

## **Media Statement**

**Sunday 18 August 2013**

### **Women traffic officers stamped authority on NW roads**

Defaulting motorists recently felt the pinch of women traffic officers during a roadblock held along the N4 road in Rustenburg. Organized by the North West Provincial Road Traffic Management, the Jaws special operation deployed about 44 women traffic officers as to commemorate the Women's Month.

More than 54 traffic offences worth R22 660, were issued to defaulting motorists for various offences such as driving without a driver's license, using cell phone while driving and vehicle registration. About 988 vehicles were stopped during the operation.

The North West MEC for Human Settlements, Public Safety and Liaison, Nono Maloyi said the women traffic officers will continue ensuring that motorists adhere to road rules.

"Drivers must adhere to road rules to avoid being on the wrong side of the law. Our women traffic officers are prepared and committed in working towards occupying the frontline in a department's efforts to achieve the United Nation's Decade for Road Safety and National Rolling Enforcement Plan aimed at reducing lawlessness and accidents on public roads," said Maloyi.

MEC Maloyi said women traffic officers will continue with such operations across the province for the whole of this month.

He further urged motorists particularly men to cooperate on the road when stopped by women enforcement officers on the roads. "In the past we experienced challenges where most male motorists could not cooperate to extent of assaulting them (women traffic officers). We therefore humbly request every motorist to comply and give the expected respect to our law enforcement officers on the road," he concluded.

**-END-**

**ENQUIRIES: Ben Bole (Acting Departmental Spokesperson)**

**TEL : (018) 388 4824**

**CELL : 071 566 1399**

**FAX : (018) 391 0328**

**ISSUED BY THE NORTH WEST DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, PUBLIC  
SAFETY& LIAISON**