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# DPWI HOSTS THE CERTIFICATE CEREMONY FOR EPWP PEACE OFFICERS IN PAARL, WESTERN CAPE

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The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI) in partnership with Drakenstein Municipality in the Western Cape hosted certificate awards ceremony for EPWP Peace Officer and Security Guards in Paarl in the Western Cape. The ceremony was officiated by the Drakenstein Municipality Executive Mayor, Councillor Alderman Conrad Poole and the EPWP Programme Manager in Western Cape Mr. Mzimkulu Gusha.

In his keynote address, Mayor Alderman Pool, thanked the participants for their hard work during training. He wished participants well for their future endeavors.

A total number of 15 young EPWP participants received accredited training by Security Sector Education and Training Authority Skills Program 1 NQF Level 3 with a total of 39 credits comprising of the following 9 unit standards:

- Using security equipment
- Conducting a security patrol in an area of responsibility
- Explaining the requirements for becoming a security service provider
- Handling complaints and problems
- Applying legal aspects in a security environment
- Performing hand over and take over responsibilities

- Giving evidence in court
- Carrying Out Basic First Aid Treatment In the workplace
- Performing basic fire fighting

Ms. Miemie Colly one of the participants who spoke on half of participants said that "We are grateful as youth of Drakenstein to be selected to be part of the Peace Officer and Security Guards training." She further stated that they will work hand in hand with the authorities to help decrease the crime rate in the area. Colly implored other participants to work together as a team and further thanked The EPWP for an opportunity.

The training started on 31 October 2022 and it was concluded on 31 of January 2023. Upon completion of the training the participants were placed under the Drakenstein Municipality area in Paarl as Peace Officers and Security Guards for a period of 12 months, which ends on the 31st October 2023. They are assisting in patrolling open spaces, and ensuring compliance to the municipality by laws.

According to Private Security Industry Regulatory (PSiRA) grading, these participants are qualified as Security Patrol Officers. Participants were awarded with certificates of successfully attending and completing the course.



# DPWI HOSTS EPWP LEARNING PROGRAMME IN PRETORIA, GAUTENG

Article and pictures by Pelokazi Baliso

The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI) recently hosted a week-long training programme for public bodies that are responsible for implementing the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP). The five-day training was aimed at providing EPWP implementers with in-depth knowledge and understanding of the Programme. The learning programme was led by the EPWP Partnership Support Unit.

The Deputy-Director General (DDG) Ms. Carmen-Joy Abrahams explained that the EPWP Learning Programme was one of the platforms used by DPWI to engage EPWP implementers on key issues affecting the Programme.

"It is through such programmes that we enrich the debate on key issues affecting EPWP", DDG Ms. Abrahams said. The learning programme was attended by officials from various municipalities and provincial departments across the country who are responsible for the implementation of the EPWP in respective entities.

Closing the Learning programme, DDG Abrahams thanked the officials for attending. "I'm encouraged by everyone's participation and engagement. I sincerely hope that everyone who came to this session gained more knowledge about the Programme and will go back to their communities to support the government's efforts to fight poverty by establishing EPWP employment opportunities". DDG said.

On the last day of the session officials were awarded certificates of attendance.

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