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Road safety is everyone's responsibility. Padveiligheid is almal se verantwoordelikheid. Ukhuseleko ezindleleni luxanduva lomtu wonke.

With this important message, the Department of Transport and Public Works is encouraging members of the public to adopt road safety habits in a time of danger for road users.

We need the public to assist us in creating a safer environment on the roads. This starts with all drivers ensuring their own safety behind the wheel, ensuring their passengers are buckled up and safe, and ensuring the vehicles they are driving are roadworthy and suitable for the purpose they are being used for. The fewer the unnecessary incidents on our roads, the greater the ability of our response agencies to respond quickly to other emergencies.

Stopping on a freeway is illegal; you could get a fine and you could expose yourself to danger. Do not stop on a freeway unless it is essential. Pull off the road if you are tired. You could kill yourself or others if you fall asleep behind the wheel. Importantly, ensure your vehicle has enough fuel before you leave and that it is roadworthy.

Emergency numbers:

- Direct link to the City of Cape Town operated helpline - 021 480 7700;
- Dial 112 from your cell phone; or
- SAPS - 10111.

We wish you a safe and joyous festive season.

Regards,
On Track Team



VISIBLE TRAFFIC LAW ENFORCEMENT: Roadblocks are set to increase during the holiday season.

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Safely home holiday message

Kenny Africa, Provincial Traffic Chief

This festive season, most of us are looking forward to taking time off work, and many of us will be travelling with our families and friends to holiday destinations throughout our beautiful country and beyond.

The festive season is associated with great increases in the numbers of people travelling on our roads. People are also more inclined to overindulge in alcohol and other drugs, some in celebration and, sadly, some to escape the sorrow that can also come at this time of year, remembering lost loved ones and other tragedies.

It is thus important to remind ourselves of the ever-present dangers on our roads. The efforts of Provincial Traffic Services and our partners in law enforcement, health services and education have seen steady decreases in the numbers of holiday road deaths. However, there have been a total of 640 deaths over the last three December-January holiday periods alone.

This death toll masks the burden of hundreds of serious injuries over this period, and the tragedies endured by the families and friends of the victims. In these numbers, we can also see the invisible hand dragging government services away from the many other needs of our society. Police attending to crash scenes while criminals strike elsewhere, emergency rooms and intensive care units choked with the injured while other patients wait, and a court system clogged with drunken driving cases are just a few examples. This same hand has a stranglehold on our economic prospects, as crashes cut short the life prospects of economically active people and shut down our highways and freeways, driving up transport costs and the insurance burden many families are struggling with.

The good news is that each and every one of us can make a difference through our own behaviour.

First, the simple fact is that alcohol and roads don't mix. Even small amounts of alcohol can impair your ability to make decisions, operate a vehicle, or walk safely near traffic, whether you are driving, walking, or riding a motorbike or bicycle.

If you're drinking, don't drive. The best way to do this is to stay at home, stay at friends', or leave your car at home if you do go out. Don't even give yourself the option of driving. Whether it's a taxi, a bus, a train, rather make a Plan B. It is better to crash on a couch than into a traffic light or another car. Help us create booze-free roads. If you have friends or family who still drive under the influence, speak to them before they get into trouble with the law.

If you are on foot, please don't drink, especially not to excess. Walking drunk on our roads at night could get you run over or robbed. When you are out walking on the roads, make sure you cross where it is safe, and stay on the pavement. Most importantly, make sure that drivers can see you. Reflective clothing can save your life. The golden rule is to see and be seen.

Remember the basics. Watch your speed - there is no deadline more final than a funeral. Always buckle up. When we attend crashes, we don't need to unbuckle the dead. Please make sure your vehicle has no defects, especially tyres and lights, and that windows and mirrors are clean. Leave your cell phone alone. No call or text message is worth your life, it can wait. Tailgating and reckless overtaking are shortcuts to the grave, and you could take innocent victims with you.

If you are going to be driving long distances, remember there is no substitute for sleep. Caffeine can perk you up, but only temporarily. Driving when tired can be as dangerous as driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.

These simple steps will ensure you keep yourself and your families safe this holiday season.

Finally, while you enjoy this period of rest, relaxation and reflection, spare a thought for those emergency personnel, from traffic, police, medical emergency staff and all the others working over the holidays to keep us safe. We all owe them a great vote of thanks for all they do throughout the year.

