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Motorists Urged to Be Cautious Ahead of Busy Weekend

As schools throughout the country reopen next week, many people will be travelling across the province. The much-anticipated Premiers Cup, which will take place in KaNyamazane over the weekend, will also increase the movement of people.

In this context, the Mpumalanga MEC for Community Safety, Security and Liaison, Mr Jackie Macie, is once again calling on motorists to be vigilant, obey the rules of the road, and adjust their driving in line with road conditions.

Macie further urged public transport operators to ensure that their vehicles are roadworthy and that they do not overload. He said those transporting football supporters to the Premiers Cup must prioritise their own lives, those of passengers, and other road users.

"Let us all prioritise safety this weekend and beyond. Let us all play our part to preserve lives by travelling safely. Do not drive when you are tired. Rather take a break every two hours or every 200 km of driving," he said.

The MEC also called on traffic law enforcement officers not to tolerate any wrongdoing, but to bring offenders to book without hesitation.

Traffic law enforcement officers are expected to maintain a visible presence on various routes, especially those that have previously contributed significantly to fatalities during past holiday seasons and are also known to carry large traffic volumes. Some of these roads include N2, N3, N4, N11, N12, N17, R23, R38, R573, and R36, among others.

"We continue to advocate for harsher sentences for reckless driving behaviour. Punishing offenders will prevent needless loss of life and make our roads safer," added the MEC.

Motorists are also advised to be extremely cautious when driving in misty conditions in the morning and at night. The affected roads include: N12 (Emalahleni, Delmas, Ogies), N4 (Belfast, Machadodorp), N11 (Ermelo, Volksrust), R35, R36, R38 and R568, among others.

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