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Transport month safety tips

October has been declared as a transport month nationwide. All modes of transport moving on our roads are often involved in accidents that result in injuries and fatalities. By law certain drivers of vehicles such as minibus, bus, goods vehicle and gross vehicle mass of which exceeds 3500kg must hold professional driving permit.

Road crashes continue to claim thousands of lives in South Africa.

The municipal Traffic law enforcement officers have a key role in encouraging improved road user behaviour. Enforcement targeted in decreasing the number of traffic violations that contribute to road accidents. Motorists are advised to observe road safety and ensure the roadworthy of their vehicles.

Driving tips for transport month;

- Every driver driving a motor vehicle on a public road must be in possession of a valid driving license of the class of vehicle he or she is driving.
- Every driver must make sure that the vehicle he or she is driving is roadworthy.
- Every driver must be fit and in a sober state.
- Vehicle fitness particularly documentation and roadworthiness. Any vehicle operated on a public road must be roadworthy.
- Public transport (Passenger and Freight), enforcement particularly on vehicle fitness, roadworthiness, documentation.
- All public transport vehicles are required to have roadworthy certificates and owners of those vehicles must register as operators at the registering authority upon application for the licensing of the vehicle.
- Moving violations particularly no overtaking lines (barrier lines) red light infringements, cell phones, speeding, seatbelts usage, following distances, driving under the influence of alcohol, inconsiderate driving, reckless and negligent driving.

All drivers are urged to comply with the rules of the road, more cautious and mindful of other road users. Drivers found driving in contravention of the law will severely be punished and no un-roadworthy vehicle will be allowed to be on our roads.

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Yours sincerely

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