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MEDIA ALERT

TO : ALL MEDIA
DATE : 16 JULY 2013
ATTENTION : NEWS EDITORS/REPORTERS AND PR WIRE

KZN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SAFETY AND LIAISON WILL VISIT DIFFERENT AREAS AS A FORM OF SPENDING THEIR 67 MINUTES WITH THE COMMUNITY.

KWAZULU-Natal Community Safety and Liaison Department will spend its 67 minutes together with the displaced youth that currently hang around at the so-called "Whoonga Park," in Albert Park, Durban.

This event, held in partnership with Izwi Lomzansi Community Radio Station and Ukhozi FM which coincides with Mandela Day, seeks to engage with these youths with a view of encouraging them to stay off the drugs and to warn them of the dangers associated with the abuse of drugs.

It is part of a series of events in which Community Safety and Liaison senior officials and staff members will partake to mark Mandela Day in the province of KwaZulu-Natal.

The Whoonga Park event is part of the Department's programme to warn the communities of the dangers of Whoonga and other drugs. This programme was launched successfully in Chesterville, west of Durban, recently.

Whoonga and other drugs have been found to be the key drivers of crime and criminality and have led to the breakdown of families, loss of morals and decline of morals.

The idea is to engage with this youth and convince them that it is possible to withdraw from using drugs and that there is life after withdrawing from taking drugs

The event will also take a form of infotainment- with live music and speeches taking place simultaneously.

Leading socialites and personalities, some of who had been drug users, will share their experiences with the youth and encourage them to walk away from drugs.

Other Department's events will be done as following:

- Visit uMhlali Victim Friendly Facility at uMhlali Police Station, under iLembe Districts.
- Visit uThungulu Child Care Centre, eShowe under uThungulu District
- Visit Camperdown Child Care Centre under uMgungundlovu District
- Visit Gowanlea Police Station in Kokstad under Sisonke District
- Visit KwaMsani Trauma Room in Mtubatuba under uMkhanyakude District
- Visit Whoonga Park, Albert Park, Durban under iTheku Municipality
- Pomeroy Police Station, uMsinga under uMzinyathi District

The National Government has designated this year's theme of Mandela Day 2013 as ***"Take Action -Inspire Change; Make Every Day A Mandela Day"***.

Details of the events

Date: 18 July 2013

Time: 10h00

Venue: Albert Park, Durban

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Venue: uMhlali Police Station

Date: 18 July 2013

Time: 10h00

Venue: Pomeroy Police Station

Date: 18 July 2013

Time: 10h00

Venue: KwaMsani Trauma Room, Mtubatuba

Media are invited to attend

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