Wishing you a wonderful festive season and a very happy and productive 2016.



Kenny Africa

Legal graduate pursues a career in traffic law enforcement

Gene Louw Traffic College graduate Roderique Daniels (23) from Brackenfell says that being a traffic officer gives him the opportunity to help make our roads safer.

Early this year, the college recognised him as best overall achiever, with a record-breaking final mark of 95,3%. He scooped the National Road Traffic Act (NRTA) Unit Standards Top Achiever Award, as well as the Legal Unit Standards Top Achiever and Road Transportation Unit Standard Top Achiever awards. Daniels already holds a law degree and will be doing a BTech degree in Road Traffic and Municipal Policing Management next year with the help of a Department of Transport and Public Works bursary.

Currently based at the Brackenfell Traffic Centre, Daniels says the short period of time he has spent in the field has equipped him with valuable practical experience of traffic law enforcement. "If there is one thing I have learned over the past few months it is that one should at all times adopt a positive attitude and refrain from negativity and discord in the workplace. I quickly discovered that the transition from college to traffic law enforcement is a great adjustment and I am open to continuous learning and development," he said.

According to Daniels, being recognised as the overall best achiever at the college was one of the highlights of his life. "The fundamentals I acquired at the college are invaluable. It is important to build a solid foundation at the start of every career. The quality of training I received has assisted me in making a quick start in the workplace."

The most exciting components of his work are the opportunities to work with and learn from different officers, as well as his daily interactions with road users. "Effective traffic law enforcement is the most important requirement for road safety. We will continue with our efforts

to ensure that all users use the road in a safe and orderly manner."

Daniels hopes to gain as much practical experience as possible and meet all his probation requirements. "I will focus my attention on completing my BTech in 2016," he adds proudly. "Once that has been completed, I would like to follow up on my LLB degree by doing a Masters of Law Degree (LLM)."



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Looking forward to festive season traffic operations



Roderique Daniels, Provincial Traffic Officer

The festive season is a time of year when we as traffic officials have our hands full because of the large volume of vehicles travelling on our roads. It is a time of year when there is a high usage of public transport. It is therefore important that effective traffic law enforcement and policing is in place to ensure that public transport vehicles are in a roadworthy condition, drivers meet the fitness requirements specified by law, and most importantly, that all public transport users are conveyed safely. I almost want to say that it is the time of year when people forget how to drive because of the rush and excitement.

A heavy law enforcement presence is required to ensure that road users comply with the law. It is indeed true that traffic law enforcement presents a number of challenges, but so does every other profession. You have to take the good with the bad. However, to me traffic law enforcement was never a job opportunity or desired career choice, it was always a calling. Even though we meet a lot of resistance from members of the public, it still remains our duty to serve the public's interests to the best of our ability and more importantly to keep our roads safe from all elements of danger.

Afrikaans summary

Die feesseisoen is 'n tyd van die jaar wat ons as verkeersbeamptes ons hande vol het met die groot hoeveelheid voertuie wat op ons paaie reis. Dit is ook 'n tyd van die jaar waar daar 'n toename in die gebruik van openbare vervoer is. Dit is dus belangrik dat doeltreffende verkeerswettoepassing en polisiëring toegepas word om te verseker dat voertuie vir openbare vervoer padwaardig is en dat bestuurders die geskiktheid-vereistes nakom wat deur die wet bepaal word. Dit is uiters belangrik dat alle openbare padgebruikers veilig vervoer word. Ek wil amper sê dat dit die tyd van die jaar is wat mense as gevolg van haas en opgewondenheid vergeet hoe om te bestuur.

'n Sterk wetstoepassing teenwoordigheid word benodig om te verseker dat padgebruikers die wet nakom. Dit is inderdaad waar dat verkeerswettoepassing, net soos enige ander beroep, verskeie uitdagings het. Jy moet soms die slegte uitdagings oorheers met positiewe resultate. Nietemin was verkeerswettoepassing nooit nêr 'n werkseleentheid of loopbaankeuse nie, dit was van die begin af 'n passie. Alhoewel ons baie weerstand van lede van die publiek kry, is dit steeds ons plig om die publiek se belange tot die beste van ons vermoë uit te voer, en die belangrikste is om ons paaie teen elemente van gevaar te beveilig.

