

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

MEDIA STATEMENT

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MEC RADZILANI URGES ROAD USES TO TAKE EXTRA PRECAUTIONS DURING THE FESTIVE SEASON.

Limpopo MEC for Transport and Community Safety, Florence Radzilani, urges all road users travelling within the Province, to take extra precautions during this critical period of the festive season.

MEC Radzilani has raised a serious concern, after receiving the Provincial accidents report, for this past weekend. According to reports, human behavior has been attributed as the main course, for the high fatality rate that was recorded this past weekend.

"There is an alarming number of pedestrian fatalities, which was recorded, this past weekend alone, and we have not yet fully delved into the Festive Season. Our other area of concern is drunken driving", said MEC Radzilani.

Law enforcement officers and road safety promotion officers have been deployed at critical points across the province since the start of the 2023/24 Festive Season Road Safety campaign to ensure proper conduct of road users during this period of heightened travel, with a mandate of zero tolerance of traffic violations. The following are successes since the first of December:

•34 426 vehicles stopped and checked at various roadblocks and speed operations.

•1 151 drivers charged for overspeeding

•1 454 drivers tested for alcohol. 42 of these drivers have been arrested for drunk driving.

•8 436 vehicles have been weighed against overloading, with 235 drivers charged for overloading.

MEC Radzilani will use the following few days to join traffic officials who will be monitoring traffic on the Provincial roads, and also to encourage them to ensure road safety at all times.

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