



## **Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Police Department Choir**

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### **Introduction:**

There was a year (2006/2007) where Ekurhuleni Metro Police Department had a high number of deaths and in a month we had more than 5 memorial services and funerals. It is an open secret that some of the members they do not bother themselves going to church therefore Deputy Chief of Police: Mr I.J Mapiyeye and now retired Chief Superintendent Lehihi they came up with the idea of establishing the choir.

### **The role of the choir:**

As indicated above that due to the embarrassment we find ourselves when we have to bury one of us, the choir was established and to our surprise the choir has grown so much that the entire Ekurhuleni Metropolitan (EMM) is inviting it to most of their events meaning that our role is no more limited to memorial services and funerals. Due to the new roles that the choir is playing we end up considering taking part in choral music competitions and we were forced now to assume the role of being the professional choir.

### **Choral Music Competitions:**

We normally register to compete in competitions such as; Gauteng Choral Music Association, Old Mutual National Choir Festival, Melting Pot.

### **Conclusion:**

Prior or on the eve of the competition we prefer to camp in order to avoid a situation where on the day of the competition we collect each other or something happens on our way to the competition and we are late. We request quotations from different place/venues and immediately we receive them they would reflect on the documents.

### **Choir competitions EMPD Choir has entered includes:**

2010: Sivumingoma – Gauteng Arts and Culture  
Position 2

2015: Melting pot Competition (position 4)  
Gacma Competition (position 4)  
NCF – position 3

2016: O.R Tambo Competition (position 2)  
Gacma Competition (position 4)  
NCF – position 4

2017: Gacma Competition (position 3)  
NCF – position 4

2018: World Choir Games (opening ceremony)

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