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Attention : News Editors & Journalists  
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***For the attention of all media houses***

**Five people die in shack fire in Sicelo Shiceka, Meyerton**

It is with great sadness that the Sedibeng District Municipality heard of the shack fire which left five people dead in Sicelo Shiceka Settlement in Meyerton. At about 1am on Sunday, 18 July 2010 in Sicelo Shiceka, Meyerton 5 people were killed after their shack was destroyed in a fire. Two of those killed in the blaze are adults while the other three were young children, of ages 2, 3 & 9 respectively.

Emergency vehicles came to the scene but could not do anything as the fire had already burned down the home but people had died. The Sedibeng District Municipality would like to send condolences to the families of the deceased who have died in this shack fire. As you comprehend this profound loss, let yourself cry knowing each tear is a note of love rising to the heavens. Like a bird singing in the rain, let grateful memories survive in this time of sorrow.

The Executive Mayor of Sedibeng District Municipality will be visiting the area today; 21 July 2010 at 16h00 to assess the level of damage and loss caused by the fire and convey his messages of condolences to the bereaved families and the community at large.

“Our Emergency Medical Services was notified of the fire on Sunday, 18 July 2010 at approximately 01h00 am. The EMS ascertained the incident and reported that five people were affected. A provision of twenty blankets and two were made as a short-term relief. The cause of the fire is still unknown, and we are doing everything in our power to assist and to provide relief”, said the Executive Mayor, Councillor Mahole Simon Mofokeng.

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