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BE VISIBLE AND VIGILANT ON THE ROAD – SAYS MOLAPISI

The Bokone Bophirima Community Safety and Transport Management MEC, Gaoage Molapisi has given the marching orders to all law enforcement officers and encouraged them to be vigilant and visible at all times. Molapisi said this during the official activation of Easter Operation in Rustenburg during his address to more than 200 law enforcement officers inclusive of the Provincial Traffic officers, South African Police Service and Local Municipality officers.

In his address, the departmental MEC said the operations are set to make a meaningful contribution towards the achievements of the goals of the Decade of Action for Road Safety which aims at reducing accidents rates and fatalities by 50% by 2020. This is a critical time where we need our law enforcement officers to be more visible on the road because the traffic is immensely increasing from time to time. We will not allow any lawlessness on our roads and those who will find themselves on the wrong side of the law will regret their acts. We are going to make our province a crime, accident and incident free area during this Easter, warned Molapisi.

During this Easter Operations, the department has partnered with a number of stakeholders such as Disability People South Africa, Road Accident Fund and Municipalities to strengthen law enforcement on the roads with a specific attention on overloading of public passenger transport, drunken driving, excessive speeding, reckless and negligent driving, driving with fatigue, vehicle and driver fitness. In ensuring maximum visibility on the road, MEC Molapisi handed over 14 new vehicles to provincial traffic stations and four booze buses which are going to be used during the operations.

These buses are our moving holding cells; we are going to use them during our operations. Those drunken drivers must know that we have a solution to remove them from the roads and



“Together we move Bokone Bophirima Province forward”



no drunken driver will be allowed in our roads,+said Molapisi. The buses will be utilised during special operations and has the capacity of holding 22 people.

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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