



**Mopani District
Municipality**

Media Statement

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Attention Editors and Reporters

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A team to deal with the funeral arrangements of the Maphalle 24 victims established.

A team comprising of four departments, the Mopani District Municipality and other stakeholders has been established to assist with the funeral arrangements of the Maphalle 24 road crash victims. The 24 young people perished after a mini-bus they were travelling in collided head on with a bus on the R81 Polokwane-Giyani road in the Mopani District Municipal area on the 16th of June. It has emerged that the victims were enroute to Kgapanne after attending a locally arranged June 16 commemoration held outside Mojdadjiskloof. Mopani District Municipality Executive Mayor Councillor Pule Shayi says the team will bring well-coordinated efforts to ensure that the families of the deceased get all the necessary support during this trying period.

“The preparatory team which consists of the department of Transport, Department of Social Development, Health, Education, the District Municipality, the Greater Letaba Municipality, representatives of the families of the victims, Road Accident Fund, pastors and other relevant stake holders will work jointly to see to it that the bereaved families get all the necessary support and that their loved ones get a befitting send off. The team will work around the clock just to ease the burden which is currently on the shoulders of the bereaved families. We are urging all South Africans to continue to pray for the bereaved families for them to find strength during this trying time” said Shayi.

The establishment of the preparatory team follows a meeting between the Department of Transport Deputy Minister Dikeledi Magadzi, her provincial counterpart Dickson Masemola, Health MEC Phophi Ramathuba, Social Development MEC Nkakareng Rakgoale, mayors and the families of the deceased. The entourage also visited the scene of the crash on Monday. The team will meet on a daily basis until the day of the planned mass funeral to be announced during the course of the week.

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