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EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO HELP FIRE VICTIMS IN KYSNA

The Department of Local Government in partnership with other provincial departments and Knysna Municipality, will be implementing an "Emergency Thusong Outreach" in Knysna in the Eden District to provide an opportunity to citizens that were affected by the recent fire disaster to access to government services.

EVENT PURPOSE: The purpose of the "Thusong Outreach Project" is to bring government integrated services to the people who lost or misplaced their identity documents, birth certificates, as well as to apply for pension, UIF etc. In addition, bringing services closer to the people will reduce associated transport cost.

Background to the event:

1. Thusong Outreach Project

The Thusong Outreach will benefit the whole community of Knysna Municipality to obtain new documentation that may have been lost during the fire disaster. This outreach will also save the residents time and money, getting everything they need in one day at one location, adding value to their lives.

The Department of Local Government has been responsible for the Thusong Outreach for the last 6 years, and the goal has been to ensure access to-and the continuous expansion of the basket of services provided through a coordinated approach from different government departments.

On the day, various government departments, NGOs and other stakeholders including Knysna Municipality will be rendering services to the affected citizens. South African Police Service will assist with certification of documents while, Home Affairs will provide ID and Birth registration, Health will conduct health check, HIV Counselling and Testing, Human Settlements will provide information on housing.

All media are invited

Photograph opportunities will also be available

Date: 26/27 July 2017

Time: 26 July: 09:00 – 15:30

27 July: 09:00 – 15:30

Venue: Knysna Town Hall

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