

## **MINISTERIAL CRIME PREVENTION IMBIZO BRINGS HOPE TO GA-MPHAHLELE RESIDENTS**

The Mayor of Lepelle-Nkumpi Local Municipality, Cllr Dr. Meriam Molala, joined national and provincial leaders at a Ministerial Crime Prevention Community Imbizo held at Maralaleng Community Hall in Ga-Mphahlele on Saturday, 14 March 2026.

The Imbizo forms part of government's ongoing efforts to strengthen collaboration between communities, law enforcement agencies and government institutions in the fight against crime.

Spearheaded by the Deputy Minister of Police, Mr. Cassel Mathale, in attendance were the Deputy Minister of Home Affairs, Mr. Njabulo Nzuza; Limpopo MEC for Transport and Community Safety, Ms. Violet Mathye; Capricorn District Municipality MMC for Development Planning, Cllr Calvin Masoga; and traditional leader Kgoshi Malekutu Mphahlele.

Senior leadership of the South African Police Service was also present, led by the Limpopo Provincial Commissioner, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe.

The Imbizo created a platform for community members to raise key safety concerns, including Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF), stock theft and the proliferation of illegal firearms.

Mayor Molala emphasised the importance of stronger cooperation between communities, traditional leadership and law enforcement agencies to restoring safety and stability, while residents called for intensified action against stock theft affecting livelihoods and local economic stability.

The engagement reaffirmed the importance of partnerships between government, police and communities in building safer communities.