

## **DISASTER MANAGEMENT UNIT HOSTS EVENTS AND GATHERING SAFETY MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP**

Political parties in the Thabo Mofutsanyana Region have received much necessary information on what are the requirements and necessities when hosting an event or gathering.

This happened during a recent workshop held by the district municipality's disaster management unit to explain the Safety at Sports and Recreational Events Act, 2 of 2010.

The workshop was important to assist role-players to comply with this Act and to assist them to plan their plans accordingly.

According to Disaster Management Unit Manager Mr Mohlokoana Mokoena the purpose of the Act is to provide measures to safeguard the physical well-being, safety of persons and property at sports, recreational, religious, cultural, exhibitional, organisational or similar events held at stadiums, venues or along a route. It also give provision for public liability insurance for events and to provide for offences and penalties.

Mokoena further explained that the aim of the workshop is to help educate all the role-players on how to avoid disasters at the events and gatherings, as well as to make sure they follow the right and relevant processes and procedures, e.g. political parties must identify a date for the event, confirm the availability of the venue, have an estimation of the expected crowd and must have liability insurance certificate. Failure to comply with the rules and safety regulations set in place will lead to a specific event being prohibited, the prescribed prohibition notice restricting the admission of spectators to the stadium, venue or route will be issued by the National Commissioner or authorised member after consulting the Event Safety and Security Planning Committee (ESSPC) which is made up of the SAPS, Disaster Management, Event Organiser, Provincial Traffic, Municipal Traffic, Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services, Environmental Health Practitioners, Health representatives and Head of security/marshals.