

## **Media Statement**

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### **8 arrested for drunken driving**

Eight drivers were arrested for drunken driving and 16 unlicensed vehicles were impounded for unroadworthiness by traffic authorities in a special joint operation between the North West Traffic Authorities and South African Police Service (SAPS).

A lady driver was amongst those arrested during the operation that mainly focused on drunken driving on Friday night. They have been detained at different police stations and will appear in court on Monday, 09, 2012.

According to traffic authorities, drivers without licenses as well as unroadworthy vehicles mostly travels during the night.

About 12 traffic fines worth R7200 were issues for driving without a license.

Human Settlements, Public Safety and Liaison MEC, Nono Maloyi raised a concern about the high number of unlicensed drivers. He said his Department will engage the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) on how to strengthen fines against unlicensed drivers.

"A driver without a drivers license is a law offender and that person must be prosecuted and sentenced."

According to the North West Traffic Authorities, a high number of traffic fines were issued for driving without licenses more than any other offense.

MEC Maloyi said more special joint operations would be held across the province in as part of increasing traffic and police visibility on the road to reduce a number of road accidents and fatalities.

Last week Friday, Maloyi welcome about 42 new traffic officers in the province.

These officers are expected to serve the province with diligence and commitment in dealing harshly with road traffic offenders.

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