

Newcastle again - another 116 motorists arrested for drunk driving: Duma reveals that 234 motorists were nabbed this weekend in Newcastle by our highly energized RTI team

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: This morning at 06h30, I received another report from Newcastle indicating that a further 116 motorists have been arrested for drunk driving.

Following a report I received at 01:30am yesterday morning, the figure shot up from 106 to 118.

By and large, over the past two days, we arrested 234 motorists for drunk driving in Newcastle alone.

The energized Road Traffic Inspectorate team arrested four suspects for being in possession of firearms.

Importantly, working with the SAPS, eight suspects were intercepted and arrested for Gender-Based Violence.

We are overwhelmed by the incredible support extended to our highly efficient RTI team by the general members of the public across the province.

This public display of support for our efforts to clean our road networks of intoxicated motorists is a source of encouragement.

We are now determined to do even more until the festive season and beyond.

We value the enduring partnership with the SAPS and assigned by Lt General Nhlanhla Mkhwanazi.

Our multidisciplinary operation is incomplete without health professionals who administer blood testing as deployed by the MEC for Health, Nomagugu Simelane-Mngadi.

Let us unite and ensure the safety of each and every one of us on our roads.

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