



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

**21 April 2022**

### **FREE STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT MOURNS THE PASSING OF ITS OFFICIAL, MR THABISO NHLAPO, IN A CAR ACCIDENT**

Free State Department of Social Development mourns tragic passing of one of its official Mr Thabiso Albert Nhlapo who was an Assistant Director Infrastructure. There has been an accident near Kestell where four officials from the Department were involved. Officials were driving from Qwaqwa to Bloemfontein on the 13th of April 2022 when this accident took place.

It is with a very heavy heart to inform the people of the Free State and the society in general about the passing of one of our own “Thabiso Albert Nhlapo”, who served the people of the Free State with diligence, but unfortunately demised in the accident. There were four (4) Interns, two (2) ladies and two (2) gentlemen in the accident, Interns are said to be recuperating and recovering at Mofumahadi Manapo Mopeli Hospital in Qwaqwa (Phuthaditjhaba) and are out of danger except one...

Free State Social Development has been robbed of a knowledgeable, humble and astute public servant. “We will miss his insight especially within the public service and Infrastructure sphere, which is the public service for delivery of quality services to our people of Free State.’ May His Soul Rest in eternal Peace.

MEC for Social Development, Ms Motlagomang “Mamiki” Qabathe, Head of the Department, Advocate Tumelo Phahlo, the Entire Management and Staff of Free State Social Development wish to convey their heartfelt condolences to Mr Nhlapo’s family, loved ones and colleagues in the public service. His Family must find solace in the fact that he spent most of his life in making Free State communities and the society in general a better place for all.

A Memorial Service will be held for the late Mr Nhlapo, which will be attended by the MEC, Acting HOD, management and officials from the Department will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, 21 April 2022

Time: 11:00 – 15:00

Venue: Tshireletsong Child & Youth Care Centre, Bloemfontein

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