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FATALITIES HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY 21% IN THE NORTH WEST COMPARED TO THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR

MAHIKENG – The MEC responsible for the North West Department for Community Safety and Transport Management, Wessels Morweng is pleased with the reduction of crash fatalities by 21% in the Province compared to same period last year. The critical routes remain N4, N12, N14, N18, R30, R49, R503 and R556 with most crashes between 17:00 and 05:00 the following morning.

Bojanala has so far recorded more crashes and fatalities followed by Ngaka Modiri Molema with Dr Kenneth Kaunda and Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti reporting fewer. Though the figure is significantly lower than the same period last year, there is a concerning number of pedestrians that are hit by vehicles especially at night.

In Bojanala, critical areas where most crashes and fatalities occurred are Bapong, Rustenburg and Mogwase and in Ngaka Modiri Molema are Mafikeng, Lichtenburg and Delareyville which have recorded fatalities. Dr KK and Dr RSM have recorded similar fatality statistics in Potchefstroom, Klerksdorp, Vryburg and Bloemhof respectively.

Causes of fatalities are drivers that have lost control, head on collisions and vehicles hit from behind. To mitigate, especially on critical routes and times, the Department has increased visibility and enforcement by posting more officers. The shift patterns have been adjusted in order to cover the most critical time slot of 12:00 and 00:00.

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Most of the violations recorded since the beginning of December include excessive speed, overtaking over barrier lines and driving unroadworthy vehicles. High volume of vehicle movement is expected to be at peak this weekend especially in between Provinces as well as to neighbouring countries. MEC Morweng appeals to motorists to ensure they keep weather on check before embarking on trips. "I implore on motorists to avoid driving when its raining as this affect visibility and at night as most as stats show most accidents happen at that time", pleaded MEC Morweng.

Motorists are further advised to plan their journeys to take place outside peak periods to avoid congestion which often leads to driver fatigue. Drivers are warned that drunk driving and moving violations will not be tolerated on the Province roads.

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