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## Security Training Participants Cherish Opportunity to Uplift and Protect Their Community in Mahikeng

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As calls intensify to ensure the safety of community members across the four districts of the North West Province, the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP), in partnership with the North West Department of Social Development (NWDSD), is currently hosting a 15-day (three-week) security training programme for 18 participants in Mahikeng.

The training aims to equip participants with essential skills that will enhance their employability within the security sector.

The participants were enrolled on a 12-month EPWP contract that commenced in April 2025 and is expected to conclude in March 2026.

The ongoing training programme covers a wide range of modules, including:

1. Personal hygiene and general appearance
2. Access control
3. Basic occupational safety
4. Public relations
5. Roles and functions of security officers
6. Bomb threats, explosive device, and firearms
7. Self-Defence
8. Radio communications
9. Protection of information
10. Roles in emergency situations

Project Manager Mr Darius Bosman from Legend Training College explained that the training covers three security grades, namely Grades C, D, and E, which are equivalent to Skills Programmes 1, 2, and 3 respectively. He expressed confidence that the participants will be able to secure employment upon exiting the programme and may also pursue further studies in the security field. Upon completion of the training, participants will be awarded PSIRA Grade C, D, and E certificates. One of the participants, Ms Refilwe Gift Modisadife from the Tsholofelo Feeding Scheme, shared how the programme has positively impacted her life beyond the monthly stipend. "The programme has taught me how to work collaboratively with people," she said.

In conclusion, Ms Modisadife encouraged young people to join the EPWP, highlighting that the programme provides valuable knowledge and skills that can significantly improve their lives while preparing them for future employment.

