

End-of-Snow Parties ends in tears as motorists get arrested for Drunk Driving: Duma reveals that since the start of [#NenzaniLaEzweni](#) Operations on the 15th August 2025, a total of 6,549 motorists have been arrested for drunk driving.

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: Following the staging of the first-ever End-of-Snow parties in various places in KwaZulu-Natal, the Road Traffic Inspectorate arrested 16 motorists for drunk driving in Newcastle. This brings the total number of arrests since the 15th of August 2025 to 6 549.

Those who spent the night in jail are the following:-

- Taxi driver
- Union organizer
- IT Technician
- Intern
- Radiologist
- Prison warden
- Administrative clerk
- Packaging operator
- Landscaper
- 6 Unemployed
- Self-employed

On this day, we wish to appreciate the support from the people of KwaZulu-Natal and the whole country.

When we started the [#NenzaniLaEzweni](#) Operations, there was pushback from certain individuals and sectors of society, but our determination to reduce fatalities and road crashes motivated RTI to remain focused.

We have successfully prevented the destruction of families and the creation of widows and orphans by arresting reckless and irresponsible motorists.

We express our deepest appreciation to the South African Police Service, Department of Health, Department of Home Affairs and the National Prosecuting Authority for the deployment of dedicated personnel who worked with RTI.

We celebrate the seamless co-ordination of the following: -

- Arrests and processing of motorists by RTI and SAPS;
- Management of drunk driving blood tests within two hours to ensure their validity and that they were legally admissible in court.
- Processing of undocumented foreign nationals who were found driving under the influence of alcohol;
- Successful convictions in more than 98% of drunk driving cases. This is due to the partnership between the NPA and RTI teams that ensured strict adherence to evidence handling protocol and regional courts efficiencies.

We thank private security companies, Community Policing Forums and Non-Governmental Organisations too many to mention.

As announced during the Budget Speech on the 16th of July, the [#NenzaniLaEzweni](#) operation will now move to the next phase in line with the reconfiguration of our Road Safety Campaign.

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