



MEDIA INVITE

TO : ALL MEDIA
DATE : 25 September 2012
ATTENTION : NEWS EDITORS/REPORTERS AND PR WIRE

MEC MCHUNU TAKING ROAD SAFETY ENFORCEMENT TO THE KZN/EASTERN CAPE BORDER

With the Province of KwaZulu-Natal still recovering from a series of fatal car accidents which saw 28 people losing their lives in a space of two weeks, KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison is scaling up efforts to reduce further carnages on the provinces road networks.

As Christmas holidays looms in the horizon, the province is bracing itself for a massive influx of visitors to its shores, this is often accompanied by an increased number of road fatalities.

The KwaZulu-Natal/Eastern Cape corridor has been identified as one of the high accident zone that contributes significantly to road fatalities.

In an effort to stamp out road tragedies KZN MEC for Transport, Safety and Community Mr Willies Mchunu is to launch a joint road safety operation with the Eastern Cape Government targeting the KwaZulu-Natal/ Eastern corridor on the N2 which is considered the busiest linking the two provinces.

Media Liaison & Public Relations Directorate

Street Address: 172 Burger Street, Pietermaritzburg, 3201 Republic of South Africa
Postal Address: Private Bag X9043, Pietermaritzburg, 3200 Republic of South Africa
Tel: (27) (33) 355 8624 Fax: (27) (33) 355 8632
Internet: <http://www.kzntransport.gov.za/home.htm>

The N2 Corridor linking the two provinces is accounting for more than 167 655 vehicles every month.

In the recent past both provinces but mainly KwaZulu-Natal has witnessed many accidents of motorists using this corridor.

The joint operation will mark the official launch of the festive season road safety campaign aimed at promoting safety driving and law enforcement to reducing road accidents.

MEC Mchunu is also expected to unveil a plan responding to the increasing number of pupils who are losing their lives provincial roads.

The plan includes routine enforcement operations targeting learner transport in the province and the mobilization of parents to play an active role in ensuring safety of the pupils.

As part of intensifying the fight against crime, Mchunu is expected to announce a plan to root out fraud and corruption to all Driving Licence Testing Centers in the province.

He is also expected to share with members of the media and the public the outcomes of the investigation conducted in the Mandeni testing center.

Details for the October Month launch

Date : **27 September 2012**
Venue : **Shayamoya Sports grounds, Kokstad**
Time : **09h00**

Media Liaison & Public Relations Directorate

Street Address: 172 Burger Street, Pietermaritzburg, 3201 Republic of South Africa
Postal Address: Private Bag X9043, Pietermaritzburg, 3200 Republic of South Africa
Tel: (27) (33) 355 8624 Fax: (27) (33) 355 8632
Internet: <http://www.kzntransport.gov.za/home.htm>

NB: (not to be published, only for media planning purposes)

- MEC, all law enforcement agencies and the local leadership of the Sisonke District will start with an enforcement operation/ road block on N2/ R617 in Kokstad at 08h00 AM.
- Mchunu will attend the laying of wreath on R617 to give respect to 12 people who were killed last year in an accident involving a minibus taxi and the bus.

Transport for members of the media will be available, departing from Playhouse to Kokstad on Thursday (27/09/12) at 06h00 AM.

Ends

Media Contact: Kwanele Ncalane on 072 803 1462 or 079 699 5755

Media Liaison & Public Relations Directorate

Street Address: 172 Burger Street, Pietermaritzburg, 3201 Republic of South Africa
Postal Address: Private Bag X9043, Pietermaritzburg, 3200 Republic of South Africa
Tel: (27) (33) 355 8624 Fax: (27) (33) 355 8632
Internet: <http://www.kzntransport.gov.za/home.htm>