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MEDIA ALERT

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MCHUNU SAYS ALL IS UNDER CONTROL

KWAZULU-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu, has expressed concerns at the eviction of four police units from the rented premises in Newcastle but has also urged communities not to panic as all key delivery services were still available at the Newcastle Police Station.

MEC Mchunu was commenting in the wake of the eviction of four specialised units from premises in Newcastle, apparently because of rental disputes.

The affected units are the Organised Crime Unit, K9 Unit (Dog unit), Auxiliary unit and Public Order police. This disruption follows a non-payment of rent for a period of one to two years.

Today MEC Mchunu assured the community of Newcastle that despite this challenge, full services had not been hampered as the community was still being served by the Newcastle Police Station.

MEC Mchunu said moves were already underway to attend to this challenge and he had met with the senior Management police from the Provincial Commissioner's office and the management from Public Works to come up with a solution to this challenge.

"We are, indeed, concerned at this situation. However, we want to assure everyone that even though some units have been affected but the service delivery at the police station is running normally."

“Police are working and even the affected units police officers are at work. The accommodation for the members has been outsourced to the nearby police stations. Hopefully in a short period of time these units will go back to their offices and things go back to normality,” said Mchunu.

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