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MEC MCHUNU COMMENDS THE NO NONSENSE APPROACH BY SPECIAL OPERATIONS TO CURB ROAD ACCIDENTS

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, has commended the no nonsense approach showed by the department's Special Operations (PTES) unit to curb road accidents.

As part of October Transport Month 2014 activities, the Special Operations unit held an integrated traffic law enforcement road block this morning at Margate and apprehended a Toyota mini-bus, which was found carrying 23 passengers instead of 15 on the R61. When the officers did a thorough check on the mini-bus using the brake tester machine, they found it to be unroadworthy, with various defects including worn out tyres. The driver was charged at Margate SAPS.

MEC Mchunu has commended the Special operations unit for their hard work.

"I commend the work of our integrated law enforcement teams, which is proactively preventing road accidents, crashes and fatalities by ridding our roads of unroadworthy vehicles and traffic violators. However, I remain very disturbed to hear of this taxi incident that endangers the lives of so many people, by deliberately breaking our traffic rules. Just last Sunday four people died in the South Coast accident in eMthethweni. We call upon all road users and all sectors of society especially the public transport sector including taxis to make sure that all public transport is safe and suitable for public use. On our part, we will escalate our law enforcement road blocks to save people's lives," said Mchunu.

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