



Date:	06 May 2025
To:	The Police Commissioner General Fannie Masemola
Cc:	The MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs Mr Oageng Molapisi The MEC Community Safety and Transport Management Mr Wessels Morweng The Acting North West Police Commissioner Major-General Patrick Asaneng
From:	CJ Steyl MPL
Subject:	Permanent Employment of Public Order Policing Units to the Ditsobotla Local Municipality

Dear Commissioner,

We request your immediate assistance to permanently employ Public Order Police Units to the Ditsobotla Local Municipality to ensure that the public peace and order is maintained until such time as the situation normalises.

Our call follows the events of Sunday, 04 May 2025, where a standoff ensued at around 04:00 am, there was a shootout in a confrontation between Lifeways Security Company, contracted by the former Municipal Manager, Olaotswe Bojosinyane, and the legitimately appointed municipal security company, Eagle and Springbok Security, resulting in the injury of one individual.

This is the second shootout to take place at the Ditsobotla Municipal Offices this year. On 04 March 2025, a standoff ensued between municipal workers and the former Municipal Manager, Olaotswe Bojosinyane, who allegedly attempted to access the municipal building following his Labour Court victory last week which granted him relief for full reinstatement. It is alleged that shots were fired and that two individuals have been injured.

We the wrote to the MEC for Community Safety, Wessels Morweng and the Acting North West Police Commissioner, Major-General Patrick Asaneng, requesting the permanent employment of public order policing – regrettably, our correspondence were not considered favourably and public order policing has not been employed, which led to shootout on Sunday, 04 May 2025.

The situation in Ditsobotla is untenable, threatening public peace and order, with regular violent protests from time to time.



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It is further alleged that critical infrastructure is being sabotaged. Additional resources to restore order and protect critical municipal infrastructure is now needed until the situation can be resolved.

Your immediate and favourable action would be welcomed.

With appreciation,

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North West Provincial Legislature
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