



MEDIA UPDATE

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TRAFFIC OFFICIALS GETTING TOUGH ON OFFENDERS

With the festive season at the door step, traffic Law enforcement is going beyond the call of duty and getting tough on transgressors.

Recent statistics clearly indicate that since the beginning of December more than 451 015 vehicles have been stopped and checked.

Since the 1st of December 2011 to date a total of **10 530** charges were issued to drivers who committed offences on the road.

More than **140** were arrested for driving under the influence. **4 005** people were caught driving without seat belts and **3 448** were driving unlicensed vehicles.

MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu applauded traffic officers for the good work and appealed to people to behave over the festive season.

“I would like to applaud the enforcement team for the good work. Since we launched a Red Spot Response Team there is improvement. We are also pleased that since we launched this team there has been a significant reduction of fatal accidents in the province. Part of our campaign Operation Vali’ngzoi is to ensure a maximum enforcement this festive season and beyond.

I would like to remind motorists that our officers will be out in full force to monitor the situation and help in fighting road carnages and transgressions during the festive season and beyond.

This is our effort as a Department to reduce the high numbers of deaths especially during the festive season. As we approach the festive season I warn motorists entering and exiting the province to obey the rules of the road because our officers will be there to monitor the roads. I want to also warn motorists that anyone caught contravening the rules will be dealt with harshly because people need to know the seriousness of road carnages and transgressions”, said Mchunu.

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