ADDRESS BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR DURING THE HANDING OVER CEREMONY OF THE NEW FIRE FIGHTING TRUCKS AND LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT HELD ON 18 AUGUST 2010 AT 10:00 AT WATERBERG DISTRICT DISASTER MANAGEMENT CENTRE IN MODIMOLLE.

Programme Director,

Mayors from all Local Municipalities in the District,

MMCs present,

Speakers,

Chief Whips present,

Councillors,

Traditional Leaders present,

Municipal Managers ,

Community Members,

Business People and Farmers present,

Senior Officials from Sector Departments and Municipalities,

Members of the Waterberg Emergency Management Services,

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

THOBELA, AVUXENI, GOOD MORNING, NDAA!!!

It is a great honour and pleasure for me to take part in this hand- over ceremony during Women`s month. And Waterberg District Municipality is honoured to assemble here today during this August Month. Let us celebrate this month with discipline and make sure that women and children are safe and protected at all times.

Programme Director, as Waterberg District we will continue to carry our mandate to enhance service delivery in all spheres of our operations for the benefit of the community of the District. The District is endowed with the natural beauty and natural resources that need to be protected at all times. The District as a tourism destination of choice should guarantee the safety and security of tourists and its residents. And that is our priority. Waterberg District presently operates 27 fire fighting skids units in all local municipalities. This clearly demonstrate that WDM has in place a through and efficient Emergency Service team to ensure that visitors and the community are in good hands in the event of an emergency.

Programme Director, in the 2009/10 financial year the Waterberg District Municipality distributed vehicles and other life saving equipment in all local municipalities.

Those vehicles and equipment were to be handed over today, but because of operational requirement, they had to be distributed to municipalities earlier to service our people.

In Conclusion, I would like to pass my sincere condolences to those who have lost their loved ones and those who were injured in fires a speedy recovery. I also offer my sympathy to all who have lost property, plantations, crops and livestock , and whose livelihood has been negatively affected by fire.

Ladies and Gentlemen, today I have the pleasure of handing over 3 fire fighting trucks and other life saving equipment to Mogalakwena and Thabazimbi Local Municipalities. These trucks were designed with the state-of-the –art and the

most modern fire fighting technology which can efficiently distinguish domestic, industrial and veld fires.

I THANK YOU