MEDIA ALERT

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ATTENTION : NEWS EDITORS/REPORTERS AND PR WIRE

PTEU AND METRO POLICE IN A JOINT VENTURE TO SWEEP AWAY UNROAD WORTHY VEHICLES

KWAZULU-NATAL Transport, Community Safety and Liaison MEC Mr Bheki Cele wants to congratulate the Public Enforcement Unit (PTEU) together with the Metro Police for the successful road blocks that took place between Chesterville and Cato Manor over the long weekend resulting in 83 mini buses impounded.

The statistics reveal that this joint operation started on Saturday (26/04/08) up to Monday (28/04/08) where the following were checked: permits, road worthiness of the taxi and also the warrants. Among the charges made 83 taxis were impounded and are presently kept at the Durban Metro Police pound next to Greyville, 25 taxis were suspended for unroadworthiness, 16 warrants were executed to drivers, one driver was arrested for drunken driving and one bus driver was arrested for having a fraudulent license disc which resulted to 99 arrests in overall.

"We will continue with our efforts through law enforcement with the help of other units to sweep away all the law breakers and unroadwothy vehicles in order to ensure that our roads are safe at all times and to prevent unnecessary accidents" said Cele.

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