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## **Media release**

### **Festive Season Message**

Road safety for all road users in South Africa as a whole is a huge challenge. Road crashes continue to claim thousands of lives in South Africa and it appears as if current law enforcement is ineffective to address the situation.

Speeding and drunken driving remains the greatest challenge within Steve Tshwete Local Municipality.

Steve Tshwete Traffic has already embarked on a zero tolerance campaign and will focus on different offences throughout the festive season in order to reduce road accidents. To make it work, we need your support and commitment, because together we can make a difference to the high offence and fatality rates.

All traffic offences will be targeted. There will be no selective enforcement at the exclusion of any offence, but special focus will be placed on excessive speed, alcohol abuse, moving violations, driver and vehicle fitness as well as other offences.

Road blocks will be set up and manned in a professional manner to avoid unnecessary delays and inconvenience to motorists.

All efforts will be made to undertake enforcement operations along critical days, times and routes to have the greatest impact on offences and accidents.

Special targeted alcohol enforcement exercises will be carried out to ensure that those drunken drivers must be dealt with severely and put where they belong.

Speed measurement exercises will be targeted mainly in hazardous locations and these will be policed smartly, utilizing the minimum for maximum impact.

Offenders who have outstanding tickets will be arrested and dealt with accordingly.

All motorists are urged to wear safety belts all time and to ensure that the passengers also do the same. To those travelling far, they are encouraged to stop and rest every 160KM or every two hours to avoid fatigue.

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Yours sincerely

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