



transport

Department:
Transport
Province of KwaZulu-Natal

MEDIA LIAISON AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

MEDIA ADVISORY

23 August 2015

FEMALE TRAFFIC OFFICERS ARRESTED MORE THAN 378 OFFENDERS IN KZN

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu has applauded the good work by female traffic officers who have gone beyond the call of duty, arresting more than 378 offenders on the road.

As part of honouring August, the women's month, female traffic officers under the Department of Transport's Road Traffic Inspectorate (RTI) have been participating in various law enforcement operation throughout the province.

A major road block was conducted in eMpangeni region, focusing mainly on N2, eNseleni and R34 between eMpangeni and eNkwalini.

More than 1200 vehicles were stopped, subjected to thorough tests and drivers were subjected to alcohol test as part of strengthening the campaign against drinking and driving.

Here are some of the successes for the women's road block:

- 44 drivers arrested for driving without drivers' licenses
- 12 arrested for excessive speeding
- 13 arrested for not using seat belt
- 42 arrested for driving unlicensed vehicles
- 8 arrested for carrying overloads
- 146 arrested for defects
- 4 suspended for not being roadworthy

Today (23/08/2015), MEC Mchunu commended female traffic officers, saying their effort will go a long way in reducing road fatalities in the province.

"We are proud of the good work by our female traffic officers- imbokodwe. We have heightened our operations this month and female traffic officers are in the forefront. The number of arrests secured this weekend is an indication that we have capable female traffic officers, who are willing to go beyond the call of duty to save lives of innocent people on the road. As the Department, we have made serious strides in promoting women empowerment across different units including law enforcement and traffic management," said MEC Mchunu.

More operations are planned for the remaining days of August, where female traffic officers will be leading.

Ends.

Media contacts:

Kwanele Ncalane: 0728031462/ 0796995755/ Kwanele.Ncalane@kzntransport.gov.za

Nathi Sukazi: 0810180518/ Nathi.Sukazi@kzntransport.gov.za

Website: www.kzntransport.gov.za

Twitter: @KZNTransport

Facebook: www.facebook.com/kzntransport