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GAUTENG HEALTH CONDEMNS THE ATTACK ON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES CREW IN WINTERVELD

The Gauteng Department of Health (GDoH) condemns in the strongest possible terms the attack on Odi Emergency Services (EMS) crew last night (29 March) at Winterveld in Pretoria North.

Two males approached the open ambulance door whilst the crew was busy sighting an IV line for the patient and produced a gun. The perpetrators fled with the belongings of the crew. Fortunately no one was harmed.

Any form of attack towards our healthcare workers is unacceptable as it puts their lives and those in need of emergency medical response at great risk.

Our healthcare resources are stretched to the limit as we work around the clock to curb the spread of COVID-19. The last thing we want is for healthcare workers to start fearing for their lives instead of being concerned about saving as many lives as possible.

The GDoH takes pride and value our staff members hence their safety remains a top priority of the 6th Administration.

We are pleading with members of the community who might have any information relating to the incident to come forward and assist the police in their lives investigation by calling the following emergency numbers 112 or 10177 and SAPS on 10111.

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