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MEC Mazibuko condemns the killing of a police officer

The Gauteng MEC for Community Safety, Faith Mazibuko, condemns the killing of a police officer from the Dobsonville Police Station in Soweto, during the early hours of Monday 26th August 2019.

Two officers from the Dobsonville Police Stations are reported to have been responding to a complaint of a house robbery in Braamfischer when they came under fire by alleged suspects and one officer was shot on the head by the suspects and died on the scene. The other officer was injured and rushed to the hospital in a serious condition. The officers were robbed of their service firearms and their cellphones. One suspect has already been arrested and the police are on a manhunt for a second suspect.

"We commend the police for reacting swiftly and arresting one of the suspects. Law enforcement agencies must work together to ensure that no stone is left unturned in searching and arresting the second suspect. A clear message must be sent that an attack on a police officer is an attack on the state and the state will defend itself. #NoToPoliceKillings."

"We are calling on members of the community to assist the police with information that will lead to the arrest of the second perpetrator. Importantly, we are also pleading with members of the community to come forward, work closely with the police to assist the state in putting together a solid case and verify if the suspects are not linked to other criminal activities." said MEC Mazibuko

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