Desmond Hufkie looks back at 40 years in traffic law enforcement

Desmond Hufkie (64), Deputy Director: Traffic Law Enforcement at the Department of Transport and Public Works, says he always wanted to contribute towards road safety. Looking back at 40 years in traffic law enforcement, he said, "it really feels like I started work just yesterday".



Hufkie started his career on 5 May 1975 at Head Office in Alfred Street, Cape Town and was sent to the Ottery Non-White Traffic Training College to obtain his basic traffic officer's diploma. At that time, the basic traffic officer's training course only lasted three-and-a-half months.

"I left high school after passing standard nine at the Oaklands High School in Lansdowne to find employment to assist my family of seven children. I admired traffic officers as a child. When Cape Provincial Traffic started employing young coloured men and a friend of mine got a job there, I applied personally at the Roads Department in Cape Town and became a Provincial Traffic Officer."

Hufkie was then transferred to Vredenburg Provincial Traffic Centre. "Doing traffic patrol duty in the beautiful country areas of the province was a great bonus and driving was my passion. I could combine my hobby with work," he said.

For 23 years, he worked as a traffic officer in the West Coast area. He has done speed law enforcement, weighed heavy vehicles, administered driver's licence tests, worked at K78 road blocks

as well as vehicle and driver check points, escorted VIPs, done road safety education at rural schools, and accompanied abnormal loads, among other things. In 1998, he joined the Gene Louw Traffic College as a driver's licence examiner. "This part of my career was very enjoyable because I could share knowledge with others and empower and enrich the lives of many students from all provinces in the Republic. I also started conducting workplace impact assessments, monitoring and evaluating the learning experience of students in their actual workplaces."

On 1 April 2011, he started work as a Deputy Director in the Directorate Traffic Law Enforcement responsible for the N1/ West Coast region. At the moment, he is responsible for Worcester, Laingsburg, Beaufort West, Vredenburg and Vredendal Provincial Traffic Centres. This is a huge responsibility involving a lot of travelling to ensure that the staff of 200 are serving the people of the Western Cape with pride and dedication. "Serving the communities of the Western Cape, ensuring safety for the travelling public, and contributing towards road safety have been my greatest rewards. One must have passion, dedication, commitment, loyalty and the willingness to work hard at unusual hours on a 24/7 basis to be a good traffic officer. This is the reward - being a dedicated, honest traffic officer, free of bribery and corruption," he said.

Hufkie is a proud official of the Western Cape Government. He is indebted to his wife Jenny, and his children Tanya and Frederick for the support of a stable family life. "I shall enjoy and treasure getting to spend more time with them and with my grandson Luc-Matthew when I retire in the near future. I would like to acknowledge my brothers, sisters-in-law and many great friends for their contribution towards my successful career. There are so many colleagues that I have had the pleasure to work with during my career in Vredenburg, Cape Town and the whole of the Western Cape. Each and every one has been very supportive and caring. I thank you all."

Somerset West Traffic Chief celebrates 40 years of service

When Somerset West Traffic Centre head Brian Phillips (64) began working, little did he know that he would achieve the milestone of 40 years of service in provincial traffic law enforcement.

As a young man, he started working as a learner welder at an engineering firm to support the family. In 1975, Phillips had a conversation with a school friend who had joined the traffic service two years earlier. "When my friend informed me about a vacant post, I applied, even though at that time traffic officers were earning less than what I was earning as a learner welder. I saw this as a way of making a difference," he said.

After completing basic training, he was transferred to Uitenhage Provincial Traffic Department in the Eastern Cape where he worked as a "Kleurling Verkeersbeampte" for four years. He applied for a transfer back to Cape Town and was stationed at the Brackenfell Provincial Traffic station in 1979.

"My early years in traffic law enforcement were very challenging because of the political climate at that time. In spite of that, we were disciplined and excelled in our profession. I have built good relationships with colleagues and formed some long-lasting friendships over the years."

Phillips was promoted to Principal Traffic Inspector in 1981. As an instructor at the Gene Louw Traffic

College, he had the opportunity to share his knowledge of examining vehicles with student traffic officers. In 1998, he became Acting Traffic Chief of the Brackenfell Traffic Centre and was appointed permanently in October 2002. In 2006, he became Traffic Chief at the Somerset West Traffic Centre.

Since 2007, Phillips has been the provincial traffic representative on the Chief Magistrates' Forum. He is currently leading the process of determining traffic fines for the Western Cape.

