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### **MEDIA RELEASE:**

#### **Three departments become one with restructured Organogram**

The start last year of the restructuring of the organogram has seen the amalgamation of three departments, Licencing, Traffic and Fire into one department, Public Safety, under Executive Director of the Department of Community Services: Caroline Hlatshwayo.

On 02 January 2014 former Senior Manager Licencing Services, Ahmed Seedat took up the newly created position of Director Public Safety. Ahmed successfully applied for the post after his contract in the Licencing Services expired in November 2013.

His two Deputy Directors are Pamela Mkosi, who remains head of Traffic Services, with the added portfolio of Licencing and Gert Stoltz who continues as head of Fire Services.

This new position is promotion for Ahmed who has worked for the municipality for 12 years. "The amalgamation of the three departments is still a learning curve for all of us and especially Pam who has assumed the Licencing Department as well. She has already received training on the eNatis system and will be attending more courses soon."

Ahmed has set a one to two year target for the department to get on the right footing and attend to challenges. "We will definitely deliver a good and effective service to the community. The top two priorities are to address complaints about the attitude of traffic officers and problems in the Licencing department. We must listen and attend to complaints from the community." He adds that there will be no need to change what is working well in the three services, but as a department he would like to see new and innovative ideas and approaches to problems.

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