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Gauteng Government appoints Senior Counsel to investigate deadly bus fire

Following the bus fire which led to the deaths of six people on Moloto Road, the Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport has appointed Advocate Myron Dewrance SC to lead investigations into the cause of the incident.

At least 14 people sustained injuries after a Putco bus burst into flames outside the City of Tshwane on 21 May 2021.

MEC for Public Transport and Roads Infrastructure Jacob Mamabolo appointed a team that comprises fire investigations experts who will interview witnesses and others who were impacted by the incident.

The investigation will focus on the cause of the fire and will determine whether there was negligence on the part of the bus company which is contracted to the department. The team will also determine whether Putco is liable in terms of its contractual obligations.

“Advocate Myron and his team have a critical task of getting the real facts and determining if there was negligence on the part of Putco. This is important in giving the families and loved ones of those who lost their lives, as well as those injured, the truth of what happened so that they can have closure and heal from this tragedy,” said Mamabolo.

The investigators have been given 30 days to conduct their investigation and submit recommendations to ensure that similar incidents are never repeated again.

“We know Putco is conducting its own investigation, however, we have appointed an independent team to probe the incident. They can’t be both the referee and player on this matter,” added the MEC.

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