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MEC NTULI COMMENDS LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES FOR ACTING SWIFTLY ON ROAD TRANSGRESSORS

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Ntuli has commended law enforcement agencies for acting swiftly in apprehending road transgressors during the Inter-Provincial Road Block at Van Reenen today (11/10/2019).

This joint operation which forms part of the strategic goals of the Inter-Provincial Technical Task Team (IPTTT) comprising of six provinces (KwaZulu-Natal, Free State, Mpumalanga, Eastern Cape, Gauteng and Limpopo) which share hot spot corridors (N1, N2, N3 and N11 amongst others) was successfully conducted by KZN provincial law enforcement officers as well as Free state law enforcement officers.

The aim of this task team is to deal with all moving violations, including criminal elements using these shared corridors to break the law. During the operation, a total of 560 vehicles were stopped with several road infringements being recorded. The operation saw 11 motorists being charged for various offences. Other charges included the suspension of two vehicles, issuing of one warrant to the value of R3800, and 8 notices valued R4350.

Ntuli praised the work done by the law enforcement officials saying the government will continue to find ways of reducing fatalities. **“Many road fatalities are caused by unroadworthy vehicles as well as drunk drivers who continue to ignore the rules of the road. It is disheartening to see that some motorists continue using unroadworthy vehicles knowing exactly what the consequences are.”**

“We are still on the October Transport Month, and with these operations we intend to send the message to all road users that we have zero tolerance for road transgressors. Road safety remains our top priority. We also urge motorists to ensure that their vehicles are roadworthy. We will not rest until we have an accident free country,” he said.

Ntuli urged motorists to act lawfully over the weekend. **“The weekend has begun, and to some people, the spirit of festive season has already kicked in. I warn all road users tolerate one another, and refrain from drinking and driving. These road blocks are one of the government efforts of reducing road crashes and dealing with criminal elements all over the country and they will remain throughout and beyond the upcoming festive season,”** he added.

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