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Media Statement

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Operation Stop at the stop sign records a success in Mahikeng

Non stopping of vehicles at stop signs in and around Mahikeng has led to establishment of special operation - 'Operation Stop at the stop sign'.

Embarked over the weekend, the Montshioa Provincial Traffic Station focused on the violation of stop sign within the areas of Montshia, Mmabatho and Mahikeng internal roads.

According to the Provincial Traffic Authorities, the operation was prompted by the high number of accidents recorded as a result of vehicles not stopping at the stop sign, which some led to loss of lives.

A team of eight dedicated traffic officers led by the Provincial Inspector Matsobe pulled all stops to monitor drivers who disobey traffic signs and fail to stop at traffic lights, intersections and stop signs.

During the operation, 60 summonses issued out as penalties for motorists who failed to stop at the stop signs to the amount of R60 000. Other offences like driving without drivers licence increased the penalties to R80 300. About 199 vehicles were stopped and searched during the operation.

The Department of Community Safety and Transport Management is concerned about the drivers who drive as if there are no stops or traffic lights, disobeying the rules of the road and that they are the only drivers using the road.

"Our mission is not to collect revenue by issuing summonses; it is to save lives and want drivers to obey the rules of the road whether there are traffic officers or not. The introduction of the demerit system will help us to remove killers on the roads, as finally they are going to lose their drivers licenses because of reckless and irresponsible driving."

To report bad driving, accidents and other unlawful acts, please contact departmental **Call Centre on 0800 204 992.**

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