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MINISTER OF TRANSPORT STATEMENT FOLLOWING THE SPATE OF CRASHES AND FATALITIES SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE FESTIVE PERIOD

The Minister of Transport, Dr. Blade Nzimande, has directed the Law Enforcement Agencies to arrest all motorists who continue to behave recklessly and negligently on our roads.

Officers are also directed to impound all un-roadworthy vehicles and ensure that they arrest motorists who are caught speeding and driving under the influence of alcohol.

The call by the Minister follows an increase in mass based road crashes and fatalities taking place since the beginning of the festive season.

On the 29th November 2018, five (5) people died when a Hilux LDV and a VW Polo collided head-on in Modimolle, Limpopo.

On the 2nd December 2018, another head-on crash claimed five (5) lives in Kleinsee, Northern Cape, involving a Toyota LDV and Mazda LMV.

On Saturday, 8th December 2018, six (6) people died when a truck and a Midibus crashed head-on, in the South of Bloemfontein.

In another incident, seven (7) people died in KwaZulu Natal, on the R614, when an LDV and a Corolla got involved in a Tbone type crash.

“Following these recent spate of road crashes in the past few weeks, it is clear that there are some road users who are hell-bent to disobey the rules of the road,” said Minister Nzimande.

Minister Nzimande reminded South Africans that Road Safety is not negotiable and that it is everyone's responsibility to obey the rules of the road in order to avoid unnecessary fatalities.

"However where road users fail to obey the rules of the road, we will be left with no option but to impose hefty fines and arrest transgressors," warned Minister Nzimande.

The Minister further said that the Department of Transport with its road agencies will continue to conduct heightened Road Safety Campaign throughout this festive season.

Minister Nzimande sends his heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of those who died on our roads and wishes those in hospital a speedy recovery.

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