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MEC Gabisile Shabalala to assist CPFs in the province

As part of combatting crime and mobilising communities in the fight against criminality in various communities, Mpumalanga MEC for Community Safety, Security and Liaison Ms. Gabisile Shabalala will hand over reflective jackets, hand torches and whistles to the Community Police Forum (CPF) members for various policing areas in Nkangala Region.

The MEC believes that crime prevention cannot be left only in government's hands but communities should also play their role through structures such as the CPFs and that is why these structures should be assisted. The CPFs in Gert Sibande and Ehlanzeni regions will receive their packages in the next coming weeks.

This initiative is done in order to equip CPFs across the province so that they could easily combat crime in different communities. She added such initiatives will go a long way towards enhancing effective partnership between SAPS and the communities through CPFs. "We believe that the volunteers (CPF's) will work even harder to assist in preventing crime and also assist in bringing suspects to book so that communities can live in peace," MEC Shabalala says.

The MEC further says the handing over of CPF's tools is helpful as there is a challenge with funding CPF activities in the province. She further added that the business community's involvement in crime fighting gives hope that the war against crime will be won. She is thus calling for more support to CPFs from all stakeholders including the private sector in order to make communities safer.

The media is invited to the handing over that will take place as follows;

Date: Friday, 13 March 2020
Time: 09h00
Venue: Emalahleni Civic Centre

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