

A moving coffin (unroadworthy delivery bakkie) has been removed from our road network in Hammarsdale, and the driver has been charged: Duma has commended the Operation Shanela team for moving in swiftly and decisively.

Media and Public Statement by the MEC for Transport and Human Settlements, Siboniso Duma

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: We commend the Operation Shanela team for moving in swiftly and decisively to remove from our road network in Hammarsdale an unroadworthy bakkie that resembled a moving coffin.

The driver has been charged in line with the newly introduced AARTO Point Demerit System and will face further severe consequences.

We have linked overloaded and unroadworthy delivery bakkies, trucks, and minibus taxis to many horrific accidents and the death of innocent road users.

It is for these reasons we have deployed highly experienced and qualified Operation Shanela teams who are examining motor vehicles across all district municipalities.

We are guided by the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS) applicable Standards - SANS 10047 on the testing of vehicles for roadworthiness.

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