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Mopani District Municipality celebrates **International Firefighters' Day**



The Mopani District Municipality's MMC for Community Services Cllr Dikeledi Mmetle has thanked firefighters for the sacrifices they make in putting their own lives in danger when fighting flames in order to rescue lives and save property.

She was addressing firefighters at the commemoration of international firefighters' day at the Tzaneen Fire Station on Wednesday, 04 May. "But what is also important is that we use this day to appreciate your work because you always put your own lives on the line to fight flames in order to rescue lives and save properties."

The International Firefighters 'Day is celebrated annually on the 4th of May to respect to firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty. The event was attended by firefighters from Mopani District Municipality, Working on Fire as well as officials from the Letaba Fire Protection Association.

Mmetle also thanked volunteer firefighters, saying "We want to extend our special gratitude to those that are doing this work on a voluntary basis, which is a clear demonstration of their love for our communities.



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You always sacrifice your lives going all out there to fight flames, and today is about acknowledging your valuable contributions.”

She said the Municipality will continue to create good working environment for firefighters. “At the level of leadership, we will continue to support your work. We remain committed to the programme of upgrading the centralized communication centre, which in the main should help improve our efficiency in our coordinated approach in response to emergencies. Of course, limitations around budget have derailed our progress.

“We also want to commit that the purchase of personal protective equipment for our firefighting personnel remains a priority as well. We have an obligation to support your work as we continue to strive for improvement around issues of fire safety,” said Mmetle.

The day was also characterized by many activities, including a competition which was won by Mr Kekana C from Maruleng fire station.



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