



MEDIA UPDATE

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KWAZULU NATAL TRAFFIC AUTHORITIES LAUNCH A GROUND BREAKING PARTNERSHIP WITH POLICE UNION TO CURB ROAD FATALITIES

IN a bid to reduce road fatalities, the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, working hand in hand with Police union, Popcru have formed a partnership to reduce road carnage during the festive season and beyond.

The union has pledged to encourage its members to volunteer their services and to go beyond the call of duty to help save lives of innocent people on the road, during the festive season and beyond.

Since April this year KwaZulu-Natal has suffered the worse road fatalities with more than 1, 310 killed on the road.

The past three months have suffered a worse record of more than 730 people killed on KZN roads.

Popcru encourages its members who are on leave and those who are taking days off, both from Road Traffic Inspectorate (RTI) and South African Police Services (SAPS) to be part of the department's integrated traffic enforcement operation.

Popcru members have agreed to go beyond the call of duty by participating on educational road safety campaign that the Department will embark on this festive season and beyond.

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu will on Friday (04/11/11) together with Popcru leadership, RTI commanders, leadership of the SAPS and the Taxi industry, lead a peace walk for the first time together at the Durban CBD.

This walk aims at creating awareness on the spate of road accidents clouding the province recently and seeks to galvanize people of KZN behind the provincial road safety plan. The partnership between Popcru and the department will also tackle the scourge of police killing in the province.

The walk will culminate into the launch of **Operation Val' ingozi** which is a partnership between government and all road users.

Details of activities on the 4th November 2011

Part 1

Multi-Disciplinary road block

Venue : N3, Marrianhill toll plaza

Time : 07h00 to 09h00

NB: MEC Mchunu and Popcru leadership to attend

Part 2

Walk for safety

Venue : from Botha Gardens to Durban City hall

Time : 10h00 to 11h00

NB: The walk will be led by the MEC, Popcru, RTI, police commanders and the leadership of the taxi industry

Part 3

Launch Operation Val' ingozi

Venue : Curries fountain

Time : 12h00

Media is invited to attend

Ends

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