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MEC CELE COMMENDS LAW ENFORCERS ON THEIR OPERATION AT HAMMARSDALE TAXI RANK.

KWAZULU-NATAL Transport, Community Safety and Liaison MEC Mr. Bheki Cele want to commend 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 Hammarsdale taxi rank this morning (17/07/08) at 6h00.

This intensified operation is a result of the on going taxi feud that happened between the Associations and that resulted in six people losing their lives in the taxi violence related issues. The statistics reveals that from this joint venture intensify operation, the successes were as follows: 31 taxis were impounded because they did not have permits. Two drivers were arrested for drunken and driving. One vehicle was found with the fraudulent licensing disk and 10 vehicles had smooth tyres. Five vehicles were unlicensed and 14 drivers had no driving license. Nine taxis were suspended due to unroadworthiness.

“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. One death is too many, that is why we have deployed law enforcers to continue to Defend the weak” said Cele.

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