

MEDIA Advisory

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SACAA holds memorial service for members of the Flight Inspection Unit

Members of the media are advised that the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) will be holding a memorial service for the members of the Flight Inspection Unit who perished on a tragic aircraft accident on the 23 January 2020. The three SACAA members Captain Thabiso Tolo, First Officer Tebogo Lekalakala, and Flight Inspector Gugu Mnguni died when the aircraft, a Cessna Citation - S550 – SII, crashed shortly after take-off from the George Airport in the Western Cape. The team were on a calibration of navigation systems at the airport.

The Minister of Transport, Fikile Mbalula will lead the memorial service and deliver an address in honour of the three members of the Flight Inspection Unit. Members of the Tolo, Lekalakala and Mnguni families are expected to be part of the proceedings.

The memorial will be held as follows:

Date: 6 February 2020 (Thursday)

Time: 10:00

Venue: Calvary Methodist Church, Harry Galaun Drive, Halfway Gardens, Midrand

Our sincere condolences to the families and the entire aviation community.

Members of the media who wish to cover the memorial service are advised to confirm their attendance.

About the SACAA:

The South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) is a Schedule 3A public entity reporting to the Department of Transport established in terms of the Civil Aviation Authority Act, 2009 (Act No 13 of 2009) (the Act). In terms of mandate, the SACAA is tasked with promoting and maintaining a safe, secure and sustainable civil aviation environment, by regulating and overseeing the functioning and development of the industry in an efficient, cost-effective, and customer-friendly manner according to international standards. The SACAA is governed and controlled by the Civil Aviation Authority Board.

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