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## **NEWSLETTER No 98 OF 2017 SAD NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT 2017**

Good day Training Providers and Members,

I am writing this newsletter with a heavy heart accompanied with a sense of profound loss that I need to share with you.

I was informed earlier today of the untimely passing of Andre Pretorius, a friend, mentor and fellow Board Member. This news was for me as is I am sure it is for you, a great shock.

Andre has been an icon, leader and pillar of knowledge for the firearms industry for numerous years and we will certainly feel the void that he has left behind. I am thankful that Andre was always willing to share his knowledge and thoughts with the firearms community. His shared knowledge has empowered us to continue as a successful and organised industry.

The PFTC has always functioned within a group format, with the National Board at the helm, we are therefore able to continue with our responsibilities and duties as required. We will certainly miss Andre's wisdom and input as Technical advisor, but we are assured that we will continue the path that he as founder President of the PFTC put us on so many years ago!

For our providers that have MOU's with IFTA do not be anxious as Andre had created contingency and business continuity plans so as to not affect the smooth operation of his business, I am sure that the IFTA Newsletters will keep you all apprised of the process going forward.

I lastly ask that you please allow his family, staff, colleagues and friends the respect and time they need to process and grieve and do not overwhelm them with enquiries unnecessarily.

I am sure many of you will miss Andre dearly especially his insight, business acumen, ethics and dry sense of humour.

Kind regards,



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