



## OFFICIALS TAKE A STAND IN THE FIGHT AGAINST RAPE

Rape especially of the elderly has dominated different media headlines and has left the entire country asking itself questions of what has happened to our morality as a nation. It is for this reason that officials from Estcourt hospital decided to take a stand to voice out their pain and hurt against this evil called rape. This cruelty is destroying different communities and forcing our children to grow before time which is a sign of animalism that has even chased many elders from the comfort of their homes to seek refuge elsewhere.

On the 19 April 2013, aggravated hospital staff dressed in full black in support of Black Friday never got discouraged by a sizzling weather but took it to the streets of Estcourt singing songs that relayed messages against rape and urging men to stop their wicked ways. The messages were clear to all that **“ENOUGH IS ENOUGH, BUILDING A UNITED FRONT AGAINST RAPE”**

During the march informational flyers were given to the public as a way of interacting with them stressing that no one should shy away, we all need to break the silence and report rape cases for all the perpetrators to be brought to book. Estcourt hospital staff and other stakeholders marched from Railway station to Estcourt Police Station where a memorandum was handed over by Crisis Centre Doctor, Dr Badul as well as HR Manager Mr. Ndlela. The reason for the handing over of such a memorandum to them was because SAPS was identified as a major role player in the fight against rape and calling them on board for their



Estcourt Hospital Officials taking it to the streets

participation in building a united front became crucial in successfully rooting out this moral decay. The memorandum was received and signed by Colonel Du Preez who assured all marchers that the Police Station is as committed as other stakeholders in the fight against rape and Estcourt Police Station is looking forward to joining united front in successfully eradicating rape in Estcourt.

Estcourt Police station was given thirty days to respond to the memorandum that was handed over which mostly highlighted gaps identified by other stakeholders which are hampering efforts to successfully fight rape. Upon receipt of response an action plan will then be developed by all which will then pave a way forward on how a united front will tackle this going forward and as a hospital we will then evaluate impact by the decrease in a number of rape cases that are being received and get feedback from different communities if there are incidences of rape that are still happening in their surroundings. United we can retain Estcourt as a safe place to all its citizens.

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# EVENT IN PHOTOS

