

Loskop ready for winter fire season

A total of 24 teams, made up of more than 500 firefighters, from Working on Fire Mpumalanga, concluded their Yellow Card Assessment Training for the upcoming winter fire season.

A team from Loskop also took part in the Yellow Card Assessment camp at the Ermelo Showground and completed their assessment on 26 April.

The assessments ensure that firefighters are physically fit and theoretically and mentally prepared for the upcoming winter fire season between May and October.

The training consisted of a fitness

assessment, which included a 2.4 kilometre run, sit-ups, push-ups and pull-ups.

Firefighters were also theoretically assessed with tests and practically assessed on various firefighting techniques, which included a firebreak, which helps prevent a runaway fire from spreading.

Teams also conducted a firewall exercise, an activity in which firefighters run through flames with their protective gear, to get rid of the fear of fire and acclimatise themselves to the heat if and when they were to get trapped during a fire.

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Working on Fire Mpumalanga teams participating in the firewall exercise.