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End of Year Message from NDPP, Adv SK Abrahams to all NPA Employees

As the year draws to an end, it is convenient to reflect on our purpose, challenges and successes.

Our responsibilities remain central to the Criminal Justice System in ensuring that all we do is in the interest of victims of crime. Ours remain an onerous one by embracing government's initiatives in the realisation of the goals set in the National Development Plan and in giving effect to the long-term vision of the Justice, Crime Prevention and Security Delivery Agreement by ensuring that all people in South Africa are safe and feel safe. This we do in an integrated collaborative effort.

Whilst we navigated some serious challenges this past year, especially having learnt to do much more with less, let us not lose sight of the phenomenal successes that can only be attributed to your selfless dedication and commitment. Our achievements of the highest conviction rates in all Courts since the inception of the NPA along with AFU's best ever performance are tributes thereof. We also remain grateful to the unheralded support from Administration.

Notwithstanding our successes, we have acknowledged that we can improve significantly in numerous areas to enable us to focus more distinctly on the impact of the execution of our mandate on the wellbeing and safety of our citizenry, the security and integrity of the Republic and our economy.

As we approach 2018, we look forward to celebrating our 20th anniversary. I am excited to announce that we will also be hosting the 23rd International Association of Prosecutors' Conference in September 2018, as well as the BRICS Heads of Prosecutions' meeting later in the year.

As we approach the festive season, many are fortunate to take time off from the rigours of our responsibilities, especially after an extremely demanding year, to spend much needed time with family, loved ones and friends. As you embark upon your journeys, I wish you safe travels.

In celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, I wish you the spirit of Christmas, love, peace, happiness and forgiveness.

Merry Christmas and all the very best for 2018!

Warm Regards,

Adv Shaun Abrahams
National Director of Public Prosecutions













DPP KwaZulu-Natal

End of Year Message from DPP, Adv M Noko

We have reached that time of the year when we reflect on the months gone by and take cognisance of the strides we have made in attaining our goals.

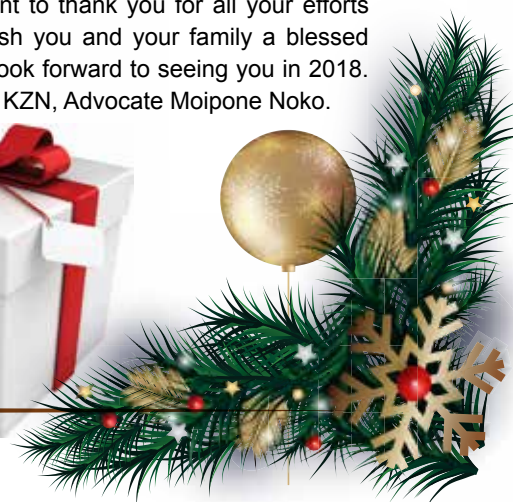
Reflecting on the past two quarters, the KwaZulu-Natal Division (KZND) has achieved 81% of the Annual Performance Plan strategic performance indicators placing us in first position across the country. Although this position is shared with three other divisions, it is reflective of the hard work of all the DPP staff in the region.

Out of a total of 21 performance indicators, KZND has achieved and exceeded performance in 17 of the strategic performance indicators. There has been a sustained improvement in the conviction rates in all the regions' district, regional and high courts. In fact, save for the conviction rate in trio crime cases, the region has performed exceptionally in achieving the conviction rate targets in the critical areas of sexual offences and murder prosecutions; which make up the bulk of the cases in both the lower and high courts.

In the prosecution of environmental cases, the region has achieved a perfect 100% conviction rate. The region has also achieved a perfect 100% clearance rate of decision dockets dealt with by the prosecutors across the region. It is apparent that staff in the Division are focused on prompt and efficient service delivery in keeping with the vision, mission and values of the National Prosecuting Authority.

