

MEDIA STATEMENT

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124 traffic officers to work 24 hours shifts during the annual sixties festival weekend in Mahikeng

In preparations for the Annual Sixties Festival in Mahikeng this coming weekend, the North West Traffic Authorities have deployed about 124 traffic officials on major roads of the province.

The North West MEC for Human Settlements, Public Safety and Liaison, Nono Maloyi sends a strong warning to motorists who will be travelling to Mahikeng that traffic officers will stamp their authority on the road and ensure that there are no unnecessary losses of lives on the roads.

“We are going to work 24/7 over the weekend and will turn the heat on those reckless and drunken drivers,” said Maloyi.

The MEC said there will be roadblocks for 24 hours in the major roads of the province particularly those linking to Mahikeng.

He advised drunken drivers to arrange themselves dedicated drivers as none would be spared from a breathalyzer test. “We are going to make this province a crime and accident free zone over the weekend and the whole of the festive season,” he warned.

The departmental MEC further called on Community Policing Forums (CPF’s), Community Safety Forums (CSF’s), House of Traditional leaders, communities in general and all other relevant stakeholders to partner with the South African Police Service (SAPS) and Traffic Authorities to fight crime and drug abuse.

“Crime is a winnable fight, if we join hands together and work as a team we will defeat crime and we won’t unnecessarily loose the lives of our beloved ones,” said Maloyi who reminded

all motorists to fasten their seatbelts, avoid driving with fatigue and always adhere to speed limits.

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