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## **Media Advisory**

Friday, 09 December 2022

## KZN DOT AND THE TAXI INDUSTRY TO LAUNCH GROUND-BREAKING PARTNERSHIP TO IMPROVE SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE AHEAD OF THE FESTIVE SEASON HOLIDAYS

In a bid to curb the scourge of crashes and fatalities during the festive season period and beyond, the KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Sipho Hlomuka, will announce a ground-breaking partnership with the taxi industry.

The partnership will see the deployment of essential resources and personnel, which will be instrumental in promoting compliance in the taxi industry. This partnership between the Department and the South African National Taxi Council (SANTACO) will also assist in building a rapid response capacity to challenges of instability in the taxi industry in the province.

Through Operation Hlokomela, which is the industry's road safety and compliance programme, the Department has deployed high calibre vehicles, which will assist in giving life to the programme. This is in additional to the 150 members of SANTACO, who have been trained in basic vehicle inspection and compliance.

A symbolic handing over is planned and the details are as follows:

Date: Friday, 09 December 2022

Time: 13h00

Venue: Road Traffic Inspectorate (RTI) Mariannhill Centre

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