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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

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**MEDIA ALERT**

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**UPDATE ON OCTOBER LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS**

During the October 2008 Transport Month period, a number of law enforcement operations have been in place. As a result of these operations, lots of arrests have been made and vehicles have been impounded. The Department of Transport is now looking at a different approach to achieving 100% compliance. Operations are still going on, ensuring that roads are clear of any unroadworthy vehicles and drunk drivers. **This week the main focus will be on all modes of transport in terms of the Public Transport Act.**

Thus far enforcement statistics are as follows: Total number of vehicles stopped is 85616. Number of charges, excluding speed charges are 15163. Speed charges, including camera trap are 15588. Number of vehicles suspended for unroadworthiness are 554. Number of drivers arrested for drunken driving are 499. Manual speed arrests are 20. Number of drivers arrested for driving without valid driver's license are 1130. Total number seat belt charges are 819. Unlicensed vehicles are 837. People charged for inconsiderate driving are 58. Even after numerous warnings were sent out to the public, there were still a high number of arrests made for drunken driving.

"The warm season is up on us. Seasonal depressions are lifting and the best way to get into the swing of summer holidays is to make sure that our officials, including all other law enforcement agencies leave no stone unturned when it comes to law enforcement. Joint operation is the smart way of dealing with any obstacle on the road. Our officers have worked hard to maintain the zero tolerance motto in KZN and we do not intend on deviating from it," said Cele

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