

# A feather in their cap

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THE City of Joburg welcomed 171 traffic cops to the Metro police department yesterday.

The satellite Veritas Academy in Meadowlands, Soweto, the official training centre, was also officially opened.

The traffic cops are former extended public works programme employees who were previously trained to perform traffic points-man duties.

The department of public safety identified the need to train them.

JMPD Metro police chief David Tembe said he was excited to welcome them.

“We handnicked them from

the extended public works programme because we saw dedication in them,” he said.

He said the department joined forces with the army to teach the traffic cops discipline.

“From here on, we will hand them over to the army so they can learn some discipline.

“We want them to refrain from taking any form of tjotjo and pride themselves on what they do”



**The City of Joburg has trained and produced new traffic cops.**

*Photo by Lucky Morajane*

Joburg mayor Herman Mashaba said: “We look forward to you looking after our people.

“We hope you won’t back down on your word to do your job with integrity”