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'Thank you Bokone Bophirima' says Molapisi following 71% reduction of road fatalities

The Bokone Bophirima Community Safety and Transport Management MEC Gaoage Molapisi said the 2020 Decade of Action for Road Safety which aims at reducing the rate of accidents and fatalities by 50% is realistic.

"Our recent performance of 71% reduction on fatalities is a clear indication that we can live our dream of reducing accidents by 50% in 2020. One day South Africa will be a better country," says Molapisi.

This follows a massive recorded success on the reduction of road fatalities during this year's Easter, where Bokone Bophirima is rated the number one province with 71% compared to last year's same period fatalities.

"Last year we recorded 28 fatalities and our plan for this year was to reduce by at least 50%, but what happened now in the province we could say we have outwitted ourselves," he said.

More than 59 people were arrested during 24hour operations that were conducted around the province on different offenses mostly for drunken driving and excessive speeding.

One driver was arrested and released on R1000 bail after been caught driving 122km/h on an 80km zone on the N4 road between Zeerust and Swarttrugens.

"We still have those rotten potatoes that we need to work on them. Those are people who rejects themselves from been part of success, but will keep acting harsh on them, our vision is to reach the 2020 Decade of Action on Road Safety and we will do whatever it takes to reach this goal," said Molapisi.

The departmental MEC further expressed his heartfelt condolences to the families who have lost their beloved ones on the roads. "The death of 8 people in the province is still more. On behalf of the Provincial Government we would like to convey our sincere condolences to the bereaved families and we are promising that one year we

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would not record any death. My souls rest in eternal peace and wishing speedy recovery to those admitted in different hospitals,” concluded Molapisi.

Motorists and road users are advised to report any hazard on the road by calling the departmental toll free number: 0800 204 992.

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