

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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**‘Turn the heat on reckless and drunken drivers during sixties party,’ says MEC Maloyi**

North West MEC for Human Settlements, Public Safety and Liaison Nono Maloyi has ordered traffic officers to stamp authority on the roads during this year’s annual sixties party in Mahikeng.

Maloyi said they have partnered with the Municipal Traffic Authorities; SAPS and all other law enforcement agencies in the province to curb road accidents, fatalities and criminal activities during the weekend.

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

“We have realized that it is during these kind of events where people chooses to disregard road rules, and participate in a number of criminal activities. In keeping the law and order in our capital city, we are going to work 24/7 over the weekend and will turn the heat on those reckless and drunken drivers.”

“We are definitely ready for the event, we have enough Breathalyzers, our traffic officers are well energized and committed to make sure that we do have a crime free 2013 sixties annual party,” said Maloyi.

The Jaws special operations and Highway patrollers will mainly focus on drunken driving, reckless, negligent driving, speeding, vehicle and driver fitness.

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