

## **MEC VR Shongwe Notes at the Wedding Celebration Dinner of Thulani Sibuyi and Prudence Mashaba on the 09<sup>th</sup> August 2012.**

Acknowledgement of Guests

Mr and Mrs Sibuyi (Thulani and Prudence), I have been asked by the staff in the Department to convey to you their message and particularly to their Boss.

I will therefore pass their message to you in a manner that does not seek to spice it but in a manner that best captures and describe the mood in the Department now.

Love is a dream shared by two. Marriage is the joy of the dream comes true. They said I must tell you that, may married life fulfill your dreams and make you a smartest Boss ever.

Ladies and gentlemen, the Department of Community Safety, Security and Liaison in Mpumalanga, the very one which the Bride here Mr Thulani Sibuyi is in charge of, has asked me pass on their behalves, some sweet words.

We are celebrating and celebrations calls for jovial mood and I am not about to temper with the high spirit here.

We are delighted that the man whom in the Department is always referred to as Youthful, Dynamic, Energetic and sometimes the female staff members calls him the Handsome Sibuyi, is now officially a husband to Prudence.

We hope the terrain you are getting into Mr Sibuyi, will not take away the Youthfulness, the Dynamism and Energy and also believe that Mrs Sibuyi will make sure that you keep looking Handsome...

You have said to us, in the Crime Summit of the Department in Secunda that you will be officially crossing over and also that you are no longer in the Youth League. However, I think you were wrong there, you may have graduated from the ANCYL but you are still in the Youth League until you turn 40.

Your face allows you to hide amongst the Youth Leaguers and for generational mix purposes you must remain there until 40.

This is so because you are now a guided militant, a matured and well nurtured comrade. You are a husband and a responsible somebody who has done away with actions of misguided militants.

You will no longer party until 04:30 in the morning. You are now officially off the shelves, no more looking back and front, you have Prudence to look now.

These are words that the staff in the Department asked me to pass to you Mr Sibuyi, their beloved youthful, energetic, dynamic and handsome HOD.

We will make you very angry at times during the course of working and at times you be stressed and loose temper at almost everyone you come across. The staff said, you must vent that anger and stress at them and never on the Beautiful Rose next to you, Mrs Sibuyi.

They say you can shout at them and make them run but when you get home you must switch roles and become a father, a husband and a loving member of the family.

Kiss your wife, play with the kids, help them with homework and see them through to their peaceful sleep and then nicely ask your wife to come with you, to your nice comfortable bedroom and take time to make her happy like the kids as well.

Helen Rowland said, "*Before marriage, a man will lie awake thinking about something you said; after marriage he'll fall asleep before you finish saying it*".

Well that may be so, but we, at DCSSL think our men will never do that, the attention and love you are getting today will live forever.

You must sing her a nice lalaby as well and once she is asleep, like a soldier you can then wake up and continue with the work of the Department. But the work of the Department is not an excuse not to make Mrs Sibuyi wake up in a jovial mood in the morning and sing nice songs in the bathroom when she takes a shower.

That is what your staff in the Department wants you to do Bra T.

They said you are a Head Of Department and an Accounting Officer for DCSSL but at home, you and Mrs Sibuyi are both Accounting Officers. That one of the Head, impela siyakuclela lapho. Uyinhloko kulomuzi wakwasibuyi kodwa ngasezimalini, kuyabanjiswa.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I will not spoil the mood, we are here to celebrate and before I say too much its proper that I say, *Let the Good Times Roll in the Sibuyi family*. Let the good times roll in this house with some powerful house music as well.

As I sit down ladies and Gentlemen, we went to Mozambique with Thulani and other colleagues recently and I saw a Mozambiquan Proverbs which says, "

Never marry a woman who has bigger feet than you".

Please if there are any Mozambiquecan in the audience, can they please tell us what that means?

In Zimbabwe they say, " A man that does not lie shall never marry" and I know they are wrong Mr Sibuyi has just married and is not a liar.

In Kenya they say, "The man may be the head of the home but the wife is the heart" which is very true, wives are the engine that keeps the home fire burning.

Once more on behalve of the Dream Team in the Department of Community Safety Security and Liaison, we wish this union success and many happy returns in form of children, love and an eternal survival of this marriage.

May God Almighty bless this wedding and strengthen it to stand the storms and marriage problems that may be secretly lying ahead.

The DCSSL family wishes Thulani and Prudence all the best.

I thank you.