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MEC CELE COMMENDS LAW ENFORCERS ON THEIR JOINT OPERATION AT CATO MANR AND CHESTERVILLE.

KWAZULU-NATAL Transport, Community Safety and Liaison MEC Mr. Bheki Cele want to comment on the job well done by the Public Enforcement Unit (PTEU- Operation Shanela), Metro Police and also the SAPS (Public Order Policing and NIU) on their successful intensify operations that took place at Chesterville and Cato Manor taxi ranks yesterday (09/06/08) at 6:00am until 5:00pm.

This intensified operation is a result of the on going taxi violence that has been happening between the two Associations and that has resulted in many people loosing their lives. The statistics reveals that from this joint venture intensify operation, the successes were as follows: 219 taxis were charged for not having ranking permits, 14 motor vehicles were unlicensed, 7 did not have authorized taxi stands, 8 mini buses were suspended due to unroadworthiness, three taxis had illegal permits and also three drivers did not have professional driving permits. From the two association's security companies, 16 firearms were ballistic tested. During the operation, one golf was recovered from being stolen and one member of the public was arrested for assaulting the peace officer at work. The operation is still continuing.

“We will continue with our efforts through law enforcement together with the help of other units to put away law breakers and unroadworthy vehicles in order to ensure that public transport is safe, comfortable and efficient at all times and also to maintain peace and order among the operators” said Cele.

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