

A doctor or teacher? 13 motorists arrested in Newcastle for drunk driving: Duma warns motorists that a demerit point system is kicking in and repeated offenses will result in suspension and cancelation of drivers' licenses

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: The arrest of 13 motorists for drunk driving last night in Newcastle is a clear indication that there are individuals who will soon have their driver's licenses suspended and eventually cancelled.

Last night, our no-nonsense team from Road Traffic Inspectorate arrested the following motorists: -

- 1 Doctor or Teacher - This motorist initially said he was a doctor but later changed and said he was a teacher. His occupation is being verified. He was wearing a gown and said he had stepped out to fetch his wife from work.
- 1 self-employed
- 3 unemployed
- 1 Panel Beater
- 2 General Workers
- 1 Pensioner
- 2 Drivers
- 1 IT Developer
- 1 Sales executive

We wish to announce that the #NenzaniLaEzweni operation has received a much-needed boost.

This is in the form of the implementation of the demerit point system for drivers. As it has been reported by the Road Traffic Infringement Authority (RTIA):-

1. Every motorist starts with a clean slate of 0 points.
2. Points are added to your name when a fine is paid, an enforcement order is served, or you are found guilty by a court. Minor infringements (like using a cellphone while driving or skipping a stop sign) add 1 point, while serious offenses (like driving under the influence) can add 6 points.
3. Fully licensed drivers can accumulate up to 15 points. Exceeding this limit results in the suspension of your driver's license for 3 months for every point over 15.
4. A driver's license can only be suspended twice; a third breach results in the permanent cancellation of the driver's license.

Ends.

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