

MEDIA STATEMENT

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MEC Maloyi activated four traffic control centres in NW

North West Human Settlements, Public Safety and Liaison, MEC Nono Maloyi braved the cold rainy weather on Friday and reinforced the Arrive Alive Campaign for festive season by activating four traffic control centres in the province.

MEC Maloyi said the centres will operate for 24 hours in ensuring that all vehicles entering and leaving the province are roadworthy and also the drivers are fit for the road.

Addressing law enforcement officers during the activation at the Potchefstroom Weighbridge which is going to serve as one of the traffic control centres, Maloyi instructed the officers not to have mercy on criminals and traffic law offenders.

“We have declared North West a no go area for criminals and accident free province and this is exactly what we must ensure. With the activation of these traffic centers, we don’t expect to find an unroadworthy vehicle getting or leaving our province.”



“Criminals must always make a u-turn when they see a board written ‘**welcome to North West**’, knowing exactly that they don’t belong here,” said Maloyi.

The four traffic control centres are based at the Potchefstroom, Bapong, Ventersdorp and Zeerust Weighbridges. The operations at the four centers will be conducted 24 hours daily by joined law enforcement agencies.

About 37 summonses worth R38 800 were issued during the first roadblock which was held at the Potchefstroom weighbridge along the N12 highway. About 810 vehicles were stopped



and 15 impounded for different offenses, and eight extra seats were removed from taxis, while a white Toyota Hilux was discontinued from the road for overloading during the operation which lasted for two hours.

Travelling between Johannesburg and

Stilfontein on daily basis, Edith Ruth applauded the department for increasing the visibility of traffic officers on the road. “They are always visible on the roads more especially those with speed cameras.”

Meanwhile, more than 27 vehicles were discontinued and 23 failed the roadworthy test during the Jaws special operation that was held at Klerksdorp and Okney areas on Thursday 13th December. About 38 summonses worth R26 300 were issued for different offenses.

Maloyi continues to encourage motorists to adhere to traffic rules and save lives.

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