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MEC MCHUNU ORDERS MASSIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS TO CURB ACCIDENTS AHEAD OF THE BUSY WEEKEND

KWAZULU-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, has ordered massive traffic enforcement operations on the roads in the province ahead of the anticipated influx of motorists this weekend.

These operations includes overnight multi-disciplinary road blocks across the province, starting from tonight to run throughout the weekend.

These major road blocks are part of the multi-pronged strategies implemented by government to reduce road accidents and fatalities during the festive season and beyond.

The traffic law enforcement agencies have identified a number of strategic focal areas, which include monitoring the following:

- Driver and vehicle fitness,
- Speed timing,
- Barrier line infringement,
- Unsafe overtaking,
- Unsafe lane changing, and
- Drinking and driving.

MEC Mchunu today revealed that more than 3 380 law enforcement officers will be deployed on the road during the festive season.

These include 781 members of the department's Road Traffic Inspectorate and Public Transport Enforcement Services, 2 267 personnel from Metro police and other local municipalities' officers. These traffic officials will be backed by 1 346 vehicles.

MEC Mchunu has also urged traffic law enforcement agencies to be on high alert ahead of the busy weekend and urged them to adopt a harsh approach to those violating traffic regulations.

“We are expecting an influx of motorists to descend to our province this weekend, following the closure of schools, firms and other places of work and ahead of the Reconciliation Day (16 December) next week Tuesday. There will be operations across all major routes in the province and we have increased deployment of traffic personnel and other resources. These operations will also target the borders of KwaZulu-Natal and other neighbouring provinces,” said MEC Mchunu.

MEC Mchunu further added that the province will also pay specific attention to areas classified as hot-spots in the province.

“We will also be focusing on speeding drivers and those who will be driving under the influence of alcohol. Over and above that, there will be several booze buses that will be at all major road blocks throughout the province. We urge road users to take responsibility and strictly adhere to all traffic laws so we can prevent road accidents and fatalities,” said MEC Mchunu.

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