"I would strongly recommend traffic law enforcement as a career," he said. "It is satisfying to know at the end of a shift that you have done your best and have contributed to saving lives. I would like to thank all my colleagues and friends who supported and empowered me over the years and helped me make a success of my career."



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Launch of George Integrated Public Transport Network

The George Integrated Public Transport Network (GIPTN) has improved the lives of many bus drivers, who now form a key part of the Western Cape Government's flagship public transport improvement project.

The GIPTN is a partnership project between the Western Cape Government, the Municipality of George, and the national government to establish a high-quality, scheduled bus service in George. Phase 1 of the Go George service began operating in December 2014 and three phases are currently in operation. The fourth and largest phase is due to commence operations later this year. The full project is expected to have been completed by June 2016.

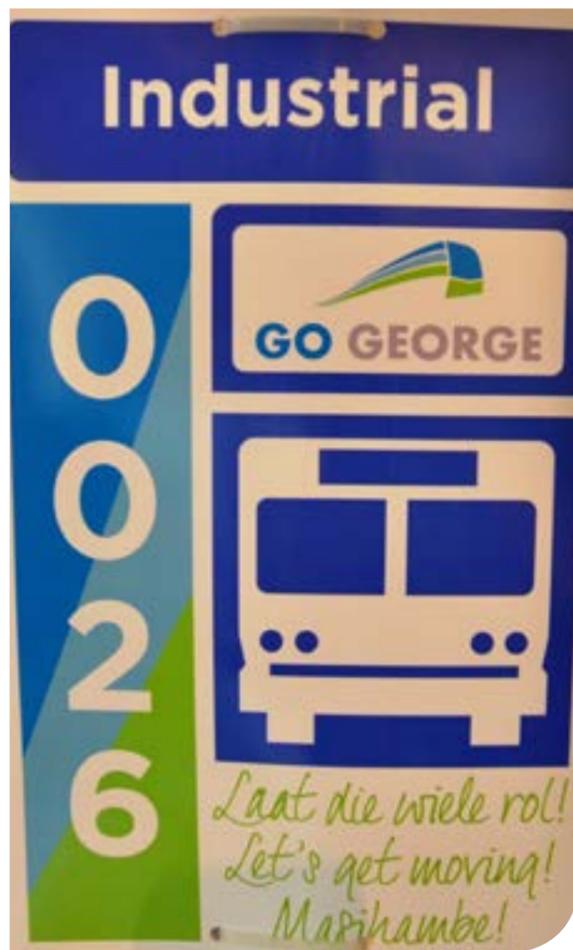
Rosemoor in George, joined Go George in November 2014 after receiving training on how to operate a bus service as well education on the components of a bus. "Go George has changed my life, as well as other drivers', for the better. Becoming part of this project has become a relief for me in terms of job security. The future now looks bright, and I'm proud to be a bus driver for Go George," he said at the official launch of the GIPTN in George in October 2015. Swartz adds that he always looks forward to get into the bus every day, to speak to commuters, and to share the daily journey with them. "I'm happy to be a part of the Go George project, and I'm confident that future generations will benefit even further from it."

The GIPTN system is a model for smaller South African cities seeking to implement infrastructure-light, high-quality bus systems. The project began with the full-scale transformation of the public transport industry in George. Public transport operators own 100% of George Link, the newly established vehicle operating company that provides operating services to GIPTN. The only small bus operator providing services on GIPTN routes, Louis Muller, is a part owner of George Link. The operating company has secured its future by signing a 12-year service contract with government.

Minister of Transport and Public Works Donald Grant said the Western Cape Government has provided extensive support to GIPTN and this will help to ensure that the project is successful and sustainable. "Go George not only provides a comfortable, safe and reliable public transport service, it also empowers people. The bus drivers are key to the success of the project, and it's clear that it has had a beneficial impact on their lives."

Former taxi driver Prins Swartz (38), from

Follow Go George on Twitter: @GoGeorgeZA



Minister Donald Grant with Go George bus drivers Andile Zitha and Prins Swartz.

ROAD USER EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

During October, the Department of Transport and Public Works and key road safety agencies conducted various road user safety campaigns at taxi ranks in Worcester, Cape Town and Bellville.

