure that:

LP Gas equipment designed and manufactured for use in the Republic is conformity assessed and subjected to the requirement set in SANS347, and the Approved Inspection Authority(AIA) verified manufacturer certificate is available;

LP Gas equipment is operated and maintained within its design operating parameters (read manufacture certificate/ user manual before use);

LP Gas Cylinders storage and filling sites must be approved by the local authority;

LP Gas cylinders are stored and used in well-ventilated areas and away from flammable material;

LP Gas installations are done and maintained by suitably qualified gas installer who is registered with South African Qualification and Certification Authority Gas (SAQCC Gas).

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