International Fire Fighters' Day

commemoration held in Nelspruit

he Lowveld and Escarpment Fire Protection Association (LEFPA) opened the Lowveld 2019 winter fire season at the Nelspruit Methodist Church on Sunday, 5 May 2019 and they received blessings from the congregation as they celebrated International Fire Fighters' Day. welcome and opening was done by LEFPA manager, André Scheepers. All role players in fire fighting, including urban, rural, volunteers, industrial, aviation, municipal officials, City of Mbombela Fire and Rescue, Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport (KMIA), Working on Fire, Off Road Rescue Unit (ORRU), Mpumalanga Provincial Disaster Management (PDMC), South African Police Services (SAPS), Hi Tech Ambulance Service, Kanyiilanga Forestry, FPA members and officials and most important all the wildland and structural fire fighters were welcomed by Scheepers.

City of Mbombela Fire and Rescue chief fire officer, Petrus Mthiyane, gave the key note address and he quoted from Lt JJ Edmondson 1999, "The role of fire fighters in today's society". The fire engines then sounded their sirens for 30 seconds in remembrance of the fallen heroes. Reverent Allen Booth closed the parade with a Communion service and

scripture reading from John 21, "Jesus and the miraculous catch of fish".

LEFPA management thanked all for their dedication and attendance.





