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Visible Law Enforcement Patrol Applauded for Reduction of Road Carnage by a Record 8% in Bokone Bophirima

Intensified law enforcement operations, visible patrolling, road safety education and awareness campaigns are catalysts to achieving a record 8% reduction of crashes and fatal accidents on the roads of the North West Province during the 2016/17 festive season. This is the highest reduction nationally, as revealed in the latest statistics released.

According to the Minister of Transport, Honourable Peters' preliminary report, the province, in 2016/17, recorded about 120 compared 131 fatal crashes reported in the 2015/16 Festive Season.

Community Safety and Transport Management MEC, Dr Mokgantsang Motlhabane said his department has since moved away from roadblocks and focused on intensified visible patrolling, friendly stops and checks at established road safety control check points in many towns and cities main roads in the province.

"The strategy of moving away from and reducing the number of conventional roadblocks but instead increasing visibility in all main roads of the province has proven to yield the desired positive success in reducing road fatalities and crashes, as it were.

The 2016/17 Festive Season, thus became a very hectic period for law enforcement agencies but through dedication, self sacrifice, hardwork and cooperation this exercise proved not only worthwhile but paid dividends.

We must admit that there's still a lot to do, but we are getting there. We are envisioning and aspiring for a situation where we would actually reduce these crashes by 50% by 2020 in line with the 'decade of road safety' road map launched in 2011. But surely with the saamtrek, saamwerk philosophy that is shown by our communities, the department, SAPS, Traffic Officers from National deployed by Road Traffic Management Cooperation (RTMC) called National Traffic Police (NTP), our own JAWS unit, provincial and municipal traffic officer, virtually all law enforcement agencies in the province, including HAWKS this can and will be achieved.

"Being pragmatic, going back to the the basics, being hands-on, going to the ground, abandoning boardroom talk, as well as leaving tried and tested conventional techniques and methodologies sometimes pays," said Dr Motlhabane.

The Departmental MEC was very excited and vociferous in expressing words of gratitude to all law enforcement officers who worked tirelessly for long hours, sacrificing family quality time, having abandoned vacation plans and festive activities to help to save lives on the roads of the province.

"it is a great pleasure to stand on a podium and say 'congratulations for a job well done, to all; motorists, pedestrians, stray animal rangers and law enforcements agencies at large. To all of you individually and severally I would like to say 'thank you', from the bottom of my heart, to everyone of you who played a pivotal role that attained Bokone Bophirima this success. You have made this province proud and you have hoisted its flag high up, nationally".

"Your efforts have ensured that the department contributes immensely to the 'Rebranding, Repositioning and Renewal' of the province. Achieving this feat has positive spinoffs for the economy of the province, especially tourism hence both Tourism and Community Safety and Transport Management departments have undertaken joint campaigns and partnered in a quest to reduce road accidents, inevitably ensuring safety of the tourists traveling in and out of the province. This way making '#Areyengbokonebophirima' a worthwhile and accident free experience worth repeating," he said.

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MEC Motlhabane concluded by conveying his heartfelt condolences to the families who lost their loved ones during this period as well as wishes to all those who are still recuperating in hospitals or at home a speedy recovery.

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#AreyengBokoneBophirima
#CongratulationsBokoneBophirima
#VrrrrrrPhaaaaaRecklessDrivingMustFall

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