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NWRI: Central Operation's Occupational Health and Safety officials compete with pride during the annual event.

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The Directorate: National Water Resource Infrastructure (NWRI): Central Operation Office together with its area offices competed with pride during the annual Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) competition on the 18th and 19th of October 2017 at Potchefstroom Area Office, North west Province.

According to the Deputy Director of Enterprise Risk Management, Mr Wongalethu Joxo, the competition focuses on the First Aid and Fire Fighters officials in all the Central Operation Area Offices.

"The purpose of the competition is to motivate both the First Aids and Fire fighters officials and to comply with the Occupational Health and safety Act. This event is very serious as it keeps our officials ready and also to highlight the importance of health and safety at our work place", said Joxo.

Mr Joxo added that the OHS Act and regulation apply to everyone in the work place and we need to obey the rules of the act in order to be safe on all kind of sicknesses.

On the first day, all eight (8) First Aid and Fire fighters teams competed with each other by demonstrating in front of the three judges and congregation at large on how they perform their work in case of emergency situation.

Mr Joxo indicated to all the participants that the competition is tough this year and they need to show their best skills and knowledge while competing.

During the first day all the teams were able to compete through the help of the judges and on the second day the judges announced the results and later on the day officials participated in sports activities to keep healthy.

The Director of NWRI: Central Operation, Mrs Nelly Ndumo attended the event on the second day to show her support to the teams and to give the award and medals to the winning teams.

During the announcement of the results by the judges, it was indicated that although judges are impressed with the performance of the teams, more work still need to be done especially by the teams that did not perform well in order to comply with the OHS Act.

The judges also indicated that they are available at any time to share their skills and knowledge for free with all First Aid and Fire fighters teams.



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According to the First Aid results, Usutu River got the first prize, followed by Usutu Vaal and Potchefstroom Area Office got the third position. Pretoria Office also performed well on the fourth position, followed by Gariep Dam, Vaal Dam, Tugela Vaal and lastly Vanderkloof Dam.

The Fire Fighting results indicated that Usutu Vaal got the first prize, followed by Pretoria Office, Vanderkloof Dam, Usutu River, Vaal Dam, Tugela Vaal, Potchefstroom Area Office and lastly Gariep Dam.

According to Mr Joxo, the trophy is given only to the winning teams and the teams keep it until the next competition.

During his closing remarks, Mr Joxo said that “All OHS officials need to make sure that they remove all the blockages on all the emergency exit doors in their area offices, you must all have passion and positive attitude in your work and lets all implement our knowledge and experience at our work place”.

Mr Joxo also expressed his gratitude for the wonderful work that is done by Mrs Radise Debra from Health and Wellness section in showing support to OHS.

“Lastly, let me take this opportunity to show my appreciation to the brilliant work that was done by our three judges from various organisations and also to thank all the participated teams and lets all obey the rules and regulations of the OHS Act in our respective work place”, concluded Joxo.

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