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Sad News – Passing of Piet Botha – PFTC Senior Verifier

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Good day Training Providers

I write this newsletter with a saddened heart accompanied with a sense of loss.

I was informed yesterday of the passing of Piet Botha, a seasoned Firearm Instructor, a PFTC Committee Member, PFTC Senior Verifier, a mentor to many and a father figure to our PFTC staff. Piet was a mountain of knowledge, highly experienced, committed, fair, firm, meticulous, hardworking and most of all kind.

The firearm fraternity will be left with a void. We are blessed to have known Piet and learned as much as he could teach and impart his knowledge to us. He will be deeply missed.

We 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.

Kind regards,

