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Overview on Fire Safety and Prevention in the Country

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Profile:

Started in Qwaqwa (Maluti a Phofung) in 1990 as a Fireman. Went to Klerksdorp (City of Matlosana) in 1994. Went to Centurion in 1996.

Which then later became part of the City of Tshwane. Went through the ranks until the Chief Fire Officer in 2011. In 2017 went to FPSA. In 2018 went to Saudi Siclii Training Academy. In 2020 joined NDMC to date

This presentation provides:

- The NDMC, Fire Safety Support Program to Municipalities
- High-level summary of key issues emanating from the assessments.
- Summary of findings in the assessments conducted in the Municipalities and outlines the intervention strategy to address some of the challenges

- The NDMC is a National entity under the Ministry of Cooperative Governance. Therefore, in terms of section 154 of the constitution of South Africa (108 of 1996), the department is mandated to support municipalities.
- Through this mandate, National Fire Services has developed a project that assesses the capability of Municipalities to carry out Fire Safety functions as envisaged in the white paper on fire services.

The NDMC has assessed over 100 municipalities across the Country on capacity of Fire Safety and Prevention. The assessment indicates that the majority share common fire safety concerns such as:

- Lack of Fire Services Bylaws and/or enforcement
- Wildfires
- Commercial building fires
- Residential fires
- Fire Safety and Prevention programmes
- Lack of capacity and resources

The NDMC has developed an Intervention Strategy to assist municipalities in addressing these identified challenges. In addition, provide support through PPP. These will require the following:

- Finalization of “Powers of Function” within provinces and focus on unbundling of equitable share
- Developing Bylaws (with tariffs)
- Building Capacity within the municipalities on (Bylaws, 10400, Fire investigation, Fire Prevention and Advanced Fire Prevention) through our partners

CONCLUSION

- The intention of the NDMC is to encourage the relationship amongst municipalities, communities, government and Private sector
- The NDMC is committed to partnering with municipalities and other stakeholders for a safer future.

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