

MEDIA STATEMENT
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PHUZA WEEKEND OPERATIONS NET 36 DRUNK DRIVERS ACROSS LIMPOPO – MEC
CONDEMNS RECKLESS BEHAVIOUR

The Limpopo Department of Transport and Community Safety conducted intensive Phuzza Weekend operations from Friday, 8 May to Sunday, 10 May 2026, targeting drunk driving and other road safety violations across the province.

The operations resulted in the arrest of 36 drivers for driving under the influence of alcohol.

The highest blood alcohol concentration recorded was 1.04mg/1000ml in Mopani District – more than double the legal limit of 0.24mg/1000ml.

MEC for Transport and Community Safety has commended the zero tolerance approach to drunk driving by our men and women in uniform.

“This is not a game. Driving under the influence of alcohol destroys lives. The highest reading of 1.04mg/1000ml means a driver was operating a vehicle with a level of intoxication that severely impairs judgement, reaction time, and coordination. It is reckless and criminal,” the MEC said.

The MEC expressed concern that despite repeated warnings and visible law enforcement, some motorists continue to put their lives and the lives of others at risk.

“To those who think they can drink and drive and get away with it: our law enforcement teams are on the roads, day and night. We will arrest you, your vehicle will be impounded, and you will face the full might of the law,” the MEC added.

The Department urges all road users to plan ahead, use designated drivers, or arrange alternative transport if consuming alcohol.

Road safety is everyone’s responsibility. One decision to drink and drive can end a life in seconds.

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