

MEDIA STATEMENT

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MEC KEKANA ISSUES WEEKEND ROAD SAFETY ALERT AS LIMPOPO EXPECTS SURGE IN TRAFFIC VOLUMES

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The Limpopo Department of Transport and Community Safety is expecting a significant increase in traffic volumes from this afternoon into the weekend, particularly on the N1 Northbound from Gauteng to Polokwane and on routes leading to shopping centres and leisure destinations.

MEC for Transport and Community Safety, Ms Nakedi Kekana, has urged all road users to exercise extreme caution and vigilance.

"As is normal for a Friday in Limpopo, we are expecting high volumes. We also expect increased movement towards shopping centres. We call on our people to be vigilant - do not allow strangers to help you at ATMs, and if possible, avoid carrying large amounts of cash when shopping," said MEC Kekana.

The MEC has further reminded motorists of the following:

1. Adhere to speed limits: Speed kills. Motorists who have received AARTO infringement notices are reminded to take advantage of the discount if payment is made within 32 days.
2. Vehicle and driver fitness: Vehicles must be checked before travelling. Those travelling long distances must rest after every 2 hours and remain patient on the road, especially at tollgates.
3. Zero tolerance for drunk driving: To all those who will be attending recreational activities and family gatherings over the weekend, our Phuza Weekend Operations are still in full swing. Do not drink and drive - opt for a sober driver. We will be out in full force.

"Let us all play our part to ensure we arrive alive," concluded MEC Kekana.

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