

MEDIA RELEASE PSA welcomes Mpumalanga Government's intervention to strengthen
Emergency Medical Services

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) welcomes the recent official handover of 15 ambulances, five primary response vehicles, and 50 service delivery vehicles by the Mpumalanga Premier, accompanied by the MEC for Health and the Executive Mayor of the City of Mbombela, at Mbombela Stadium.

The PSA has consistently expressed concern regarding the shortage of ambulances in the Provincial Department of Health and the impact this has had on Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel and the communities they serve. Following engagements with the acting Director of EMS, the PSA is satisfied that the Provincial Government has taken meaningful steps to address these concerns through the procurement and deployment of additional emergency response vehicles.

The handover demonstrates the Provincial Government's commitment to strengthening emergency healthcare services and improving access to quality healthcare for the people of Mpumalanga. The additional ambulances and response vehicles will assist in reducing response times, improving service coverage, and alleviating some of the operational pressures experienced by EMS personnel. The PSA further notes the Premier's announcement that Mpumalanga currently has 185 ambulances and is progressing towards the provincial target of 204 ambulances. This is a positive development that reflects a commitment to enhancing the capacity of emergency medical services across the Province.

The PSA commends the Premier for acknowledging the unwavering commitment and dedication of EMS personnel and healthcare workers who continue to provide lifesaving services despite operating under challenging conditions, often with limited resources. Their resilience and professionalism are at the core of the Province's emergency healthcare system. Whilst the PSA welcomes this important milestone, the Union will continue to monitor the implementation of this initiative to ensure that the new vehicles are distributed equitably across the Province, are properly maintained, and are adequately staffed to maximise the impact on service delivery.

The PSA is committed to constructive engagement with the Department of Health and all relevant stakeholders to ensure that public servants are provided with the necessary resources to deliver efficient, effective, and quality healthcare services to the people of Mpumalanga.

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