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MEC KAUNDA WELCOMES AND RECEIVES THE VEHICLE NEW MOBILE TESTING CENTRES

The KwaZulu Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Mxolisi Kaunda, welcomed the new Mobile Testing Centre he received from National Minister of Transport, Mrs. Dipuo Peters, at an event held yesterday at the Traffic Training Centre in Pretoria.

This event also comprised of a "marching out parade" of new graduate traffic officers and was attended by MECs from various provinces to officially receive the mobile centres from the National Minister.

MEC Kaunda, who was accompanied by senior RTI Officers to receive this mobile centre, expressed his jubilation on receiving the centre, which will ease the burden carried by weighbridges and testing centres around the province.

Currently, the department is operating eleven (11) weighbridges, testing approximately 80 trucks per day, per station. The mobile centre will serve as a weighbridge and brake testing facility for trucks, as well as all vehicle types, eye testing, detection of smoke emission and the functionality of vehicle lights.

This mobile centre will particularly benefit areas such as Pongola, Jozini, Dundee and Kokstad, which are currently without weigh bridges to test for defects on vehicles. The facility will also be utilised throughout the province and be incorporated in the department's enforcement plan.

"I am pleased to receive such an innovative, mobile facility for weighing vehicles, but also for ensuring that our law enforcement activities are enhanced with mobility across the province. This facility will assist with our road safety programmes, helping save people's lives on the road, and

dealing harshly with lawlessness. I wish to commend the Road Traffic Management Corporation and the National Department of Transport for their commitment to saving lives, and also empowering provinces in their mandate of saving lives. We are ready to deploy the Mobile Testing Centre facility, particularly in areas where there is an urgent need. This shows our commitment as government to continue prioritizing the safety of our people on the road," said Kaunda.

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