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Speaker biography

Past President, and existing Honorary/Executive Member of the Southern Africa Revenue Protection Association (SARPA)

Past KZN branch chair and current EC branch Chair of SARPA

34 years' experience in Municipal Revenue Protection

Current TID and Smart Metering technical lead at BCMM

N6 Electrical/Mechanical diploma

Achieve TID readiness by November 2024 or suffer the consequences of predicted escalating non-technical losses and municipal cash flow income problems

Why is the topic of your session so important?

TID completion by 2024 is vital for municipal cash flow income with predicted dire effects where municipalities do not comply this this deadline.

A Revenue Protection meter audit exercise, in conjunction with the TID roll out process can also assist munics in recovering lost or stolen revenue and to prevent future non-technical losses.

The TID process must cater for all prepayment vending devices on the STS vending platform and most importantly, electricity and water devices.

What is the most important points you want the attendees to take away from your session/presentation?

That the TID deadline of November 2024 is approaching very fast and that Municipalities seem to think that they still have enough time to achieve this deadline. However, there are numerous red-tape obstacles that they will still have to overcome and these will have to be factored into the project roll out plan. Munics can learn from BCMM's TID roll out initiative and experience in trying to achieve this deadline.