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Mogale City clears invaded land in Kagiso Extension 17

Mogale City Local Municipality this morning deployed its Public Safety officials, the Red Ants working together with the South African Police Services, to Kagiso Extension 17 to demolish shacks built by land invaders.

We stated earlier that the municipality cannot tolerate the spate of land invasions taking place around the city.

We want to thank all the agencies that were involved in clearing Extension 17 for their efforts, although this comes at a huge financial cost to the municipality.

We regret to inform the public that as of midday today, a small group of lawless people set one of the newly-built houses at the Kagiso Extension 13 Development on fire but thanks to the swift action of the police, the fire was contained before it could inflict extreme/severe damage to the property. Two other houses had their doors and windows broken.

Reports are coming in from the police indicating that the number of houses with windows broken has increased. We will wait for a full report from the police and the contractor to determine the extent of the damage.

We know that there are law-abiding citizens in the city who are waiting patiently for government-subsidized houses and who prefer that things should follow due process.

We reiterate our position that we are aware of the housing and land needs of the residents of the city and we will work in partnership with the Gauteng Provincial Government and the West Rand District Municipality to deliver houses and significantly reduce our housing backlog.

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