

# uMhlathuze Local Municipality marks IFFD with fire fighting competition



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## Firefighter Fitness Challenge



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*When I am called to duty, God wherever flames may rage,  
give me strength to save a life, whatever be its age,  
Help me to embrace a little child before it's too late,  
or save an older person from the horror of that fate.  
Enable me to be alert to hear the weakest shout,  
and quickly and efficiently to put the fire out,  
I want to fill my calling, to give the best in me,  
to guard my neighbor and protect his property,  
And if according to your will I have to lose my life,  
bless with your protection and my loving family from  
strife.*











**U**Mhlathuze chief fire officer, Oscar Makgaka, wanted to start a new tradition. City of uMhlathuze Fire and Rescue Services marked this year's International Fire Fighters' Day with a Fire Fighting Fitness Challenge. Chief Makgaka said, "Let me begin by congratulating the fire fighters that took part in the recent Fire Fighting Fitness Challenge held at Esikhawini Fire Station, a City of

uMhlathuze substation, which was a resounding success. It is encouraging to see the fire fighters from different stakeholders coming together as one. The example that they have set should be a platform for others to use to better themselves by joining them in future fire fighting games."

"For this reason, future Fire Fighting Fitness Challenges will be scheduled on a more regular basis. As the

fire chief, I am encouraging all fire fighters within the local and surrounding municipalities and industries to participate earnestly as that will improve our relationship in handling any disaster around the area of our jurisdiction. It will also improve response times and efficiency as well as effectively being able to deal with any emergencies we may encounter. Well done to all!" 