Road users learned about good road safety habits and found out more about interventions to reduce road fatalities and injuries in the Western Cape. Provincial Traffic Chief Kenny Africa said the Department will continue to create as much road safety awareness as possible to improve road user behaviour. "Our aim is to reduce the number of road safety fatalities, but we

cannot do that on our own. All road users carry a responsibility for road safety, and good driving and pedestrian habits are essential," he said.

It appeals to all road users to follow the rules, and to set an example of responsible behaviour at all times.



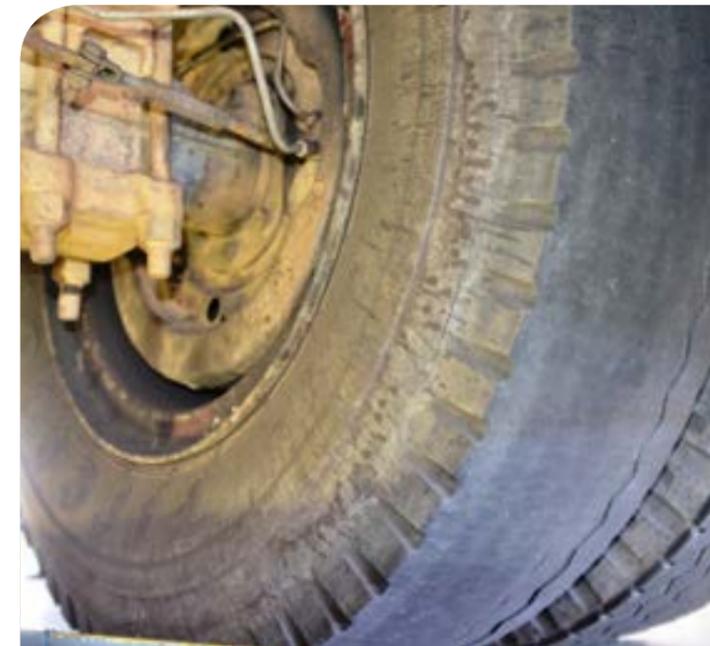
Road safety officer Nonkosi Peter speaks to taxi driver Xolani Tiwayi.



A small boy receives a reflective wristband to help keep him safe.

SAFER VEHICLES, SAFER LEARNERS

A bus and a minibus taxi were impounded during a joint learner transport and roadblock blitz on the R43 between Rawsonville and Worcester in November 2015.



A worn-out tyre found during an inspection.

Operators transporting learners are required to comply with the provisions of the National Land Transport Act. Their vehicles must be roadworthy and they must have all the necessary permits to transport learners. Provincial traffic inspectors focused on ensuring compliance with legal requirements that enable learners travel safely to and from school, and checked that drivers had the necessary authorisation to transport learners.

This operation highlighted some of the serious threats to the safety of children travelling to and from school every day.

It is the responsibility of owners of learner transport vehicles to ensure that these are roadworthy and appropriate for the transportation of scholars. All operators must be in possession of the necessary documentation/authority in order to carry out this important function.



Traffic officers stopped several buses on the R43.

UPGRADED FACILITIES WILL IMPROVE TRAINING AND ENHANCE TRAFFIC SAFETY

Better facilities at the Gene Louw Traffic College in Brackenfell will improve Western Cape traffic safety and facilitate the training of traffic officers. An upgrade to the K53 track and a new vehicle testing centre was recently completed.

The project, valued at R26 million, started in April 2014. The office space and the lecture rooms at Gene Louw have also been improved in recent months. Students at the college have to travel to the Paarl Driving Licence Testing Centre for K53 practical training, but that will change when the new track at the college is complete. The Department will be using the testing centre for training and other joint operations.

Head of College Farrel Payne is glad that all necessary facilities will now be on the premises. "These facilities are being upgraded for the first time since the college opened 25 years ago. To enhance training, the facilities will be equipped with modern equipment and technology. We will be able to train traffic officers and examiners we can be proud of," he said.

Payne added that the testing centre

will also be used by the Department's Transport Administration and Licensing component to retest drivers and motor vehicles. The old testing centre will still be used for training. It is envisaged that learner transport vehicles under contract to the Western Cape Education Department will be inspected at the new testing centre.

To promote road safety, the college will be hosting a number of annual events on the track. The college also plans to conduct free vehicle tests for members of the public before future Easter and December holiday periods. Vehicles found to have faults will not be discontinued or impounded to give motorists time to rectify all the problems that have been identified.

