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KWAZULU-NATAL GOVERNMENT TO UNVEIL TIGHT PLANS TO CURB CRIME AND ROAD CRASHES DURING THE FESTIVE SEASON HOLIDAYS

The KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Government will unveil a comprehensive plan with safety and security measures aimed at curbing crime and road crashes as well as fatalities during this year's festive season in the province on Wednesday (9 December 2015).

MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, who is also Acting Premier, Mr. Willies Mchunu, will lead a team of MECs, Mayors and Law Enforcement agencies' commanders to launch the festive programme with a multi-disciplinary operation to mark the start of the intensified law enforcement activities at Mooi River Toll Plaza.

The focus of the launch will be on the joint provincial law enforcement operational plans to aggressively tackle crime and the scourge of road accidents in province. This year's plan also includes the interprovincial operations that will see KwaZulu-Natal government and law enforcement teams working with other neighbouring provinces such as Free State, Gauteng and Mpumalanga, in fighting crime and road crashes and fatalities.

As part of the launch, MEC Mchunu will touch on the beefed up personnel and resources of the South African Police Service, the Department of Transport's Road Traffic Inspectorate, Municipal Traffic officers, Cross Border Officers, Customs, Department of Health's Emergency Medical Service and Forensic Pathologists, Department of Social Development's social workers and psychologists, and volunteers who will be deployed in strategic parts of the province.

Mchunu will also outline areas of focus for maximum visibility and intensified enforcement on the road and plans to curb overloading as well as measures to ensure compliance in the taxi industry through Shanela and Operation Hlokomela, the latter being the South African National Taxi Council's (SANTACO's) initiative.

After the launch in Mooi River, MEC Mchunu will then proceed to Bergville to officiate the commencement of construction for a **R9.1 million** river bridge.

Details of both activities are as follows:

Part 1 - Multi-disciplinary road block and festive safety launch

Date: Wednesday, 9 December 2015
Time: 07h00 – 12h30
Venue: Mooi River Toll Plaza (North Bound)

Part 2 - Bridge sod turning in Bergville

Date: Wednesday, 9 December 2015
Time: 11h00 am
Venue: Woodford, Bergville

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