



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SAFETY AND
LIAISON
KWAZULU-NATAL

MEDIA ALERT

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY IDENTIFY HEROES WITHIN THE POLICE
THAT HAVE GONE BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY**

In order to honor the good work done by the men and women in uniform, i.e. police officers, who have gone the extra mile to defend the weak, the MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele will be hosting the second MEC's Community Awards for Police Excellence **on 19 March 2009 at the Sun Coast Conference Centre starting from 18h00.**

It is a given fact that the police work under serious constraints and many go beyond the call of duty. The MEC's Community Awards for Police Excellence are a platform created by MEC Bheki Cele for **members of the community** to identify **their** best police officers, stations and units that in the community's view have excelled in serving the various areas where they are deployed.

The first phase of these awards started in the later part of 2008 where members of the community assisted in the search for the best police officers. This they did through their willingness to engage with the Department and sharing valuable information regarding the good work of the police in their local areas. This input helped to identify and short list the officers, stations and units that now will be contesting the top spots at the awards ceremony. We will also be recognizing for the first time those stations that have implemented the victim's charter and who have best served victims of crime among vulnerable groups.

**MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND COVER THE
AWARDS CEREMONY ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY OF KWAZULU-
NATAL.**

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