

Fezile Dabi District Commissioner Honors CPF Members

The Fezile Dabi District Commissioner, Major General Makubo, honoured Community Policing Forum (CPF) members and bid farewell to the outgoing District Executive Committee during the Fezile Dabi District Annual General Meeting (AGM), held at the Zamdela SAPS Hall on Saturday, 13 June 2026.

The award ceremony aimed to recognise and celebrate the outstanding contributions made by CPF members, community patrollers, and community stakeholders in the fight against crime and the promotion of safer communities throughout the district.

During the ceremony, certificates of recognition were awarded in various categories to individuals and structures that demonstrated exceptional commitment and dedication to community safety. The

categories included:

- Best Community Policing Forum (CPF)
- Best Community Policing Officer (CPO)
- Best Community Patroller
- Best Community Builder

The District Commissioner commended all award recipients for their unwavering commitment to crime prevention initiatives and their continued support of policing activities within the district. He emphasised the important role played by community structures in creating safer environments and fostering trust between the SAPS and the communities they serve.

In addition to the awards presented, certificates of appreciation were awarded to the outgoing Fezile Dabi District CPF Executive Committee members in recognition of their leadership, dedication, and service



during their term of office. Their efforts in promoting community participation in policing and enhancing cooperation between the SAPS and communities were acknowledged and appreciated.

The District Commissioner thanked all CPF members, Community

Policing Officers, community patrollers, and stakeholders for their continued support and encouraged them to maintain the strong partnerships that contribute to effective crime prevention and community safety throughout the district.

Jobs Promise for Free State Young People

At the launch of the Youth Month Programme in Bloemfontein on Friday, 12th June 2026, hundreds of young people heard that more than R400 billion in investment has been secured for the Free State province. The National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) also announced that more than 7,200 jobs will be created in the province as part of a national programme aimed at generating 100,000 youth employment opportunities.

Free State Premier MaQueen Letsoha-Mathae said a diverse pool of investors, spanning the automotive and energy sectors, is set to invest in the Free State.

The investment package include:

- *An establishment of a manufacturing plant by an international vehicle manufacturer at the Maluti-a-Phofung Special Economic Zone (MAP SEZ) in the Thabo Mofutsanyana District.
- *Following the Premier's investment missions to China and Italy, a major energy and automobile company has committed to establishing electric vehicle charging stations along key routes across the Free State.



*A global battery manufacturer will also open battery production facilities across the province.

The premier said this year's Youth Month commemoration takes place under unique circumstances, with the current generation confronting challenges that differ from those

faced by the youth of 1976. Today's young people are grappling with high unemployment, persistent poverty, and deep inequality.

Adding that young people must become strategic partners of the government in driving development and economic growth.

"As we commemorate the 50th anniversary of Youth Month, let us remember the great sacrifices made by those who came before us. Let us honour them by refusing to be enslaved by dangerous substances and by making education fashionable. Let us also honour them by dedicating ourselves to becoming active participants in building a prosperous province and making the Free State a great place to live," said Premier Letsoha-Mathae.

The launch began with a Youth Walk Against Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF). The march also coincided with the display of community solidarity with 22 year old Masego Mogorosi, a young student teacher who was allegedly assaulted by a man who attends a school where she is completing her teaching practicals.



Suspect arrested for attempting to smuggle drugs into the Groenpunt Correctional Centre

A 53-year-old man is expected to appear before the Sasolburg Magistrate's Court on Monday, 24 May 2026, on charges of possession of drugs following an incident at Groenpunt Correctional Centre.

On Thursday, 21 May 2026, members of the Deneysville SAPS received a report regarding a visitor allegedly attempting to smuggle drugs and cellular devices into the facility. Upon arrival at Groenpunt Correctional Centre, officers consulted with correctional officials who were conducting routine search procedures at Gate No 02.

During the initial search of the suspect's belongings, officials discovered two cellular phones and chargers. A more thorough search was conducted in the presence of correctional officials and additional items which were concealed on the suspect were revealed, including packets of suspected dagga, several small packets suspected to contain nyaope, suspected crystal methamphetamine, additional cellular phones and chargers, and loose cigarettes.

The suspect was taken into custody and charged accordingly.

Moqhaka Mayor Encourages Learners to Explore Career Opportunities

Moqhaka Local Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr Ramasimong Tau, attended a Career Expo organized by NextGen Voices in partnership with the Fezile Dabi District Department of Education at Kananelo High School in Maokeng, Kroonstad.

The event forms part of ongoing efforts to promote youth development and empower learners to make informed decisions about their future careers and educational opportunities beyond Grade 12.

The Career Expo brought together Grade 10 to Grade 12 learners from various high schools across Maokeng. Representatives from tertiary institutions, Sector Education and Training Authorities (SETAs), government departments, and private sector organizations showcased a range of career paths, bursary opportunities, and skills development programmes available to matric learners and young people.

Addressing the learners, Executive Mayor Tau encouraged them to seize the opportunities presented by the expo and begin planning for their future careers now.

"Your future does not start after Matric – it starts with the choices

you make today. Use this expo, ask questions, and take every brochure and application form. Moqhaka needs your talent," he said.

The Mayor further urged learners to consider technical and vocational career paths in addition to university studies, highlighting the growing need for skilled artisans and technicians in the country.

"Artisans and technicians play a critical role in fixing water and electricity infrastructure, repairing roads, and helping to build the towns and communities we want. These professions offer valuable opportunities for young people to contribute to development while building successful careers," he said.

The Career Expo provided learners with a valuable platform to engage directly with education and training providers, gain career guidance, and explore opportunities that can help shape their future aspirations.



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APPROVED 2026/2027 REVIEWED INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND 2026/2027 ANNUAL BUDGET (MTREF) OF METSIMAHOLO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 16(1) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA), Act 53 of 2003 and Sections 25(1)(a–e) and (2) of the Municipal Systems Act (MSA), Act 32 of 2000, that the Council of Metsimaholo Local Municipality has adopted the Reviewed 2026/2027 Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and the 2026/2027 Annual Budget Medium-Term Revenue and Expenditure Framework (MTREF).

This adoption was approved at a duly convened Council sitting held on 29 May 2026 at Refengkgotso Community Hall.

Members of the community are hereby informed that the 2026/2027 Reviewed IDP and the 2026/2027 Annual Budget documents are available for viewing and access on the municipal website, as well as at municipal offices (IDP/PMS Unit and Budget Office).

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