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PSA commends EMS personnel for outstanding service during festive season

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) extend its heartfelt appreciation to Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel across South Africa for their exceptional dedication and professionalism during the 2025/26 festive season.

Often, the focus is on other essential workers during the festive season owing to increased motor vehicles on the roads. This period is notorious for increased accidents and incidents on the road due to the high number of motor vehicles on the roads. The role of the EMS is often not acknowledged, despite them playing a crucial role at this time of the year.

Despite the heightened demand for emergency care during this period, EMS workers responded swiftly and tirelessly to thousands of life-threatening incidents, road accidents, and trauma cases. Their commitment ensured that countless lives were saved, and communities received critical support during one of the busiest times of the year. The PSA acknowledges the immense pressure faced by EMS teams, including long hours, challenging conditions, and increased risks. Their unwavering service reflects the highest standards of public service and embodies the values of compassion and resilience.

EMS workers are the unsung heroes of the festive season. Their courage and dedication deserve recognition and respect. The Union calls on government and stakeholders to continue investing in resources, training, and support systems to empower these frontline professionals. The PSA encourages the public to join in expressing gratitude to EMS personnel and to support initiatives that enhance emergency response capacity. Their work is vital to safeguarding lives and maintaining public health during peak periods.

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