

PRESS STATEMENT

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Maloyi warns against stray animals

The MEC for Human Settlements, Public Safety and Liaison Nono Maloyi has called on motorists to exercise caution on stray animals' roaming the main roads of the province. MEC Maloyi was reacting to the number of road accidents that happened in the province in the past recent period caused by stray animals especially in rural areas of the province.

The appeal comes as part of the arrive alive campaign messages sent out to motorists to be extra careful on provincial roads during the festive period. According to Maloyi stray animals contribute to a large number of road crashes and fatalities on our roads, more especially during the festive season.

"These animals are a serious hazard to motorists and government has for years brought caution to people to take care of their livestock. This time around we are going to impound them in ensuring that we save lives on our roads", said Maloyi.

MEC Maloyi added that this year, the law enforcement officers are not going to rest as they will be visible for 24 hours on both national and provincial roads. He said that traffic officers have teamed up with other law enforcement agencies just to make sure that all road users and all other citizens of the province are safe on the roads.

◆ MEC Maloyi was also reacting to two separate accidents that happened on Thursday night in Mahikeng where one vehicle hit a cow and another one hit a donkey in a distance of less than 500 meters apart. "Such incidents will make the province experience more accidents. Impounding will then ensure that owners become part of the campaign to ensure that our roads are safe to travel on without any disturbances. Road safety is our mandate and we will not compromise on that", he said.

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