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PSA mourns passing of Department of Human Settlements Shop Steward

The PSA is sad to announce the passing of the Union's long-serving shop steward at the National Department of Human Settlements, comrade Jake Botes.

Comrade Johannes (Jakes) Botes was born in 1975, attended Primary School Wolmaransstad until Grade 7, then completed Grade 8 at High School Wolmaransstad and Grade 9 to 12 at Roodak High School. Amongst his academic achievements, Comrade Jakes obtained a BTech: Management Degree at Unisa in 2005, a Master's in business leadership (MBL) at Unisa in 2016, and Post-Graduate Diploma in Public Management at the North-West University in 2017.

In 1991, Jake Botes completed his (then) year of compulsory Military Service, at 10 Anti-Aircraft Regiment in Kimberley. Although placed at the Anti-Aircraft Regiment, he was a medical assistant at the sickbay (medical clinic) of 1 Maintenance Unit in Kimberley. He was then appointed as Control Room Operator at Amalgamated Burglar Alarms in East London from January to July 1992.

He started his career in the Public Service as an Administrative Clerk at the then Department of Local Government, Housing and Public Works (now Gauteng Department of Human Settlements) in August 1992 where he was later promoted to the position of Assistant Director: Property Register and Debtor Administrator. He then moved to the National Department of Human Settlements where he was appointed as Deputy Director: Financial Systems Support from October 2011.

In 2018, Jakes was democratically elected as a PSA shop steward at the National Department of Human Settlements, where he served in the branch management committee with excellence, consistency, and with commendable work ethics until he met his untimely death on 27 July 2023.

A memorial service for Comrade Jakes was held on Wednesday, 5 July 2023 at the National Department of Human Settlement's Head Office. Funeral details will be shared in due course.

Heartfelt condolences to Comrade Jake's family, friends, and colleagues. May His Soul Rest in Peace.

GENERAL MANAGER