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MEC CELE WARNS ALL MOTORISTS ON THE INTENSIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT ROLL-OUT PLAN ON DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL

KwaZulu Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele warns all motorists on the intensive law enforcement roll-out plan that is ongoing as part of the department's objective to ensure 100% compliance. Intensive multi disciplinary roadblocks and high law enforcement visibility will be conducted throughout the Province. "Driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor" will be the main focus.

According to the legislation no person shall drive a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs or driving whilst the breath or alcohol concentration in person's body is higher than the prescribed limit. A normal driver is not allowed to exceed the legal limit of 0,24mg/100ml where as a professional driver must not exceed 0,10ml/1000ml of alcohol.

According the reports received, last weekend (12-14/09/08) in PIETERMARITZBURG three drivers were arrested for driving under influence. There were four other arrests for speeding of which two of them were truck drivers. The highest speed was that of a motorbike, which was traveling at 193km/h in a 120kmh zone. The driver of this motorbike appeared in the Pietermaritzburg courts yesterday (15/09/08).

"Drivers who are nabbed driving under influence of liquor may face problem of losing their driver's license or their license being suspended for three months or more especially on repeated offences. We cannot afford to have unnecessary deaths and accidents due to people drinking and driving. LIFE IS WORTH LIVING, OMELA EKHAYA," said Cele.

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