

# MDDA shocked to learn of the burning of Karabo FM

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The MDDA is shocked to learn of the burning down of Karabo FM (a community radio station based in Sasolburg in the Free State province) on Saturday, 7 September 2013.



(Photo : Vaal Times)

Karabo FM is broadcasting to an estimated audience of 73,000 listeners as per the August 2013 RAMS survey. The MDDA is saddened by this incident as it has deprived the community of an essential information asset which kept the community informed and entertained at all times.

"We have supported and worked with Karabo FM and supported the station through our various intervention programs. The work of the station has been critical and will continue to be critical in giving meaning and effect to Section 3 (b) (i) of the MDDA's Act which encourages ownership and control of and access to media by historically disadvantaged communities. We hope the SAPS will move

speedily to investigate the cause of the fire and to encourage the community of Sasolburg and the surrounding areas to work with the SAPS and provide information that may lead to the arrest of the perpetrators," said Mr Mtimde, the Chief Executive Officer of the MDDA.

The MDDA is relieved that no casualties were reported, the Board and management have started to work towards the restoration of the critical broadcasting services to the community.

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