

**Durban July Road Safety, Horse Transportation Regulations, and Multi-Disciplinary Roadblock: Duma on a drive to ensure that the KZN Transport Department becomes a catalyst for the growth of horse racing and tourism in general**

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Mariannhill Toll Plaza, N3: Today marked the beginning of the roll-out of the Durban July and winter holiday road safety campaign.

Around lunchtime, we recorded more than 1000 vehicles per hour passing through our tollgates.

We welcome thousands of holidaymakers and guests to the international horse racing event.

With between 45 000 and 50 000 people expected to attend the Durban July, our main focus is to ensure that criminals do not blend in with honest motorists using our road networks.

It is for this reason that our highly efficient team from the Road Traffic Inspectorate, working with Metro Police and SAPS, conducted a multi-disciplinary roadblock between 10h00 and 13h00 today.

We wish to report the following:

- 270 vehicles were stopped;
- R47 100 paid by motorists after being charged for traffic violations;
- 31 motorists were charged for traffic violations.

Critically, working with the KZN Economic Regulatory Authority, our main focus is to become a catalyst for the growth of horse racing, a critical sub-sector of the gaming and betting industry.

With more than 20,000 horses in the industry and 29 horses participating in the Durban July, our role is to ensure adherence to horse transportation regulations.

In order to minimize stress and ensure that horses arrive at horse racing events in optimal conditions, our RTI team is paying special attention to vehicle safety and driver qualifications.

Finally, our RTI team will be highly visible on all major routes to enforce adherence to traffic regulations.

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