

Media statement

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MEC Molapisi calls on road safety ambassadorship

North West MEC for Community Safety and Transport Management Gaoage Molapisi says road safety is everybody's responsibility and called on road users to be ambassadors of road safety.

Speaking at the memorial service of five Correctional Services officers held in Rooigrond outside Mahikeng, Molapisi said government alone cannot reduce the rate of accidents on the roads but it requires commitment and self discipline from the road users.

"Let us give priority to the concept of self-policing to ensure that we all take responsibility for safer roads because road safety is everybody's business."

He said the department will increase visibility on the R503 road and tighten the law enforcement until the numbers of incidents on this road have decreased.

"This accident has now opened our eyes and minds to look at excessive speeding and overtaking particularly on this R503 road. We are going to implement a high saturated law enforcement intervention and mainly focus on speeding, overtaking, use of cell phone while driving and drunken driving."

"We are going to show no mercy to those reckless drivers and defaulters to get rid of this sickness of reckless driving on our roads," warns Molapisi.

The MEC said his department will further intensify its road safety education campaigns to interact and educate road users on issues relating to driver behavior, drunken driving, safety belt, over speeding, cyclist, stray animals and pedestrian safety.

"We are going to turn every road user and every citizen of this province to be ambassadors of road safety," concluded Molapisi.

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