

27 motorists, including four females, were arrested last night in Umhlanga Rocks and Durban North respectively: Duma says RTI and Operation Shanela teams must remove reckless motorists from our roads networks these Easter Holidays and Passover weekend

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: With the newly appointed Head of the Department Zibusiso Dlamini already in action, there is a renewed sense of energy and commitment from our No Nonsense RTI and Operation Shanela teams.

Last night, 27 motorists, including four females, were arrested for drunk driving in Umhlanga Rocks and Durban North respectively.

They will appear in court on Monday.

One motorist had a blood alcohol concentration ten times over the legal limit.

The oldest motorist arrested is aged 58, and the youngest is 21.

In order to ensure successful prosecution, RTI is following the Criminal Procedure Act by working with nurses deployed by Durban Metro Police and the KZN Department of Health.

With the #NenzaniLaEzweni Operation in full swing, nurses are managing the mandatory processing of blood samples drawn from motorists.

More than 80 roadblocks, focusing on drunk driving, will be executed under the auspices of the #NenzaniLaEzweni Operation.

This is part of the Easter holidays and Passover weekend road safety plan.

Our message has not changed and is very clear: drink and drive and earn yourself a criminal record.

You also stand a good chance of spending 48 hours in holding cells with hardened criminals.

As we announced, we will execute 148 multidisciplinary roadblocks and 118 speed operations in high accident zones and other areas frequented by visitors and worshippers.

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