

Media Statement

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CREECY AND HLENGWA DECRY MOVING TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS AS NUMBER ONE CAUSE OF ROAD CRASHES.

PRETORIA: The Minister of Transport, Ms Barbara Creecy and Transport Deputy Minister, Mr Mkhuleko Hlengwa, have called for calm and adherence to traffic laws as moving traffic violations begin to linger-on ahead of another week of traffic rush leading to Christmas and New Year's break.

Creecy and Hlengwa have denounced moving traffic violations as the number one cause of road crashes. In particular, overtaking on barrier lines and blind rises that lead to head-on collisions are currently responsible for road crashes. Speeding is the leading moving traffic violation recorded since the start of the festive season.

They further warned road users that speeding drastically reduces the driver's reaction time to avert any road danger.

RTMC has reported 50 000 traffic fines issued over this festive period relating to speeding, and 255 drivers arrested for driving at high-speed and exceeding the speed limit by 40 kilometers an hour.

"Motorists are warned not to exceed the speed limit, not to overtake on road barrier lines and blind rises or face the full might of the law." concluded Creecy and Hlengwa.

SANRAL's counting traffic stations are currently recording over 1500 to 2500 vehicles per hour on average since the festive season began, on national roads.

The RTMC has deployed unmarked vehicles on South Africa's roads with speed detection and registration plate-reading gadget sophisticated to detect speeding, stolen and unlicensed vehicles, as well as fraudulently licensed vehicles.

With another traffic rush week upon us, Creecy and Hlengwa have urged motorists to

- Buckle up
- Obey the speed limit
- Do not overtake on barrier lines and blind rises.
- Do not drink and drive
- Do not use handheld cellphone while driving
- Rest every 2 hours or every 200kms.

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