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***For the attention of all media houses***

**The Sedibeng District Municipality condemns continued police killings**

The people of Sedibeng have learnt with shock and grave concern about the killings of two police officers in Vereeniging on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> August 2012.

According to police reports, this incident brought the number of police officers killed in Gauteng in a week to three.

“We are deeply saddened by the continuing slayings of our protectors and law enforcement agents in the form of our South African Police Service officers in the Region. This calls for all of us to work together with our SAPS, Community Police Forums and other security agencies in the fight against crime”, said the Executive Mayor of the Sedibeng District Municipality: Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng.

In July 2011, we lost two police officers who were found dead in Sebokeng and we are today learning of yet another two police officers who were shot dead by the thugs while on duty, responding to a hijacking call in the area.

The Sedibeng District Municipality condemns these barbaric continued killings of members of the South African Police Service (SAPS), the men and women in blue who put their own lives at risk to ensure the safety of all South African citizens and foreign nationals.

“We denounce criminal acts in the strongest terms possible. Our region and country cannot be held at ransom by criminals like this. This must surely stop. We cannot bury our police officers every week. We will ensure that we speed up the current programme on the installation of the Security Cameras in all our areas to ensure their safety at all times”, concluded the Executive Mayor.

The Sedibeng District Municipality sends its condolences to the families of the two police officers and the many families who lost love ones, most of whom were breadwinners.

**Ends!**

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