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### COMMUNITIES WARNED OF THUNDERSTORMS IN THE HIGHVELD AREA

The South African Weather Service (SAWS) has issued a warning of severe thunderstorms over the eastern Highveld and escarpment of Mpumalanga, comprising of Emakhazeni, Steve Tshwete, Chief Albert Luthuli and Mkhondo Local Municipalities.

MEC for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) Ms. Refilwe Mtshweni has cautioned all communities to take precautions to the ever unpredictable and weather patterns. She appealed to the communities to play an active role in saving lives. "We appeal to all our communities to take precautionary and safety measures to prevent loss of lives by reporting emergencies using the Provincial Disaster Toll free number of **0800 202 507**.

The MEC advises communities about the following safety tips:

- To avoid crossing over flooded rivers, dams and water streams.
- To stay on higher grounds.
- To keep away children from flooded streams, dams and rivers during stormy conditions.
- Not to walk under power lines to prevent lightning.

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