Visit the Gene Louw Traffic College website at: www.westerncape.gov.za/gene-louw-traffic-college.

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IMPROVEMENTS TO PACALTSDORP INTERCHANGE AND NEW PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

An R82 million project which brought about improvements to the Pacaltsdorp Interchange in George and provided a new pedestrian bridge across the N2 highway was launched in October 2015.

The launch was one of the October Transport Month events which take place across South Africa every year at this time. The South African National Roads Agency (SANRAL) funded 50% of the project in a partnership with the Western Cape Government (40%) and George Municipality (10%).

Improvements included:

- Widening the York/Beach Road crossing to four lanes across the interchange bridge;
- Rehabilitating existing pavement layers at the interchange;
- Constructing a stormwater system;
- Constructing stone pitching, berms, and laying concrete block paving;
- Repairing existing asphalt layers and overlay;
- Relocating and installing street lighting;
- Upgrading and relocating traffic lights; and
- Building a new pedestrian bridge.

Kobus van Der Walt of SANRAL says road users are already benefitting from the project. "The pedestrian bridge will reduce the number of unsafe pedestrian crossings of the N2 in the Pacaltsdorp Interchange area. The widening of York/Beach Road crossing at the Pacaltsdorp Interchange has improved traffic flow between the residential area to the south and the industrial area and city centre to the north. The turning movement on the Pacaltsdorp Interchange ramps improves traffic flow during peak times and there are safe, lighted walkways for pedestrians between York and Beach Road."

Minister of Transport and Public Works Donald Grant added that the Department enjoys good working relations with SANRAL and that this project highlighted what can be achieved through partnership.



New tarred road between Gansbaai and Bredasdorp opens

On 20 October 2015, the Department of Transport and Public Works and the Cape Agulhas Municipality opened the R277 million tarred road between Gansbaai and Bredasdorp.

It took 32 months to tar, widen and upgrade the old 62,6 km gravel road between these Southern Cape towns.

Other features of the construction project were:

- The upgrading of the stormwater system;
- The upgrading of roads in the historic towns of Elim and Baardskeedersbos;
- The construction of a new bridge over the Uilenkraals River; and
- The construction of two low-water causeways.

Minister of Transport and Public Works Donald Grant said the road will undoubtedly help to kick-start the economy of the region, and see various industries flourish. "There were benefits for the community during the construction of this project, and there will be benefits in the future. We met and surpassed many of our empowerment targets. A total of 10,11% of the contract value (R18,9 million) was spent on local labour, and an additional R23,1 million (12,4%) was spent on historically disadvantaged individual enterprises," he said.

Mayor of Cape Agulhas Richard Mitchell said the road opening brings much joy to affected

communities. "Road infrastructure is one of our economic pillars, as it contributes to tourism, connects towns and people with one another, and contributes to a better travelling experience. Community participation played a key role and today, all road users can feel proud as they have been a part of this project," he said.

Lasting local community benefit is a defining characteristic of all projects undertaken by the Department and its partners. This is in keeping with the Department's mission to deliver infrastructure and services that promote positive socio-economic outcomes and safe, empowered, and connected communities. The road is expected to have a noticeably beneficial impact on the economy of the area, as well as of the Overberg region as a whole.

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Road users can look forward to a safer and better travelling experience.

If you are tired, **stop and rest**

Many thousands of motorists will be travelling on our roads during the festive season. Make sure you are careful at all times and always obey the rules of the road. There is no rule about how often you should rest on a long journey, but it is not worth risking your life for any reason.

Useful tips:

- On long trips, take a 10-minute break outside the vehicle every two hours. To drive for too long is to potentially risk your life and the lives of others.
- Plan your route in advance to include stops at particular places along the way. That way you will have regular breaks from driving. Whether you take a nap, have some coffee, or just stretch your legs, you will reduce the risk of a crash.
- Before you start any trip, get enough sleep so that you are well rested. At least six hours of sleep the night before a long trip is recommended.
- Wear good quality sunglasses, avoid heavy foods and, most importantly, don't consume any alcohol before or during your trip.
- If possible, have another person drive with you, so you will have someone to talk to and someone to share the driving.
- Avoid driving at the time your body is usually at rest.
- It is usually not safe to simply pull off to the side of the road to sleep. However, there may be times when having a short nap at the side of the road is better than the risk of falling asleep behind the wheel.

