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MEC KAUNDA ISSUES A STERN WARNING AGAINST ROAD LAWLESSNESS AHEAD OF DURBAN JULY THIS COMING WEEKEND

KWAZULU-NATAL MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Mxolisi Kaunda, has called for extra caution from all drivers and motorists who will be travelling to attend the annual Durban July horse-racing and fashion spectacle this weekend.

Thousands of travellers are expected to attend this event from within KwaZulu-Natal and other provinces with the majority using the busy N2 and N3 national routes, and major provincial metropolitan routes to Durban.

The integrated law enforcement team involving the department's Road Traffic Inspectorate, eThekweni Metro Police and the South African Police Service (SAPS) will be out in full force to deal with errant road traffic behaviour.

The law enforcement rollout has already started with multidisciplinary roadblocks, staged yesterday and running to Sunday, as part of the Department's "Closing the Ranks Campaign" focusing on weekends and overnight law enforcement.

More roadblocks in key areas of the N2, N3 and the municipality, as well as other districts in the province will be carried out throughout the day and night, helping to raise awareness about road safety and respect for road traffic rules and signs.

Last year more than 27 000 vehicles passed through the national toll plazas, and about the same are expected this year.

"The Vodacom Durban July is now a well-known event, attracting tens of thousands of tourists into our Province and Durban specifically. We welcome

them and appreciate their patronage, as it contributes to our economic growth. . Furthermore, I wish to emphasise that all road users including motorists, bikers, cyclists and pedestrians, should exercise caution and strictly respect road traffic rules and signs to ensure that we prevent road crashes and fatalities. We reiterate that 'road safety is our collective responsibility'; which calls on each and every one of us to play to play our part in saving lives on the road. Finally, we wish to reaffirm that road users, including pedestrians, drivers, cyclists, and bikers, must at all times be vigilant and desist from indulging in drinking alcoholic beverages before or during their trips. All those found to have broken the law shall face the full might of the law," said Kaunda.

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