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# 2020 FESTIVE SEASON MESSAGE



MEC Mavhungu Lerule Ramakhanya

Festive season is upon us and we expect traffic volumes to increase on our roads. I wish everyone who will be visiting our province a safe and joyous stay. I, Mavhungu Lerule Ramakhanya, MEC for Transport and Community Safety, declare Limpopo a zero-tolerance area and any person caught

speeding or breaking rules of the road will be dealt with accordingly.

One life lost in our roads is one too many as it symbolizes loss of someone's partner, child, parent or guardian.

This year our Festive Season Safety Plan also includes a focus on Covid-19, through increased enforcement especially on public transport and liquor outlets. We will intensify our operations with special focus on, un-roadworthy vehicles, drunk driving, and over-speeding through effective law enforcement and visible policing.

Remember! Community Safety; Road Safety is everyone's responsibility. Let us take extra measures to keep our roads safe and to contain Covid-19.

**Stay Safe- Arrive Alive 24/7 Waya-Waya**



# MINISTERIAL SAFER FESTIVE SEASON OPERATION



Police Minister, General Bheki Cele visited Limpopo Province as part of the annual Safer Festive Season Inspection tour. The visit formed part of efforts by the South African Police Service (SAPS) to tighten the grip on crime during festive season.

Accompanied by MEC of Transport and Community Safety Mme Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya, Local Mayor and Acting Provincial Commissioner of Police in Limpopo Major General Jan Scheepers and top management of the South African Police Service. The entourage embarked on a wide community engagement by visiting public places, inspecting Police operations and multi-disciplinary roadblocks including the walk about at the Beit Bridge Border Post, in order to assess the safety plans in place and monitoring adherence to COVID-19 regulations.





# MULTIDISCIPLINARY ROADBLOCK HELD AT N1 MAKHADO



**M**EC for Transport and Community Safety, Mme Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya and MEC for Health, Mme Phophi Ramathuba jointly led a multidisciplinary roadblock along the N1 to Makhado in Maghetheni.

The operation was undertaken in collaboration with members of the South African Police services, Limpopo Provincial Traffic Police, and Healthcare workers.

The team stopped 475 motor vehicles, 29 issued fines, 12 motor vehicles discontinued, including 2 minibuses. The operation also screened 19 drivers for alcohol, and 14 drivers were subjected to thorough screening by doctors on site. Motorists were also educated on how to arrive safely at their destinations by the Departmental Road Safety Officers.

“We checked for general roadworthiness of vehicles and driver fitness and also emphasised road safety. More roadblocks will be conducted throughout Limpopo province where the focus will be mainly around driver compliance”. Said MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya. MEC is highly concerned about the number of people who have lost their lives on Limpopo roads since the beginning of the festive season because of reckless driving, disobeying the rules of the road, speeding, fatigue and drunk driving.

The Department encourages people to keep seat-belts fastened, refrain from speeding and comply with general road safety rules. Road safety is everyone’s responsibility.

**Arrive Alive 24/7 waya waya**





# MEC LEADS A CLEANING & CRIME AWARENESS CAMPAIGN



**MEC** Mavhungu Lurule-Ramakhanya was joined by the acting Provincial Commissioner of the South African Police Service in Limpopo Major General Jan Scheepers, during the cleaning and crime awareness campaign that was conducted at Matshavhawe village in the Vhembe district.

The campaign was also attended by the Vhembe District Commissioner, representatives of Makhado Local Municipality, Tribal Authority and members of the community.

The intention behind the initiative was to increase the level of awareness among the general public on different forms of crimes. The public was also urged to break the silence and immediately report all criminal incidents.

“I hereby call upon you to utilise the Victim Empowerment Centre which has been established by SAPS. Counselling and more information is available to those who unfortunately become victims of crime”. Said MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya

The public was also warned to adhere to the COVID-19 lockdown regulations.





# R71 ROADSIDE ACTIVATION AND ROAD BLOCK



The Department of Transport and Community Safety in conjunction with the Road Traffic Management Corporation held a roadside activation and a roadblock at Mathibaskraal, along the R71 road.

The occasion comprised of road safety education and an intensive law enforcement operation in preparation for the year end peak travel period. Motorists were advised to check if they have any outstanding traffic fines before embarking on their festive season journeys.

The Department will intensify operations to further raise awareness among drivers, passengers and pedestrians about road safety, activations will also be conducted at taxi ranks, malls and rest stops. The Limpopo Department of Transport and Community Safety wishes all those travelling long distances to holiday destinations a safe journey ahead. Motorists are urged to travel during the day to avoid collisions. Evidence shows that many fatal crashes occur at night.

**Always Prefer To Travel During The Day, Buckle Up, Keep Your Vehicle Roadworthy, Be Visible.**





# LAUNCH OF INTER-PROVINCIAL ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN



Limpopo Transport and Community Safety MEC Mavhungu Lerule- Ramakhanya and her North West Counterpart MEC Sello Lehari launched the interprovincial Road Safety campaign at the border of North West, Gauteng and Limpopo. North West and Limpopo experience high traffic volumes during Festive and other holidays due to a high number of migrant workers in the two provinces.

The launch of the inter-provincial Safety Campaign came a day after the launch of the Road Safety Campaign, Arrive Alive 24/7 Waya Waya by Minister Fikile Mbalula in Polokwane. The campaign is aimed at reducing fatal crashes and to ensure compliance by road users.

