



**Address by the Sedibeng District Municipality Executive Mayor,
Cllr Mahole Simon Mofokeng on the occasion of the St John
Ambulance Brigade Volunteer Day held in Three Rivers on the 05th
March 2011 in Sedibeng.**

Programme Director

Our Distinguished Guests

Ladies and Gentlemen

I bring you greetings from Sedibeng District Municipality. One is reminded of the good deeds of the father of the Nation and former President of the Republic of South Africa, Honorable Nelson Mandela, when I see the amount of effort and dedication by all who serve within the St John Ambulance Brigade.

Your ever presence in the life of the community of Sedibeng and the great service you provide for those of us who are in need, has created a sense that you may be part of the furniture.

We have as a community, even gone so far as to take it for granted that you will be there for us. A sense of entitlement has permeated our thinking where the St John Ambulance Brigade is concerned.

Programme Director, the above assertion is based on the fact that you have become such an integral part of our lives. Just like good health, one does not know what they have until they have lost it. It is for this reason and many more that we cannot afford to lose your immeasurable contribution.

Your contribution to the well being of Sedibeng District and the province as a whole, is made even breathtaking by the fact all this sterling work is done by volunteers. The good work has not gone unnoticed. The community of Sedibeng appreciates.

Programme Director, allow me to indicate that this country, province and District Municipality is enriched by the efforts of these gallant men and women of the St John Brigade. Their professional approach to a calling, going way beyond their call of duty is amazing indeed. This country, at its infancy, cannot do without your services.

I take this opportunity to call on all those of us here present, to rise up to the challenge of giving, to provide their time and expertise towards the

greater good of humankind. Let us all encourage our children, neighbors and friends to volunteer for this noble cause.

Looking at the volunteer corps of the St John Brigade, one can see that they are really enjoying themselves. I am sure this joy comes from the knowledge that they are doing something worthwhile, and the nation appreciates.

I call on all of us to join in the fun, do something good for the greater good of the nation which needs. We will learn a few tricks, enjoy a good life. At the end of the day, nothing beats the pride and joy of seeing the preservation of life which may come as a result of the time you would have volunteered.

Our country, South Africa prides itself of the selfless sacrifices made by the likes of Nelson Mandela. We are today the pride of many nations as a result of the volunteering spirit of former President Nelson Mandela. Let us take a leaf out of the life of this great son of the soil by volunteering for this great service.

I Thank You