Whilst the region is performing well, it is evident that there are plans to further improve performance. With these plans and the commitment of the region's prosecutors, advocates and support staff it is expected that performance will improve thus improving the lives of all those that live in South Africa.

On that note, I want to thank you for all your efforts over the past year. I wish you and your family a blessed Christmas and New Year and I look forward to seeing you in 2018. Enjoy the Festive Season!" DPP KZN, Advocate Moipone Noko.







DPP Limpopo

End of Year Message from DPP, Adv I Thenga

The Director of Public Prosecutions in Limpopo Division and the Management wish the entire staff and their families a wonderful Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

May your festive be a restful as you all plan to join your family in this wonderful season. I appreciate your dedication, companion and hard work displayed by all of you in your service to the organisation and to our people at large.

I'm glad to have compassionate, hardworking and concerned employees in our organization. Although this was a difficult year full of challenges, you acquainted yourselves very well and assisted the organisation to achieve its goals.

I am banking on your combined support moving into 2018 as we strive to deliver justice in our society.

Wishing you a good health and shower tons of happiness!!

Thank you for serving our business so well.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY New Year!**





DPP Pta/Mpumalanga End of Year Message from Acting DPP, Adv G Baloyi

As we look back on the highlights of the year, we can be proud that we have finalized many cases that will enhance the Criminal Justice System and make South Africans feel safer, from the conviction and sentencing of serial rapists/killers which led to two of our female advocates featuring on a tv programme on ENCA, two female advocates who specialize in cases involving child murders securing convictions, of which one (a guilty verdict Poppie's case was pronounced on 6 December), successful state appeals, especially those involving women and children, the Oscar Pistorius case, the conviction of a woman on 5 December who killed her two children, the excellent performance of our Nelspruit satellite office in high court prosecutions despite critical staff shortages and the excellent administrative support that the admin component is providing.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for your hard work and dedication throughout the year and may you carry that over to the new year. I wish you a joyful and peaceful festive season with family and friends. My best wishes to you for 2018 and may the New Year exceed your expectations and be filled with great opportunities.

Sinifisela maholidi amahle,

Hi mhi navelela mikateko ya masiku yo wisa

Rhi vha tamela Hushumusi yavhudi, nwaha musa wavhudi.



DPP Mthatha

End of Year Message from DPP, Barry Madolo

At this festive time of the year, I want to take a moment to thank every member of the NPA Mthatha Division for his or her hard work and contribution, which has made us the winning team that we are. From the previous financial years to now we have seen a meteoric rise in our performance for which credit must go to you. Congratulations are in order for achieving such a feat that has seen our region moving from being the worst performer to where we are today, amongst the best.

As most shall take a break to spend time with our families this time of the year, I speak protection over you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. May the good Lord be with you and your families through this period, may He protect and keep you.

My greatest wish is that we all return from holidays rejuvenated and in good spirits so that we can soar into greater heights together, continuing with our mission of proving that anything is possible with the right attitude and work ethic even in adverse conditions.

Enjoy your holidays!



DPP South Gauteng End of Year Message from DPP, Adv A Chauke

Let me take this opportunity to wish all employees of the Gauteng Local Division a fun filled Festive Season and a Prosperous New Year.

On behalf of management in this division, I wish to thank all employees for their contribution in improving performance in the region. The work output and overall production was overwhelming and that could only be attained from teamwork, commitment and cooperation of all employees.

It has been a long and demanding year. We lost colleagues due to retirement and ventures for greener pastures, both in management and non-management positions. With the last blow being the indelible, demise of Advocate Dan Dakana, who served this division with diligence. May his soul rest in peace!

The void left by departed colleagues demanded doubled efforts and those efforts are appreciated. We remain grateful to those who continue to perform their duties beyond expectation.

As we take the long awaited break to be with our families, share gifts, sing Christmas Carols, let us take pride in our daily contributions of touching the lives of ordinary South Africans.

Safe travels and may God continue to protect us all.





