

Media release

Fire Fighting Awareness Campaign

Airports Company South Africa King Shaka International Airport together with iLembe District Municipality Disaster Management held a fire fighting awareness campaign at Our Lady Of The Rosary Secondary School also known as Montebello High School in Ndwedwe Local Municipality. Since the school was affected by a fire last year, it was important to equip the learners on the precautions to follow when there is a fire and how to evacuate.

The day was opened with a prayer by one of the learners of the school and a warm welcome from the school principal. This was followed by the Ndwedwe Local Municipality giving a brief overview of what disaster management entails and fire services as well as risks at school and school-based disaster management plan.

King Shaka International Airport Fire and Rescue team spoke to the learners about the three chemical reactions that form fire which is fuel, oxygen and heat. The discussions also included guidelines for fire prevention and actions to be taken during fire and evacuation. With the team also taking the learners through the P.A.S.S procedure, this being how to discharge a fire extinguisher by following the technique - pull, aim, squeeze and sweep.

The engagement allowed for the learners, King Shaka International Airport team and iLembe District Disaster Management representatives to have interactive discussions, ensuring that the learners were well informed and to learn more about the role of the airport including the career opportunities.