Nuttige wenke:

- Op lang reise, neem elke twee ure 'n ruskans van tien minute buite die voertuig. Daar is geen reël wat stipuleer hoe vër u in 'n gegewe tyd mag bestuur nie, maar indien u té lank bestuur, stel u u lewe in gevaar.
- Beplan u roete vooruit om stoppe by spesifieke plekke langs die pad in te sluit. Op dié manier sal u gereeld ruskans kry terwyl u bestuur. Hetsy u 'n slapie vat, koffie drink of net u bene strek, u risiko om 'n ongeluk te maak verminder.
- Voordat u 'n reis onderneem, maak seker dat u genoeg slaap kry sodat u uitgerus is. Daar word aanbeveel dat u minstens ses ure slaap die aand voor 'n lang reis inkry.
- Dra 'n goeie kwaliteit sonbril, vermy swaar kosse en die heel belangrikste, moenie enige alkohol voor óf gedurende die reis inneem nie.
- Indien moontlik, laat nog 'n persoon saam met u reis, sodoende sal u iemand hê om mee te gesels en u kan beurte maak om te bestuur.
- Probeer om nie te bestuur gedurende die tyd wat u liggaam gewoonlik rus nie.
- Dit is gewoonlik nie veilig om eenvoudig van die pad af te trek en te slaap nie. Daar is egter tye wat 'n kort slapie langs die pad beter is as die gevaar om agter die stuurwiel aan die slaap te raak.

Iingcebiso eziluncedo:

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MANAGING OVERLOAD CONTROL MORE EFFECTIVELY ON THE R46



Weighbridge operators inspect a truck on the R46.



A traffic officer inspects an overloaded truck at the Rawsonville weighbridge.

Gone are the days of overloaded vehicles bypassing weighbridges by using the R46 between Gouda and Ceres as an escape route and getting away with it.

The introduction of roadside screenings this year by the Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works has yielded positive results. Fewer overloaded vehicles have been reported on this road.

Provincial Traffic Chief Kenny Africa said roadside screenings will encourage heavy vehicle operators to bring their loads within legal limits and use the shortest routes rather than overloading and using back roads. "Traffic inspectors can now be found on roads with weighbridges as well as roads that are far from weighbridges. This allows us to control overloading of heavy vehicles more effectively on high-risk escape routes," he said.

Any road is designed to be able to carry vehicles of a certain weight. Careless and negligent overloading damages roads, leads to higher maintenance and repair costs, and shortens the life span of our roads. This places an unnecessary financial burden on the provincial government and reduces the amount of money available to meet other high-priority needs.

MINISTER MBOMBO JOINS ALCOHOL BLITZ ROADBLOCK

Provincial Minister of Health Dr Nomafrench Mbombo recently joined Provincial Traffic Law Enforcement and the South African Police Service (SAPS) at their #PayDayBlues weekend alcohol blitz roadblock on the N1 highway near Paarl.

Hundreds of motorists were stopped by traffic officers, who performed various driver and vehicle checks as well as alcohol breath tests on the night.

Minister Mbombo spoke with several motorists about the importance of not drinking and driving. "Injuries are one of the biggest contributors to South Africa's burden of disease. Any use of alcohol and drugs impairs the ability to safely use roads," said Dr Mbombo. The Minister commended the efforts of traffic law enforcement officers and other enforcement agencies for their commitment to keeping our roads safe and to reducing the risk of road traffic crashes. "We offer our sincere thanks to all our men and women who spend their weekends on the roads saving lives and to motorists for their cooperation," she said.

Alcohol is a factor in at least 50% of fatal road crashes, according to studies by the Medical Research Council. The cost of alcohol-related traffic injuries is estimated to be in excess of R10 billion per annum in the Western Cape alone. Our collective goal is to reduce alcohol-related injuries and deaths on the province's roads.

Between January and October 2015, Provincial Traffic Law Enforcement performed a total of 982 alcohol blitz road blocks over weekends, stopped around 98 000 vehicles, and carried out alcohol breath tests on about 60 000 motorists.

Government cannot tackle road carnage on its own. Alcohol and roads don't mix. Every road user carries a responsibility to make our roads safer and alcohol-free. By working together with our safety law enforcement partners and people of the province, we can help to bring about a reduction in road deaths and injuries. All road users are asked to exercise caution, take all basic safety measures and set an example of responsible behaviour at all times.

