



**SPEECH NOTES FOR KNZ TRANSPORT, COMMUNITY SAFETY AND
LIAISON HON. WILLIES MCHUNU AT THE LAUNCH OF THE PROVINCIAL
SECURITY MANAGERS FORUM IN PIETERMARITZBURG ON 29 JULY 2010**

Programme Director;

Cabinet members present;

Representatives from National Security Managers Forum;

Representatives from NIA;

SAPS;

Provincial JCPS;

Traffic Authorities;

Disaster Management;

Members of the Media

Protocol Observed;

Ladies and Gentlemen.

I would like to take this opportunity to apologise for our Premier Dr Zweli Mkhize who would have wished to be part of this occasion, but has had to attend to other equally important matters this evening.

Today marks a milestone in the security fraternity within the public sector. We are aware that the Provincial Security Managers Forum has been long overdue. It is on that score that I want to first congratulate those who have been elected into the provincial committee. We are glad that you are now here to help our Government in facing a very sensitive matter, the issue of security.

We trust that you will work for your vision of being a united forum for security excellence. You will provide leadership and share security best practices through consultation and co-ordination within the public sector. We know in our country we still have a long way to go in addressing issues of crime. This does not exclude our places of work. It is not abnormal that criminal activities at the workplace reflect what is happening in our society. We are therefore grateful to such forums that seek to chart the way forward that will address this situation.

The purpose of this Forum is to be an official platform where matters of common concern and interest are raised and debated to improve security in government institutions, legislatures, local government and state-owned entities. It is to provide a channel through which security managers communicate matters to the intelligence and security formations.

This forum is the main conduit for communication with the Counter Intelligence Coordinating Forum (CICF) and other regulatory bodies. It is therefore expected to develop closer ties between the various security disciplines and improve and maintain the service with the security industry,

It is important to note that the Forum abides by the principles that govern national security as outlined in Chapter 11: Security Services of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, Act 108 of 1996. The forum is structured and regulated subject to national legislation. It resides under the CICF.

The Forum must liaise and coordinate its activities with law enforcement agencies, government security agencies and non-government security associations to maintain an orderly environment while adhering to the rule of law and sustaining a security-friendly environment.

Having outlined the above as principle, I am of the view that the Security Managers Forum will ensure that the state assets are protected, including government premises, employees, sensitive information and documents.

The forum must ensure that all security managers implement the Minimum Information Security Standards (MISS) as required by NIA. The security managers must ensure that there is a safe environment by implementing Minimum Physical Security Standards (MPSS) as required by SAPS.

Once again, I take this opportunity to officially welcome and endorse our new Porvincial Security Managers Forum and and hope that from now on, we will see better co-ordination among all other security agencies in the province. We will now see uniformity in terms of the role of security managers and their locations within the departments.

Remember that a well-functioning security coordianating mechanism is essential to make sure that there is an efficient flow of information. It is your responsibility to see to it that security priorities are not compromised, and that duplication of resources is minimized or avoided, and that other matters pertaining to the other functions of security are taken care of accordingly. On behalf of the provincial government, I wish you well in carrying out your mandate and trust that we will see positive results being evident.

I thank you