

# Ndathi launches firefighting machine, dismisses critics

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Kirinyaga Governor Joseph Ndathi has launched a state of the art firefighting engine in a move to enhance efforts to curb fire scenarios in the county.

The fully-equipped engine with 5,000 liters engine capacity and 500 foam will carry the task of transporting firefighters to incident scenes, providing water with which to fight a fire, and carrying other equipment needed by the firefighters.

Speaking at Kutus during the launch, Ndathi said the fire truck will go a long way in limiting fire tragedies that have been witnessed in the recent past.

“The engine will have a multiplicity task of not only putting off fire but also offering other rescue services like removing debris in collapsed buildings, helping in accidents scenes among other areas that require emergency attention,” he said.

The engine is also fitted with audible and visual warnings, as well as communication equipment such as two-way radios and mobile computer technology.

During the launch, Governor Ndathi was joined by County Chief Executives, MCAs Directors of different Departments amongst other County leaders.

Ndathi took the opportunity to defend his development record and dismissed critics of his leadership, saying the county has achieved much development since the inception of devolution.

“My Government has numerous achievements; and we shall continue serving the people of Kirinyaga amid propaganda from individuals who are anti-

development, we are therefore assuring the residents that we will deliver on all the pledges we made,” he said.

Kangai Ward MCA John Gitari Milka alias Kalembe Ndile condemned those who had declared their intentions to vie for the Kirinyaga gubernatorial seat urging them to offer their alternative policies rather than continue criticizing Ndathi’s administration whereas they are doing nothing.

“Our development record speaks for itself and for now let us respect and give each other time to deliver rather than scoffing at each other,” said the high spirited MCA hitting at six MCAs whom he claimed had become turncoats.

Kirinyaga executive for environment Dr. Julius Muthike said the government had put in place measures to ensure the employees are trained on modern firefighting techniques.

He said that the county prioritized buying the equipment following frequent fire outbreaks where victims have lost property and lives.

He further said the acquisition of the two machines will create employment opportunities for the youth, adding that each shift will be monitored by a team.

Early yesterday before the launch, the fire fighters went for a rescue mission at Wanguru Girls’ in Mwea Sub County where fire razed a dormitory in the school.

“Some of these outbreaks cannot be contained unless we have an engine that can respond quickly,” said the CEC.



**A fire expert inspects the fire engine**



**Kirinyaga Governor Joseph Ndathi issues completion certificates to fire fighters who went through a training to operate the fire fighting machinery at Kutus**



**Governor Ndathi inspects the fire truck.**