

Key elements of the KZN Department of Transport 2006/7 Summer Holiday Road Safety Plan include:

Road Blocks

- To ensure a safer KwaZulu-Natal and protection of our very life, multi-disciplinary, multi-jurisdictional roadblocks will be set up in support of Asiphephe. These multi-disciplinary road blocks will be a regular feature on our roads, with daily roadblocks having been scheduled to target specific areas at specific times.
- The purpose of these major roadblocks will be clearly to demonstrate to the public at large, that all law enforcement agencies and security services are united against recklessness, irresponsible behaviour and dangerous drivers.
- The operations will further show that we are determined to jointly tackle the problem of un-roadworthy, unlicensed motor vehicles, overloaded vehicles and unlicensed drivers.
- Sting operations will be carried out with roving road blocks within targeted areas, and Static roadblocks will be more prominent at Toll Plazas and entrances to City Centres and residential areas, and will be conducted at times when most road crashes occur, after 20h00 and over weekends.

N3 Safe Highway Project

- Visible policing will be highlighted during patrols by all enforcement agencies, by switching on their Blue Lights to reinforce police presence between Gauteng and Durban. Tolcon vehicles which operate on the N3 from Cedara in KZN to Heidelberg in Gauteng will also patrol with their Amber Flashing Lights.

Visible Policing

- All visible policing and traffic control will be increased in anticipation of high traffic counts, large gatherings. Special attention will be given to days and times identified as critical.
- Specific patrols will be carried out along routes used by public transport to transport migrant workers home in parts of Northern KwaZulu-Natal and the Eastern Cape. Buses and Taxis will be stopped and both the driver and the vehicle will undergo a fitness test and checked for correct certification, as well as the non-wearing of seatbelts.
- Public Transport Enforcement Unit (PTEU) will be deployed to problematic areas that are affected by both public transport service problems as well as road crashes.

Alcohol Operations

- Alcohol abuse by drivers is usually associated with this time of the year and as a counter measure all drivers stopped will be screened for alcohol thereby limiting their chances of going undetected. Since the 01st December 2006, 54 motorists have been arrested for drinking and driving.
(37 arrested in PM Burg CBD) and
(13 in Pinetown).

- The Booze Bus will be used at every opportunity especially at roadblocks and randomly during road side checks. The Booze Bus will also be used as part of High Visibility Policing Strategy to create awareness and to act as a deterrent for would be drunken drivers.
- Alcohol is a major contributor to road crashes, every effort will be made through education by the Road Safety Directorate to discourage motorists from driving after drinking and for this reason, the target audience for this project will be people partying at hotels, restaurants, taverns and clubs.
- If you planning on drinking, Omela ekhaya or make use of the Designated Driver Programme. Please stay at home and drink on the comfort of your sofas, not on our roads.

Speed Operations

- Special speed operations will be carried out in an effort to arrest chronic homicidal speedsters who travel at high speeds hoping to avoid detection on the N2 and N3 especially at Estcourt, Ladysmith, Park Rynie and Vryheid to Melmoth along the R34.
- Speed camera operations at fixed sites will be operational 24 hours. Other speed operations will be effected in the early hours of the morning when opportunities exist for drivers to speed when there are reduced traffic volumes. A special focus on speed will also be carried within Municipal areas where pedestrian fatalities are high.
- Our Mpimpa Call Centre will be fully operational 20 hours a day over the holiday period to ensure that emergencies reported to the Call Centre are immediately communicated to the relevant emergency services for response.

Mpimpa Call Centre – 086 221 1010

You may also report incidents via the website on the Mpimpa Reporting Form available on the front page of <http://www.kzntransport.gov.za>

- Help Centres will also be set up on the N3 at Bergville & Balgowan as well as at the N11 in Newcastle.

Road Safety Beach Festival

- Our Road Safety Directorate in conjunction with other stakeholders will host a major awareness campaign at the Ethekwini beach front. Road safety messages will be spread to holidaymakers on the beach.

Furthermore, our Summer Holiday Operational Plan will include:

- (Seatbelt Campaign) as per the Road Traffic Management Corporations Rolling Enforcement Plan. 10000 drivers and passengers will be checked for failing to comply with the wearing of seatbelts
- Keep Left Pass Right Campaign
- Lights on campaign to encourage all vehicles to drive with headlamps on in support of the National Road Safety Campaign
- Not displaying front/rear registration plates
- Operation "Tata" targeting pedestrian enforcement by arresting pedestrians for being on foot on Freeways
- Operation Khipa S'Khoteni – aimed at freight transport vehicles where late night speed enforcement will be conducted.