DPP Grahamstown, PE and Bhisho

End of Year Message from DPP, Adv L Mahlathi (SC)

Seasonal Greetings to all employees of the NPA within the area of my jurisdiction.

Recently, I had the last Senior Management Meeting (my Deputies, the Chief Prosecutors and the Director Administration). Part of the agenda of these meetings is to review performance. The Divisional performance for the first six months of the 2017/18 (April to September) has been excellent. Out of twenty-one (21) performance indicators, the Division attained and succeeded in seventeen (17)!

This achievement is indeed laudable especially bearing in mind the constraints under which we are all functioning. This excellence is attributable to the loyal and committed prosecutors and the supporting corporate services.

I wish to thank you all and those behind you for the commitment to serving our communities and ensuring that they receive justice.

Lastly, I wish to extend my best wishes for you all with the ensuing festive season, and urge those going on a deserved vacation leave to relax and maintain good health.





DPP Western Cape End of Year Message from DPP, Adv R De Kock

In the words of Calvin Coolidge, “Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas”. It is also the time to reflect, to take a step back and look at the labours of the year gone by. In considering our successes of 2017, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the hard work and dedication you have shown during this time. We have certainly faced many challenges but we have risen to the occasion and done ourselves proud. I truly believe that, as a prosecuting community in the Western Cape, so ably supported by the administrative component, we strive to serve the victims of crime and to aspire to the values enshrined by the NPA as an organization – values which speak to our professionalism, integrity, credibility, accountability and service excellence. And I earnestly believe that we have met these objectives and will continue striving to do so in the time ahead. So take this opportunity to look back on a year of successes. Take the time to relax, recharge and reconnect with those near and dear to you. Cherish the peace and goodwill which surrounds us all at this special time of year. Enjoy the braais, the long summer days and quality time with loved ones and return safely, invigorated and ready to face the challenges that an exciting new year will hold.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of myself and the management within my office, to wish you and your family a beautiful and blessed Christmas – may you all enjoy good health and prosperity during this special time.



DPP North West

End of Year Message from DPP, Adv JJ Smit (SC)



I continue to be proud of leading hardworking, co-operative and loyal officials like you. Despite some challenges we experienced this year, I am satisfied to say that this was a fairly good year for us.

I have seen some officials emerging as strong leaders and upping their performance. This resulted in improving our enterprise performance. However, we must still improve further and not take things for granted. We must always think about our clients (society) who are hungry for our services.

We have now reached the end of the season. A majority of us will take the well-deserved annual leaves to rest and re-establish family bonds during the festive season. Enjoy your rest, so that you should be recharged for the 2018 season. Safe driving on the roads. Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!



DPP Free State

End of Year Message from DPP, Adv X Khanyile

On behalf of the NPA Free State management, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every colleague for your commitment and exemplary service to our organisation and the victims of crime. May your Christmas be filled with cheer, warm memories and good health. I wish you and your loved ones a blessed and safe New Year. I would also like to thank those of you who will be holding the fort during the festive season. Your sacrifice is much appreciated.



DPP Northern Cape

End of Year Message from Acting DPP, Adv A Botha



Despite an eventful year and many challenges, the NPA has succeeded in performing well over the past year.

This can only be attributed to those who revealed character by walking the extra mile, who displayed perseverance, loyalty and dedication despite difficult and sometimes very challenging circumstances.

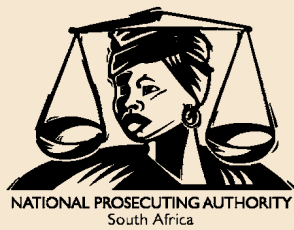
We salute them! Their sacrifices and hard work were noted and appreciated.

Reflecting over the past year, we celebrate with those who were blessed with good health, joy and happiness. We mourn over our colleagues who passed on and with those who had lost loved ones.

We look forward to 2018 with excitement and anticipation.

May you all enjoy a festive season blessed with happiness and peace. May 2018 prove to be a joyful and prosperous year to you and your loved ones.





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