

Cllr J Terblanche to ask MMC of Community Safety

1. Please provide the latest staff complement for the Fire Department.

1.1. Please provide this information by rank and fire station.

Response

Name of the Fire Station	Number of Fire-fighters	Number of Shift Commanders	Number of Station Commanders
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Palm Ridge	30	4	1
Thokoza	32	4	1
Alberton	32	4	1
Zonkizizwe	29	4	1
Vosloorus	31	4	1
Hlahatsi	32	4	1
Wadeville	24	4	1
Germiston Central	26	4	1
Boksburg Central	28	4	1
Primrose	38	4	1
Bedfordview	25	4	1
Edenvale	21	4	1
Kempton Park	37	4	1
Tembisa	33	4	0
Olifantsfontein	34	4	0
Commercia	35	4	1
Farrarmere	28	4	1
Leon Ferreira	26	4	1
Rynfield	29	4	0
Etwatwa	28	4	1
Daveyton	27	3	1
Springs	27	4	1
Benoni Central	31	3	1
Brakpan	32	4	1
Tsakane Fire Station	38	4	1
Selection Park	29	4	1
Duduza	30	4	1
Nigel	28	3	1
Kwa-Thema	36	4	1
Total	876	113	25

2. Please indicate which are the funded posts and which are the unfunded posts.

2.1. Please break this down per fire station.

Response:

It should be noted that in the current structure there are no unfunded vacancies. The table below reflects all funded positions in the Department:

Name of the Fire Station	Number of Fire-fighters	Number of Shift Command	Number of Station Commanders	Funded Vacancies
Palm Ridge	30	4	1	1
Thokoza	32	4	1	0
Alberton	32	4	1	4
Zonkizizwe	29	4	1	1
Vosloorus	31	4	1	1
Hlahatsi	32	4	1	0
Wadeville	24	4	1	8

Germiston Central	26	4	1	6
Boksburg Central	28	4	1	4
Primrose	38	4	1	0
Bedfordview	25	4	1	7
Edenvale	21	4	1	10
Kempton Park	37	4	1	0
Tembisa	33	4	0	0
Olifantsfontein	34	4	0	0
Commercia	35	4	1	0
Farrarmere	28	4	1	5
Leon Fereira	26	4	1	5
Rynfield	29	4	0	4
Etwatwa	28	4	1	1
Daveyton	27	3	1	3
Springs	27	4	1	3
Benoni Central	31	3	1	2
Brakpan	32	4	1	1
Tsakane Fire Station	38	4	1	0
Selection Park	29	4	1	2
Duduza	30	4	1	2
Nigel	28	3	1	5
Kwa-Thema	36	4	1	0
Total	876	113	25	75

2.2. Please indicate which of the funded posts are filled?

Response:

Name of the Fire Station	Number of Fire- fighters	Number of Shift Commanders	Number of Station Commanders
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Palm Ridge	30	4	1
Thokoza	32	4	1
Alberton	32	4	1
Zonkizizwe	29	4	1
Vosloorus	31	4	1
Hlahatsi	32	4	1
Wadeville	24	4	1
Germiston Central	26	4	1
Boksburg Central	28	4	1
Primrose	38	4	1
Bedfordview	25	4	1
Edenvale	21	4	1
Kempton Park	37	4	1
Tembisa	33	4	0
Olifantsfontein	34	4	0
Commercia	35	4	1
Farrarmere	28	4	1
Leon Ferreira	26	4	1
Rynfield	29	4	0
Etwatwa	28	4	1
Daveyton	27	3	1
Springs	27	4	1
Benoni Central	31	3	1
Brakpan	32	4	1
Tsakane Fire Station	38	4	1
Selection Park	29	4	1
Duduza	30	4	1
Nigel	28	3	1
Kwa-Thema	36	4	1
Total	876	113	25

3. Please provide the total number of volunteers that are assisting at the fire stations.

Response

There are no volunteers who are rendering Fire and Rescue Services in the Department. The Department has enlisted **161** Fire Brigade Reserve Force Members who are deployed at various fire stations.

3.1. Please provide a breakdown per fire station.

Response

Name Fire Station	Number of Reserve Force Members
Palm Ridge	5
Thokoza	2
Alberton	2
Zonkizizwe	3
Vosloorus	8
Hlahatsi	8
Wadeville	6
Germiston	3
Boksburg Central	7
Edenvale	2
Bedfordview	2
Primrose	4
Kempton Park	9
Tembisa	11
Olifantsfontein	6
Commercia	10
Farrarmere	7
Leon Ferreira	5
Rynfield	6
Etwatwa	6

Daveyton	6
Springs	6
Benoni Central	7
Brakpan	4
Tsakane	7
Selection Park	3
Duduza	3
Nigel	5
Kwa-Thema	4
Pier Sub-Section	4
Total	161

4. Does the Ekurhuleni Fire Department comply with legislation regarding the total number of fire stations for the population in the CoE?

Response

The operations are determined by the response time to the incident, as a result, the department has worked-out the number of fire stations required to meet the Norms of Standard in terms of **South African National Standard (SANS) 10090 Community Protection against Fire Code of Practice**. Currently, the Department struggles to meet the required response time.

- 4.1. How many fire stations does the CoE have?

Response

Twenty-nine **(29)**, with two additional fire stations under construction.

- 4.2. How many fire stations should the CoE have?

Response

Sixty-five **(65)**.

4.3. What is the long-term plan to ensure the CoE is compliant with the legislation?

Response

Budget for additional fire stations is requested on an annual basis, but it depends on availability of funds to provide for the Fire Stations (Infrastructure), Human Capital, Personal Protective Equipment and Operational Equipment. Due to the financial constraints, the Department will continue to request funding for the said requirements and therefore cannot determine the period it will take to deal with the deficit.