



CITY OF JOHANNESBURG

## **Councillor Mgcini Tshwaku**

Member of the Mayoral Committee  
Department of Public Safety

### **Media Statement**

#### **For Immediate Release**

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#### **Public Safety MMC Cllr Tshwaku praises EMS's swift response to another CBD fire**

On Friday morning, 15 September 2023, EMS firefighters swiftly responded to yet another fire alert incident at corner Delvers and Cornelius streets in Marshalltown, Johannesburg CBD.

The name of the building that burnt is Delvers Close, which was previously a factory. It is not far from Usindiso building that tragically burnt a few weeks ago. The building had close to 200 shacks inside, and it is alleged that one of the shacks caught fire and it spread.

Fortunately, there were no fatalities.

The MMC for Public Safety, Cllr Mgcini Tshwaku, who rushed to the scene upon alert from EMS, applauded the swift response from EMS firefighters who managed to control the situation and successfully put out the fire.

"We are happy with the fast response from the EMS team, after the fire incident at corner Albert and Denver streets, EMS have been on high alert," said MMC Tshwaku.

More investigations will be conducted to determine the exact cause of this fire, it remains unknown at the present moment. There was one person who suffered smoke inhalation and was treated on the scene. Alternative accommodation has sought through shelters and other areas. The city has embarked on an inspection of buildings that are a fire risk.

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