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KZN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT WARNS MOTORISTS TO BE EXTRA CAUTIOUS AS SOME ROADS CLOSED DUE TO HEAVY SNOWFALLS

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Transport cautions motorists to be extra vigilant on the road as some parts of the province are experiencing heavy snow falls.

Already some of the roads such as R617 in Kingscote are closed. Other roads around Kokstad, Underberg and along the Drakensburg area are also being monitored.

The Department has since activated emergency personnel and Road Traffic Inspectorate (RTI), to work with local traffic enforcement and be on high alert.

In all roads that might be affected, the teams are working on alternative routes. The Department has also activated the infrastructure team to be on standby to clear roads if needed.

Motorists should expect delays in areas affected as there might be a traffic backlog due to road closures and work of emergency teams.

MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Sipho Hlomuka called on motorists to observe the rules of the road and to cooperate with traffic authorities.

"The indication from weather services is that the situation will continue for the next few days. We appeal to road users to postpone their trips where possible, especially along areas experiencing snowing.

"We also appeal for maximum cooperation with the law enforcement agencies where they are warning of diversions and road closures. Our teams are on standby and we will be able to respond where there is a need," said Hlomuka.

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