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PRESS RELEASE: FIRE SEASON

Midvaal, Gauteng – 08 APRIL = FIRE SEASON

With the winter (FIRE) season approaching fast, the Midvaal Fire Department hereby wishes to inform all land owners that the National Veld and Forest Fire Act 101 OF 1998 stipulates that we all are responsible for preparing (making) and maintaining firebreaks on our own land with the aim of preventing the spread of fires.

With regards to the weather, climate, terrain and vegetation of the area, the owner of the land must ensure that a firebreak:

- (a) is wide and long enough to have a reasonable chance of preventing a veld fire from spreading to or from neighbouring land;
- (b) does not cause soil erosion; and
- (c) is reasonably free of inflammable material allowing a veld fire to be carried across the fire break.

Land occupants should ensure that their border lines are kept clean and the grass short as directed in the Act.

Midvaal residents are urged to adhere to the Act as this will reduce the number of unwanted fires within the Midvaal area.

The Midvaal Public Information Education and Relations Section (PIER) has taken an active role to ensure that farm workers are well informed of the dangers and implications of fires.

Land owners are welcome to arrange information sessions through their Fire Prevention Association (FPA) sector leaders alternatively they can contact Mr Phillip Gaborone at 016 360 7500.

Contact details for the various sectors are as follows:

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| Sector 1: | Faan Botha | 079 820 6611 |
| Sector 2: | Jan du Toit | 083 751 6566 |
| Sector 3: | John King | 083 478 0120 |
| Sector 4: | James Gray | 082 415 4595 |
| Sector 5: | Reg Humphry | 072 211 3204 |
| Sector 6: | Gerrit Viljoen | 072 247 7043 |
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Your assistance will ensure that the fire season is not marred by unwanted fires and the high costs thereof.

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