

MEDIA STATEMENT

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MOTORISTS URGED TO EXERCISE PATIENCE AS OCTOBER TRANSPORT MONTH OPERATIONS INTENSIFY

As we continue to observe October Transport Month, the Limpopo Department of Transport and Community Safety wishes to advise motorists that law enforcement operations remain in full swing across the province.

This includes Phuzza Weekend Operations targeting drunk driving and dedicated Speed Operations on major routes. Traffic volumes are expected to be high on the N1 from Gauteng to Polokwane and other major arterial routes heading into the weekend. Motorists are urged to be patient, plan their trips, obey the rules of the road and not drink and drive.

The Department remains concerned about the high number of drunk driving arrests. In September 2026 alone, a total of 136 drivers were arrested for drunk driving across the five districts:

Capricorn District recorded 24 arrests with an average alcohol reading of 1.01mg/1000ml, Mopani District recorded 39 arrests with an average reading of 1.04mg/1000ml, Sekhukhune District recorded 8 arrests with an average of 0.50mg/1000ml, Vhembe District recorded 38 arrests with an average of 1.01mg/1000ml and Waterberg District recorded 23 arrests with an average of 0.98mg/1000ml.

These figures are alarming and demonstrate that many motorists continue to disregard the law and risk their lives and the lives of other road users.

The Department will continue with heightened visibility and zero tolerance for lawlessness. We appeal to all road users to arrive alive.

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