

MEDIA STATEMENT

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MEC MATHYE HAILS LAW ENFORCEMENT AS 118 DRUNK DRIVERS ARRESTED IN SEPTEMBER

The Limpopo Department of Transport and Community Safety has issued a stern warning to motorists following the arrest of 118 drivers for drunk driving during September 2025. These arrests form part of the ongoing Phuza Weekend Operation, which continues to be rolled out across all districts of the province.

The latest campaign weekend, from 26 to 28 September 2025, resulted in 35 drivers being taken off the road for driving under the influence of alcohol. Law enforcement officers recorded alarming levels of intoxication, with the highest blood alcohol reading measured at 1.17mg/1000ml in Mopani District.

Breakdown of arrests per district:

- Capricorn District: 4 drivers
- Mopani District: 1 driver
- Vhembe District: 13 drivers
- Waterberg District: 17 drivers

MEC for Transport and Community Safety, Violet Mathye, commended law enforcement officers for their unwavering dedication and delivered a strong message to the public:

“Every arrest is a step towards safer roads. Drunk driving is not only illegal, it is selfish and deadly. Too many families are left broken because of one person’s reckless choice to drink and drive.

I urge all motorists to act responsibly. If you drink, do not get behind the wheel. Designate a sober driver, make use of public transport, or arrange for a ride-hailing service.

Road crashes are preventable tragedies. We must all choose life over liquor and work together to keep Limpopo’s roads safe.”

The Phuza Weekend Operation will be sustained and intensified as the festive season approaches to reduce the number of reckless behavior on our roads. Motorists are reminded that anyone caught driving under the influence will face the full might of the law.

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