

**DRAFT NOTES FOR KWAZULU-NATAL TRANSPORT, COMMUNITY SAFETY AND LIASON MEC
MR WILLIES MCHUNU DURING THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS PASSING OUT PARADE ON
THURSDAY, 27 MAY 2010.**

**Programme Director Mr Ntombela;
Head of Department Mr Chris Hlabisa;
Provincial Commissioner Lt. General Ngobeni;
Manager Special Operations Mr S Sithole;
MANCO members present;
All law enforcement personnel present;
Members of the media;
Ladies and Gentlemen**

Today is not supposed to be the day of speeches but rather the day to celebrate our achievements. In fact, much has been said to confirm that South Africa is ready for 2010 World Cup and this includes KwaZulu-Natal, particularly our host city, Durban.

Just two weeks ago, in his state of readiness address at the King Shaka Airport, SAPF national head General Bheki Cele declared that law enforcement agencies must begin their work with effect from the 24th of May 2010 until July 20, 2010.

It therefore gives me great pleasure to oversee the passing out parade of forty five (45) law enforcement officers from the Department of.

These men and women in road traffic law enforcement have been through a two-weeks training as from the 17th May to the 27th of May 2010, focusing on crowd control.

They will make more than 300 the total number of participants from various government agencies that are responsible for ensuring that the world soccer tournament in our province takes place successfully.

These are the people the country has delegated to ensure that law, order and peace is maintained during the duration of the tournament. They are joining hands with the South African Police Force (SAPF), the South African National Defence Force (SANDF), EtheKwini Metro Police, the Department of Correctional Service, the Department of Health's Emergency Services and others.

All we are saying is that our law enforcement agencies are working in a coordinated manner to ensure that our "100 % compliance" policy is strictly enforced. Be it on the road, at the beach, at the PVA or in the city, there will be full service.

These over 300 men and women in uniforms will be based at the Joint Operational Centre, the Venue Operational Centre as well as the Temporal Base in Marianhill where they were trained.

Of the forty five (45) participants from Transport Department's Special Operation Task Unit, fifteen (15) officers will be deployed each day to take care of any potential crisis situation as a Reaction Group.

These officers will observe the following shift arrangement: One group will start working from 6am to 6.30pm. The second group will work from 7.30am to 4pm, and it will take care of potential threats which may attempt to destabilise this world cup tournament. The third group will work from 11.30am to 12 mid-night.

These officers who will be taking part in this operation are from my Department's Operation Task Unit. This unit comprises the Public Transport Enforcement Unit (PTEU), the Traffic and Transport Information Gathering (TTIG) and the Traffic and Transport Inspection Unit (TTIU).

There will be a group on standby in Mariannhill which will be ready to respond to emergency situations in the unlikely event that they do occur.

Having said that, we remain aware of the legacy that this world tournament will leave behind. We know that after the tournament, all our officers will have acquired experience to be used in their normal operations.

In conclusion, I want to warn all our law enforcement personnel that you are in a very interesting period in the history of your profession. This is the time when your professionalism will also be tested in the process. I therefore encourage you to keep on with your good work. Be always polite and professional when talking to your clients while firm in situations that demand you to be so.

Be ambassadors of crime prevention and ensure that you position us favorably as a province in both the local and international community during and after the World Cup.

I thank you