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THE DEPARTMENT OF CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS EMBARKS ON FIRE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN TO SAVE LIVES

The Mpumalanga Province is prone to sporadic veld and forest fires common during the winter season. This is due in part to a fire-prone vegetation and a dry climate. The nature of the climatic conditions and vegetation in the province leads to unwanted fires in the winter season.

The May and October period marks the fire season that contribute to human and animal deaths. The National Veld and Forest Fire Act, 101 of 1998 (NVFFA) was promulgated in 1998 specifically to provide a legislative framework for the management of veld and forest fires in the country. This legislation ensures compliance with environmental requirements as well as for the management of risk of life and property.

The Mpumalanga Department of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA), Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), Working on Fire (WoF) and Fire Protection Associations (FPA) will be launching jointly a fire awareness campaign to mitigate the impact of veld and forest fires.

The launch is scheduled as follows:

Date : **Friday, 30 June 2017**
Time : **08h30**
Venue : **Mpumalanga Provincial Disaster Centre, Mbombela.**

Please confirm your attendance with Ms Lefentse Nkosi on 013 766 6929 / 0829644732/
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