Brackenfell Traffic Chief Nolubabalo Sobukwa said it was encouraging to have Dr Mbombo at the roadblock. "We enjoy good relations with her Department, and we look forward to having her at future roadblocks. With the busy season ahead, it is important to work together with our partners to make our roads safer," said Sobukwa.



Minister Mbombo and Senior Provincial Inspector Carel Volschenk with a motorist.

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ALCOHOL AND THE ROAD: A DEADLY COMBINATION

Alcohol consumption is South Africa's number one public health and safety issue. It plays a role in most personal injuries; from murders, rapes, assaults and suicides to all manner of accidents, including fires and drowning.

It also causes all manner of diseases, directly and indirectly, and exacerbates others. It delays recovery from many types of conditions, including injuries which may have been related to alcohol use in the first place. When it comes to hurting human beings, alcohol plays the starring role, and our love affair with it is one of several factors holding our

population in the thrall of a vicious circle of social harm, not least of which are poverty and ignorance.

However, each one of us can make a difference. By taking the decision not to drink and drive, and sharing that decision with your family and friends, you will influence the behaviour of others in a positive way. On the other hand, if you laugh off the dangers, be aware that others will emulate you and whether you cause a crash or not, you are part of the problem.

Source: Safely Home

Alkohol en die pad: 'n Dodelike kombinasie

Alkoholgebruik is Suid-Afrika se nommer een openbare gesondheid en veiligheidskwessie. Dit speel 'n rol in meeste persoonlike beserings; moorde, verkrachtings, aanrandings en selfmoord tot allerlei ongelukke, insluitend vure en verdrinking.

Dit veroorsaak ook direk en indirek allerlei siektes, en vererger ander. Dit vertraag die herstel van verskeie toestande, insluitende beserings wat in die eerste plek aan alkoholgebruik verwant kon wees. Wanneer dit by die seermaak van ander mense kom, speel alkohol 'n hoofrol, en ons liefdesverhouding daarmee is een van menige faktore wat ons populasie in 'n bose kringloop van sosiale skade vasdruk, waarvan armoede en onkunde deel maak.

Elkeen van ons kan nogtans 'n verskil maak. As u die besluit neem om nie te drink en bestuur nie, en hierdie besluit met u familie en vriende deel, beïnvloed u ander se gedrag op 'n positiewe wyse. Aan die ander kant, as u die gevare aflag moet u besef dat ander u sal navolg en of u 'n ongeluk veroorsaak of nie, u is deel van die probleem.

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Utywala nendlela: Ukufa kufunjiwe

Ukuselwa kotywala yinto enkulu nengumceli-mngeni ophambili kwimpilo nokhuseleko loluntu loMzantsi Afrika. Bungumdali wokwenzakala okuninzi kwabantu, ukusuka ekubabulaleni, udlwengulo, uhlaselo, lukwangunobangela wokuzibulala kwabanye, kuquka nazo zonke iingozi ezibandakanya imililo nokurhaxwa.

Bukwangunobangela weentlobo ngeentlobo zezifo, ngokuthe ngqo nangokungathanga ngqo, kwaye ezinye izifo buzenza zibe mandundu. Buyakulibazisa ukuchacha kwezinye izigulo ezininzi, kubandakanya ukwenzakala okunxulumene nokuselwa kotywala. Utywala budlala indima ephambili ezingozini nasekwenzakaleni kwabantu yaye kolu thando lwethu lotywala lungaka lusesinye sezizathu eziyingxwelerhayo impilo-ntle yabantu esizweni sethu, ungayibalanga ke yona indlala nokwenza izinto ngaphandle kwengqiqo.

Kambe ngamnye kuthi angawenza umahluko. Ngokuthatha nje isigqibo sokuba ungaseli utywala ze uqhube, nokwabelana nosapho nezihlobo zakho ngeso sigqibo, ungaphebelela indlela entle yokuziphatha kwabanye abantu. Kwelinye icala, ukuba uvela uzenze into yokuhlekisa iingozi, qonda ukuba abanye baza kukulinganisa ukuze nokuba nguwe okanye asinguwe odale ingozi, kodwa okuyinene ibe kukuba nawe uyingxaki.

Source: Fika ekhaya uphila

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