

**External Communications Unit  
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***For the attention of all media houses***

**Sedibeng under CCTV Street Surveillance System**

Sedibeng District Municipality is proud to announce that the CCTV project in the Sedibeng region is nearing completion and is already operational. The following table indicates the progress of the project thus far:

This system is not only focused on crime prevention and traffic offences. It has an Information Connectivity Technology features such as Wi-Fi connectivity. This means that community members living near these cameras will in future be able to access the internet using this Wi-Fi technology.

A local company, Illungu Investment, was given an opportunity to serve under the main contractor during the rollout of this project in the Region as part of a skills transfer initiative. During this period approximately 50 local people across the Region were employed.

Incidents related to traffic violations also form a key part of the objectives of the project. Many traffic fines have already been issued through the use of the CCTV Camera System. The South African Police Services have also confirmed a positive impact made by CCTV Camera System, especially in the Vereeniging area.

“Given the reports we received from the SAPS, there has been a significant decline in the crime statistics since the installation of the Security Cameras in affected areas. This is encouraging and it is a sign for a breakthrough in our fight against crime”, said the Executive Mayor of the Sedibeng District Municipality: Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng.

The CCTV Surveillance Camera Centre operates on a 24 hour basis. The Centre is manned by members of the SAPS and Emfuleni Traffic Services. All information recorded by the system is water-marked and cannot be tampered with. Therefore, it is admissible in a court of law as evidence.

The Centre operates within stringent security measures and access thereto is strictly controlled and limited only to qualified and authorized members.

The Sedibeng District Municipality embarked on this project with the view that safety and security are key elements of an improved quality of life among the people. The sense of safety and security should extend beyond members of a household into the neighbourhood and surroundings of the wider community where people live, work and engage in extramural activity. Therefore, the



partnership between the police and communities is very crucial in building truly safe and secure communities.

The installation of the CCTV Cameras in the Region augments and strengthens our continued community mobilization and partnerships against crime. It is our continued commitment to ensure that the people of Sedibeng's ability to enjoy decent life are not undermined in any way.

"We call on all members of the community, the Community Policing Forums (CPFs) and those who are active in the private security industry to take advantage of this development in their campaigns against crime in our communities", added the Executive Mayor of the Sedibeng District Municipality: Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng.

The under-mentioned information refers to both completed and under-way installation, including the number of cameras allocated per area.

- **Vanderbijlpark CBD - 24 (completed)**
- **Bedworthpark - 05 (underway)**
- **Sebokeng - 06 (completed)**
- **Evaton - 06 (completed)**
- **Sharpeville - 04 (completed)**
- **Meyerton - 06 (completed)**
- **Vereeniging - 18 (underway) (15 old cameras functional)**
- **Ratanda - 10 (underway)**

Working together we can defeat criminals who are holding our freedom and democracy to ransom.

**Ends!**

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