

## **77 motorists arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol: Duma mandates the highly efficient team to have no mercy and sustain the Zero Tolerance, No Nonsense and Alufakwa campaign**

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: Our highly efficient and dedicated team from the Road Traffic Inspectorate responded decisively to my directive I issued on the payday, the 15th August 2025.

Through our Zero Tolerance, No Nonsense and Alufakwa campaigns, our RTI team, led by a female commander and mainly female law enforcement officers, achieved the following:

- 77 motorists were arrested for drinking and driving;
- 251 vehicles were stopped;
- 11 Motorists had no driver's licences;
- 2 vehicles that resembled moving coffins, were suspended and removed from our roads.

With the support from SAPS, Durban Metro Police, Umsunduzi Traffic and other traffic officers across the various municipalities, RTI ensured the arrest of motorists from the following regions:

- Durban - 29
- Pietermaritzburg - 17
- Kokstad - 12
- Empangeni - 11
- Ladysmith - 5

The above figures are for the 15th August evening to the wee hours of 16th August.

I mandated the team to arrest intoxicated drivers and ensure that they sober up in cells during the greater part of the weekend.

Our campaign against drunken driving is now in full swing, and we will only rest once all irresponsible motorists are removed from our roads.

Our statistics and data from the Road Traffic Management Corporation indicate that 27.1% of fatal crashes are related to driver alcohol intoxication.

Critically, we reported in June that the winter period is characterized by increased night travel involving young people, especially over weekends.

Car accidents are common during the winter months partly due to longer nights and reduced visibility.

We were informed by the Road Accident Fund that the agency paid out R43 billion for injury benefits to young accident survivors aged between 15 and 34.

This is for the period from 2020 to 2022. This equals 44% of claims and an average of R14 billion a year. In addition, RAF paid R2.86 billion in youth death-related benefits.

We want to save young people from road accidents, as they are the future.

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