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### Media Statement

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### **90 vehicles impounded and 35 arrested for drunken driving**

Defaulting motorists around Mahikeng felt the pinch of law enforcement when the Jaws and Public Transport traffic units conducted a week long special operation.

More than 90 vehicles were impounded and 384 traffic fines were issued to defaulting motorists with monetary value of more than R400 000.

Community Safety and Transport Management MEC, Dr Mpho Motlhabane said one of the department's key mandates is to ensure safety and compliance of the roads and there's no noncompliant vehicle that would be allowed.

"One of our contributions to Premier Mahumapelo's initiative in Rebranding, Renewing and Repositioning of Mahikeng is to clean our capital city by ensuring that vehicles on our road are roadworthy and all gaps are closed to suffocate defaulting motorists.

"We are here to protect the innocent souls against drunken drivers and all law offenders on our roads. We are now closing all gaps to ensure that defaulting motorists have no space to breathe in our province," says the departmental MEC Dr Motlhabane.

In the Brits area, 35 drunken drivers were arrested over the weekend during the special operation that was conducted by the Brits traffic station in partnership with the South African Police Services. "This is how we mean business. We value the lives of our people and we will do everything in our power to protect our people. With the arrest of these drunken drivers, we have actually saved their lives and those innocent ones who could have probably been involved in an unfortunate accident caused by a very irresponsible citizen," said Dr Motlhabane, who made a clarion call to road users to join hands with government in making the roads safe.

"Road safety is everyone's responsibility, therefore, there's a need for partnership in advocating for road safety. If all road users can obey the rules and comply, we will save the country from death pains and we wouldn't have



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widows and orphans as a result of road crashes. We should at all times stick to the speed limit, stay away from drunken driving because we will arrest you and never use a cell phone while driving, it reduces your level of concentration on the road," he concluded.

To report bad driving, accidents and other unlawful acts, please contact departmental toll free number: **0800 204 992**.

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