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Press Statement

Operation Restoration

The Municipality in partnership with SAPS (Lephalale Cluster), Community Safety Forum, Community Policing Forum, Waterberg District's Local Economic Development, Environment and Tourism Department, Home Affairs Department and Health Department embarked on a three day operation at Seleka, Shongoane and Mukuruanyane villages. The Three day operation, "Operation Restoration" which ended yesterday (08 June 2017) follows complains raised by community members at the IDP road show hosted by the Municipality, that local shop owners sell expired goods which poses health risks.

According Lephalale SAPS Warrant Officer, Frans Mokoena, 51 shops including a reputable franchise were raided and expired goods such as baby food, meat and other items worth more than R500 000 were confiscated. Twenty Eight (28) summons were issued to shop owners operating without trading licences and they were fined an amount of R1000 rand each.

All the confiscated items were taken by Municipal officials and destroyed at a nearby dumping site.

Acting Mayor, Cllr William Motlokwa who was part of the operation said this is an unacceptable practice which can never be allowed in Lephalale as it endangers the lives of local residents "Selling expired food to our people poses serious health risks especially to young children. It is an injustice that undermines the dignity of our people. The Municipality will continue to work with law enforcement agencies to ensure compliance by all businesses in order to protect the lives of local residents"

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