



MEDIA ALERT

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OPERATORS RUNNING OUT OF TIME TO CONVERT PERMITS TO LICENSES - WARNS MCHUNU

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu warns all taxi operators to convert their permits to operating licenses or risk facing the law.

The Directorate of Public Transport is facilitating workshops to all Taxi associations in the Province to educate them on the process. Officials from Public Transport Directorate have been travelling across the province since the beginning of September engaging with taxi association and will do so until the beginning of October. The workshops will explain the significance of changing from permits to operating licenses. These documents will no longer be known as permits but will be known as operating licenses.

The MEC is concerned with over 10 000 outstanding permits that have not yet been claimed. He is appealing to the taxi operators to claim these permits because the department will be forced to confiscate any taxi operating without an operating license. Mchunu said many operators are in conflict with the law for operating without permits.

"We urge all taxi operators in the Province to avail themselves on the days of these workshops because they are meant to benefit them. With these workshops we are also hoping to minimize disputes in the taxi industry and teach them the important values of running a decent business. Without the necessary documents, in an event of an accident, the Road Accident Fund refuses to pay out passengers. If all operators have these documents the burden will be less felt by the families of the victims. This exercise is a demonstration of our Departments' commitment in changing the image of the taxi industry and improve services to passengers," said Mchunu.

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