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**MEC MCHUNU WELCOMES THE FINALISATION OF NEWCASTLE POLICE
ACCOMODATION**

KWAZULU-Natal Transport, Community Safety and Liaison MEC, Mr. Willies Mchunu, has expressed happiness that the difficulty over the office space for SAPS special units in Newcastle has been resolved to the satisfaction of all parties involved in this matter.

Now special units of SAPS, including more than 200 members of the Organised Crime, K9 and the Public Order Policing Units, are back at their rented offices.

Last week these units were evicted from their rented offices following a dispute between the landlord and Public Works over the rentals.

However, the matter has now been resolved following an agreement between all the parties involved in this matter.

MEC Mchunu today welcomed this development, saying such a move could also bring normality to the operation of these units and build public confidence on the work of the police and service delivery.

"These are, indeed, good news. While the incident was regrettable but no service delivery was disrupted as the full SAPS services were still available at the Newcastle Police Station."

"However, bigger and better office would enable members to operate with more efficiency and easily interact with the members of the community."

"Going forward, care is being taken that SAPS does not again find itself in a similar situation that will have a potential of undermining public confidence in the operation of the service," said Mchunu.

He thanked members of the community for their patience and support during the difficult period when these units were evicted from their offices.

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