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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE CASUAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Department of Defence (DOD) will again demonstrate its commitment to raise funds for people with disabilities by supporting the 2014 Casual Day Campaign on 05 September 2014. This goodwill event will be held at Air Force Base Swartkop, Pretoria, between 09h00 and 15h00.

The Casual Day is annually commemorated nationwide to remember the unfortunate citizens who are physically impaired by birth or those who happened to be the victims of unforeseen circumstances. The event is spearheaded by various organisations that support the people with disabilities all of whom receive a portion of the funds raised. In the DOD, it is tailor made to restore hope to the heroes and heroines who sustained injuries whilst in line of duty.

The DOD Disability Committee in conjunction with the Curamus Association as the supporters of this good will event, participate actively in the planning and execution of all the activities of the day, to ensure that the organisation achieves the intended objective of accommodating its physically impaired members of the SANDF. The DOD organisation had joined hands with Curamus Association, which had played a crucial role over the past ten years. Curamas Association has distinguished itself by donating funds for the artificial limbs to the members of the DOD. It is highly anticipated that even this year will not be an exception to the associations helping hand. Sales of the stickers also play a pivotal role in fundraising during this event.

On this day the disabled personnel with different disability challenges will participate in different activities. A tandem parachute jump with people with disabilities, as well as a SAAF fly past will take place. Mr Anton Franken, a person with a disability will demonstrate his strength and abilities by pulling a 3, 5 ton truck. Mr Jappie Thulo, a person with only a half an arm will demonstrate how to change a flat tyre. Groups and teams are encouraged to participate in various disability related sport event. A wheel chair race between able bodied VIP's and wheelchair bound persons will form one of the highlights of the day. All these activities performed by disabled people show that, regardless of the disability life still carries on. To furthermore spice up the proceedings various bands, entertainers, schools for children with disabilities and other fun activities will provide an amazing fun- filled day, the SAPS dogs will also provide a lot of entertainment.

The theme for this year's event is "**Dazzle Blue- Bring out the Bling**", and the day's proceedings will take the following sequence:

- Tandem parachute jump with people with disabilities

- Scripture reading, prayer and gospel song
- Opening and Welcome
- National Anthem
- SAPS Dog show
- Harley Davidson Owners Group and Veteran Cars arrival
- Practise fly past by SAAF Museum
- Alma School band and choir performance
- Prinshof School for the Blind choir performance
- Trans Oranje School for the Deaf
- South African Air Force Band performance
- Dress up parade
- South African Military Health Services Band performance
- National Ceremonial Band performance
- Mr Anton Franken arm wrestling against an able bodied officer
- SAPS Band performance
- Finals of dress up parade, master of ceremonies: Mr Terence Bridget (celebrity)
- VIP wheelchair race against wheelchair users
- Entertainment by various artists
- Mr Anton Franken pulling a 3, 5 ton truck
- Mr. Jappie Thulo changing a flat tyre, with only half of an arm
- Tug of war between SANDF and SAPS, as well as various other groups
- Prize giving
- Closure

Members of the media are invited to attend this prestigious event.

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