

END OF YEAR MESSAGE FROM MEC MAGGIE GOVENDER

We end the year on a high note by looking at the many accolades that the Department received this year;

- The Silver Award for Service Excellence by Premier of KwaZulu-Natal, Dr Zweli Mkhize
- Public Works being rated the Number 1 provincial department in the country by DPSA for its anti fraud and corruption measures
- A 5 Star Safety Grading for Head Office by the KZN Master Builders Association

These awards would not have been possible without the sterling efforts of the Head of Department, Dr Fikiswe Madlopha and your selves who have contributed to these achievements. Once again congratulations and I am extremely proud of all of you.

At this time of the year, we meet with family and friends to celebrate the festive season. Please be safe and spare a thought to the less fortunate in our communities. In the spirit of Ubuntu, let us share with those that have less than us.

As recent as yesterday, we have seen incidents of families being violently wiped out which is unacceptable . I salute the 600 men of Public Works who have taken the pledge to protect women and children at the 16 days of no violence against women and children event. This is a campaign which needs our support 365 days a year.

I wish you well over the festive season and may you return in 2011, renewed and rejuvenated. Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

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