



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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## TRAINING OF EMERGENCY CARE PRACTITIONERS

In April this year the Provincial Department of Health embarked on a programme of training emergency care-practitioners in basic life support. This initiative was started as a pilot programme driven by Emergency Medical Rescue Services (EMRS), which falls within the Provincial Department of Health.

Since it is a pilot programme only 50 candidates were going to be taken into the programme. The 50 candidates were selected throughout the province and as part of the selection criteria they had to be unemployed, be in possession of a Grade 12 certificate and they had to be individuals who have not been presented with an opportunity to further their studies at tertiary level.

The Department is glad to announce that this group of enthusiastic youth has been selected and will begin their three-months training programme on Monday, 8 August 2005. The department is to hold a reception for these successful candidates at the Adventist Youth Camp in Annerly, Port Shepstone, where they will be accommodated for the duration of their training programme.

The basic life support courses will be done at the EMRS training centre in Ugu District.

Details of the reception are as follows:

**DATE: 8 AUGUST 2005**  
**VENUE: ADVENTIST YOUTH CAMP (Annerly- Port Shepstone)**  
**TIME: 9H00**

The media is invited to attend and report on this event.

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