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The Speaker of Matjhabeng Municipality, Mr Lennox Rubulana, Ms Mathabo Leeto (Mayor, Matjhabeng Municipality) and Snr Supt Moipone Mbongo (Bronville SAPS Station Commissioner) during the service at the Bronville Stadium

Story: The Bronville Community Policing Forum (CPF) and the SAPS held a cleansing ceremony at the crossing behind Bronville on the Welkom/Virginia Road. The cleansing ceremony was held on Sunday, 3 August 2008 from 11:00 starting at the Bronville Taxi Rank with community members and officials of the different government departments, non government organisations and churches marching to the crossing.

Pastor Willem Eiman of Hephzibah Ministries and Mr Willem Coetzee of the Methodist Church led the cleansing ceremony at the road while Captain Modisana Semela ensured that the programme continued in an orderly manner. All participants were allowed to pray and cast away the spell that had befallen this

road. The others did the anointing of the road with oil while others prayed to their hearts' content asking the Lord to stop the carnages from happening on this road. They also asked God to bless and heal the wounds of the families who lost their loved ones on this road.

The proceedings then went to the Bronville Stadium where a service was held. The speaker of Matjhabeng Municipality, Mr Lennox Rubulana was asked to address the gathering. He said the purpose of the event makes him proud as the community came up with the initiative to see to it that the roads in Matjhabeng, Free State and South Africa are accident free. After his speech one of the victims, Ms Jessie Harvey, and a father of a 16-year-old girl who had passed away due to an accident on this road, Mr Mafana Maloisane, were given the chance to address the people. They both thanked the police for the support they gave to them during the sad moments. "I thank the Bronville police especially Captain Brown. On that day I saw that the police are doing a very difficult job," said Mr Maloisane.

During the service, the families of the victims as well as the victims were all called to the stage to share in Communion.

Ms Mathabo Leeto pleaded with the pedestrians and motorists to obey and respect the rules of the road.

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