

Reckless driving in a shocking video and RTI looking for this driver: Duma says following the successful reduction of road accidents and fatalities this Easter holiday and Passover weekend, drastic measures are being taken to engineer behavioral change and to remove reckless motorists from our road networks

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: The Road Traffic Inspectorate team is looking for the reckless driver and his friends who appear in a shocking video we have posted on the KZN Department of Transport Facebook page. The driver of this vehicle must hand himself over to RTI. We request those who have information to contact us.

By and large, we are encouraged by the condemnation of this reckless driver by our Facebook followers and general members of the public.

This overwhelming support is the pillar that will bolster our efforts to end the daily carnage on our road networks.

Through the #NenzaniLaEzweni operation, we are removing from our roads irresponsible drivers, such as this one, as they are a danger to unsuspecting innocent road users.

Weekends should be the time for families to bond instead of funerals caused by reckless driving.

We are not excluding illegal drag racing involving cars with modified engines.

Such cars are a danger, as the steering and braking systems are left unaltered to handle the high speed. Certain roads in suburbs, townships, and other areas have been turned into hazardous zones with residents and innocent road users living in fear.

Although the official figures are yet to be released by the national minister of transport Barbara Creecy, through the dedication and hard work of the RTI and Operation Shanela, we managed to reduce fatalities and road accidents this past Easter and Passover weekend.

It is for these reasons that RTI and Operation Shanela will now take drastic measures to sustain a zero-tolerance and no-nonsense attitude.

For instance, with the advent of social media, RTI will identify culprits and nab them very quickly to demonstrate Alufakwa in KwaZulu-Natal.

Therefore, passengers and members of the public are encouraged to share with us evidence of recklessness. RTI and Operation Shanela teams will act accordingly against anyone—be it truck drivers, taxi drivers, or any motorist—irrespective of their status in society.

We are inviting members of the public to use social media to support and augment our efforts focusing on promoting road safety measures across all corners of the province.

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