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MEDIA STATEMENT

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SAEPU CALLS ON NEW MINISTER OF HEALTH TO ATTEND TO PARAMEDICS ATTACKS URGENTLY

The South African Emergency Personnel's Union (SAEPU) calls on new Minister of Health Dr Zweli Mkhize to attend to Paramedics attacks urgently. Yesterday it was reported that a crew was responding to a call in KwaNoxolo, Eastern Cape where they met about 12 men who held and robbed them at gunpoint.

Metro's head of EMS statement to say at this point they think they should get bullet proof vests for their crews is very worrying. We don't have time for thinkers; they must be sure. There's no time for time wasters who want to be media populists. Even if you can ask them to show you a written plan or a procurement process they won't.

We are calling on the new Minister of Health to urgently work with his MECs and the SAPS to implement plans for safety of our EMS workers.

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