



CITY OF JOHANNESBURG

Councillor Mgcini Tshwaku

Member of the Mayoral Committee
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Media Statement

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Public Safety MMC engages Eldorado Park community representatives on crime

Member of the Mayoral Committee (MMC) for Public Safety in the City of Johannesburg, Cllr Mgcini Tshwaku, successfully convened a multi-stakeholder meeting today with representatives from the Eldorado Park community, officials from the Department of Education, the JMPD Tactical Response Unit, and Emergency Management Services (EMS).

The meeting is part of MMC Tshwaku's ongoing efforts to connect with communities in crime hotspots, aiming to enhance resources and bolster law enforcement visibility.

Community representatives raised urgent concerns about safety in schools, citing instances of gang-related activities, including reports of children as young as 12 bringing firearms to school and individuals selling drugs and drug-laced products such as space muffins to minors.

In response to the issues discussed, MMC Tshwaku reaffirmed his commitment to strengthening the capabilities of the JMPD Tactical Response Unit, implementing proven strategies to dismantle gang and drug networks, and swiftly removing criminal activities from the streets of Johannesburg.

"The accounts shared during the meeting are alarming, and it is deeply concerning that gang activity is infiltrating schools in the area. We appreciate the community's proactive stance, as our success relies on their involvement; they know the individuals responsible for the ongoing issues.

“I have pledged to increase the deployment of officers, utilise sniffer dogs, and conduct random inspections of school transport, which has been flagged as a concern,” said Cllr Tshwaku.

The MMC further highlighted the need for educational initiatives that inform children about the dangers of criminal behaviour as a critical component of the city’s crime prevention strategy.

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