

Mpumalanga Fire Teams ready for the Winter Season

A total of 24 teams made up of 480 firefighters from Working on Fire (WOF) in Mpumalanga concluded their Yellow Card Assessment Training recently for the upcoming Winter Fire Season. WOF is part of the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) in the Department of Environmental Affairs and is restoring dignity in disadvantaged communities by recruiting young men and women to become firefighters. Teams from the Highveld region in Piet Retief, Wakkerstroom, Volksrust, Ermelo, Breyten, Badplaas, Warburton, Mayflower, Belfast and Sasol

took part in Yellow Card Assessment Camps, hosted in Badplaas, completed their assessments on 3 May 2019. Teams in the Lowveld region from Dullstroom, Nelspruit, Barberton, Sterkspruit, Lefpa, Nkomazi, Wilgeboom, Salique, Ijaka, Graskop, Mlambongwane and Waterval Boven finished their assessment at the Kishugu Training Academy in Mbombela on Tuesday, 7 May 2019. The assessments ensure that firefighters are fit and prepared for the upcoming Winter Fire Season, which is between the months of May and October *Article and more photos continue on Page 2*



** Above are the Firefighters being put through their pace during the practical test of a fire wall, where firefighters learn to endure the heat, which they will experience on the fire line*