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## WOMEN IN ROAD SAFETY



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The main function of Road Safety Unit is to ensure reduction of crashes, deaths and injuries on the roads. Road Safety unit falls under Transport Regulations as the Chief Directorate. The key objective of the unit is to contribute towards safer roads in Limpopo Province through education and awareness programmes.

As a Road Safety Official I conduct Road Safety campaigns across the Province. This is done through roadside promotions, sites at roadblocks, exhibitions at taxi ranks, rest stops and filling stations.

Working together with Road safety officials stationed at district offices during the Covid-19 pandemic, I make sure that we collaborate with Community Radio Stations and conduct Radio Talks to interact with road users on safe road usage. We have Multi-purpose vehicles which

are deployed to enhance visibility and to do mobile road safety promotions targeting road users of all categories. The most interesting part of my work is conducting awareness campaigns at roadblocks, shopping malls, taxi ranks and filling stations. In order to ensure Road Safety becomes a reality, I also assist in terms of implementing the Provincial Enforcement Plan which seeks to co-ordinate and harmonize road traffic enforcement plans across provincial and municipal authorities to provide a seamless, day-by-day thematic focus for maximum impact and reaction.

Road safety golden rules:

1. Have a heart for pedestrians: The road belongs to them also
2. Stay within the speed limit at all times, speed kills
3. Only overtake when it is safe to do so
4. Do not drink and walk on the road.
5. A briber and a bribe are all killers.
6. Avoid distractions on the road such as texting, conversations on cellular phones
7. Take safety breaks every 2 hours or 200km. Rest, have an energy drink and continue once well rested.
8. Do not overload.
9. Always wear your seat belt and see that everyone in the car is wearing his or hers.

"I appeal to community members not to vandalise road signs along the road as they assist drivers to be alert on the road, and urge drivers to adhere to the available road signs. I believe that working together with our communities by ensuring that road users always adhere to road traffic signs and law enforcement will save lives".

Said **Lizzy Mapiti**