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Mathyse's commitment to his job kept him going for 40 years

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Hard work, commitment and the will to succeed saw Pule Stefaans Mathyse labouring consistently to fulfil his ambition of working for the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) for 40 years.

This 63-year-old had a childhood ambition of working for DWS until his retirement. His dedication to his job paid dividends as he is now on the brink of retiring.

He joined the then Department of Water Affairs in May 1977 and is based in Potchefstroom Office, North West Province since being employed.

After working as an Auxiliary Services Officer in the department for 40 years, he will be leaving DWS in 2018.

One of the challenges that he encountered during his employment is being far away from home which is difficult for him. Another challenge is working early hours at a work site in the middle of winter.

"I am always out of the office and assisting the Surveyor with survey tasks on the field," said Mathyse.

He said bad weather working conditions affects his health a lot as he is getting old.

According to Mathyse, he previously worked for several piece-jobs before DWS employment and this brought him job security and fulfilment.

Mathyse said that his job gave him a chance to advance in life and to gain more work experience. "What I like about the department is that I was able to send my children to school and to look after my family", said Mathyse.

I was one of the few lucky employees who got the privilege to be sent to further their training as a surveyor by attending several upgrading sessions, added Mathyse.

He said it was a bit difficult for him to work with young people who come with new policies and procedures but he somehow managed to cope and understand their new ways of doing things because of the passion he has on his job.

As he is going on pension next year, he intends spending time with his family and do renovations to his house.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank the department for believing in me and, especially my colleagues in the Potchefstroom Office, for the support you gave me for the past 40 years," concluded Mathyse.

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