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## BICYCLE HAND OVER TO VUWANI LEARNERS



On 30 August 2019 Transport Minister Fikile Mbalula and MEC for Limpopo Department of Transport and Community Safety Dickson Masemola handed over 450 bicycles to 10 schools in Vuwani.

The donation is part of government's Shova Kalula bicycle project. These initiative focuses on rural provinces, with beneficiaries comprising of learners who walk between three and five kilometre to and from school on a daily basis.

**By: Thabo Mashitisho**



## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGIC PLANNING



MEC Masemola opened the Strategic Planning Session for the Limpopo Department of Transport and Community Safety on August 2019 at Hans Merensky Hotel in Phalaborwa. He set the scene and gave marching orders.

Some of the key areas the MEC touched on in providing direction as we plan at this very beginning of the Medium Term Strategic Framework, the 6th Administration are:

- Take queue from the SONA and SOPA and are commanded through the Manifesto of the ruling party as approved by the people on the 8th May 2019
- To know and internalise the fundamental principles of the Freedom Charter as a maximum plan of the ruling party
- That Ideological consistency remains key in civil servants, as we are expected to be apolitical in serving the people in general but not apolitical in thinking
- Ensure that the triple challenge of poverty, unemployment and inequality are addressed through our mandate, in averting a potential social revolution
- Assert Transport as both an economic stimulus and a social construct
- Actualize the Provincial Crime Prevention Strategy
- Become managers and leaders who produce knowledge
- Invent ways to Turn around GAAL and reaffirm the entity as the pride of the province
- Heighten Law Enforcement and in the process safeguard life's whilst increasing revenue collection
- Ensure prudent financial management (congratulated Community Safety on achieving a clean audit)
- Revive the Provincial Anti-Corruption Forum

By: Joel Seabi



## HIGH SCHOOLS COMPETE IN PROVINCIAL ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION COMPETITIONS



Department of Transport and Community Safety hosted the annual provincial Participatory Educational Techniques (PET) and Road Safety Debate competitions at The Ranch Hotel - Polokwane on 24 August 2019.

The PET competition invites Grade 10 and 11 learners to identify road safety hazards in their communities and to develop research-based solutions. The Waterberg District's Gwenani High School (Urban Category) and Mopani District's Mahlamela High School (Rural Category) will compete in this year's event and will represent the Limpopo Province at the nationals in Gauteng.

The debate competition addresses the underlying issues of road safety in society at large, and gives young people the opportunity to discuss pertinent issues affecting road safety behaviour and attitudes.

Teams of five learners from 5 districts competed for top honours in this year's event. The five best debaters who will go on to represent the province at the nationals are: Bopape Hlariso from Mopani District, Katjedi Karabo from Waterberg District, Hlungwani Khanyisa from Mopani District, Mogale Modjadji from Capricorn District, Mashishi Lesego from Sekhukhune District.

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## PICTORIAL: PET AND DEBATE



## ROAD SAFETY AND EDUCATION AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.



On 24 August 2019, the Deputy Minister of Transport Dikeledi Magadzi led a road safety awareness and education at Kgapane School in Ga-Kgapane, Mopani District.

Her visit to Kgapane was as a result of a horrible accident that took place in Ga-Maphalle on 16 June this year where 24 young people died. Some of the youngsters who perished come from Ga-Rapitsi and Ga-Kgapane. Deputy Minister Magadzi educated and provided road safety awareness campaign to the

learners and community members in order to promote good road user behaviour among learners and members of the community. Magadzi said parents must check that the vehicles transporting their children are compliant with the scholar transport policy.

The main aim of the campaign was to:

- Increase awareness of road safety,
- Improve their driving behaviour
- Reach children at a grass root level, which is imperative in developing responsible road safety behaviour that will last a lifetime.

**By: Solomon Masekoameng**



## CAPRICORN DISTRICT CELEBRATES WOMEN'S MONTH

Department of Transport, Capricorn District celebrated Women's day on 21 August 2019 at Fun Waters in Mankweng. This day is widely celebrated, as it continues to reflect on the bold steps taken in the iconic 1956 Women's March.

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## MINISTER MBALULA LAUNCHES AARTO ACT



Transport Minister Fikile Mbalula on 18 August 2019 introduced the new bill signed into law by President Cyril Ramaphosa.

The Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences (Aarto) is a measure to tackle South Africa's high rate of road accidents and fatalities by way of a demerit system.

Mbalula, however, has endorsed Aarto as "among the interventions to decisively deal with lawlessness on

our roads".

The AARTO Act will usher in 'Business Unusual' on our roads, as it makes way for the following provisions:

- **Points Demerit System:** This is an objective and fair system of identifying reckless drivers and law breakers so that we can remove them from the driving fold.
- **Common penalties:** All traffic violations throughout the country will carry the same penal values.
- **Electronic service:** This means that law enforcement can be effectively supported by technology, servicing documents by electronic means, such as e-mail. Similarly, infringers can exercise their options electronically.
- **Infringement Appeals Tribunal:** Where Infringers can appeal against the rulings of the RTIA to the tribunal.
- **Repeal of court elections:** Where Infringers do not have to be burdened by the courts for infringements
- **Driver Rehabilitation programmes:** Infringers who have their licences suspended can attend rehabilitation programmes before being allowed back in the driving fold. This shows that the AARTO is not just about punishment but has intentions to ensure compliance and change of road user behaviour.

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## THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY LAUNCHED WOMEN'S MONTH CAMPAIGN, WOMEN IN LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS.



Limpopo Women in Law Enforcement Operation kicked off women's month on 2 August 2019, with a march in the city of Polokwane in a form of a carnival. The launch, led by MEC for Transport and Community Safety Hon Namane Dickson Masemola together with Commissioner Lt General Ledwaba, Leaders of the Taxi Industry, and the South African Council of Churches.

The event included a multipurpose roadblock on the N1 South bound. The procession joined a parade led by Women in Law Enforcement and paramilitary from SABC park to the Department of Transport and Community Safety at corner Church and Bodenstein Street.

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## PICTORIAL: WOMEN IN LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATION



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