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DOT STAFF SAFELY EVACUATED AFTER SMOKE WAS DETECTED AT HEAD OFFICE IN PIETERMARITZBURG

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Transport is calling for calm after smoke erupted in its head office this morning in Pietermaritzburg, forcing the staff to be evacuated.

The smoke was experienced at the A-Block at the Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House, which is the head office of the Department. The smoke was detected early and attended to, with staff members safely evacuated.

Currently, the Department has commissioned an investigation into the cause of the smoke and once finalized will engage with the Department of Public Works.

The A-Block houses critical units including Human Resources, Information Technology, Supply Chain Management, Legal Services, Office Services and Finance.

No documents were destroyed nor affected after the smoke was detected and no staff members were harmed or injured during the evacuation process. All the affected units have been provided with temporary working arrangements to ensure that critical areas of work continue.

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