

EM grants 1 Special Service Battalion Freedom of the City



Executive Mayor, Clr Thabo Manyoni, addressing the crowd gathered for the Freedom of the City parade as Lieutenant Colonel Fanus Buys watches on

The Executive Mayor of Mangaung Metro Municipality, Clr Thabo Manyoni, on Wednesday 01 May 2013, granted the 1 Special Service Battalion the "Freedom to the City" of Mangaung, in a ceremony which was followed by a grandeur parade display by soldiers in front of the City Hall.

degeneration caused by massive unemployment due to the great depression. The unit was to teach the young men military discipline, fitness and various trades to enable them to be employed by the department of labour and welfare".

Addressing attending Councillors, Mangaung and SANDF officials as well as residents of Mangaung about the importance of the Special Service Battalion the EM said it was "from a need to save the youth of the day from physical and moral

The freedom of entry to the city grant by the EM means that the regiment has the right to march through Mangaung in grand style, with trumpets, drums beating, flags waving, swords drawn and bayonets fixed, as a show of force or strength. They are also allowed to drive through the city and march with arms.



The South African flag flies in the background as the March Pass by Mechanised Columns



Mangaung City Manager, Me Sibongile Mazibuko, reading the Scroll which explains what the grant means



COGTA MEC Me Olly Mlamleli, Deputy Mayor Clr Connie Rampai, Speaker Clr Mxolisi Svonzana and MMM councillors observe the parade



Residents of Mangaung came to witness the historical ceremony

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"The reasons for the establishment of this unit are still relevant today as they were back then. We must have combined efforts with this unit to assist the youth of today with special skills that would help them survive the pressures of the present day life. The municipality will be in partnership with the Battalion and make sure that this important role is discharged with diligence by the Battalion and ourselves." - EXECUTIVE MAYOR, CLR THABO MANYONI.



The 1 Special Service Battalion paraded around the City Hall after the Regiment was granted the Freedom of the City by the Executive Mayor of Mangaung, Clr Thabo Manyoni on 01 May 2013.



The EM hands over the Scroll which proclaims the city's decision to grant the Freedom to the City to Lieutenant Colonel Fanus Buys



Flag bearing by members of the Regiment



Kroonstad Military Band parade to conclude proceedings