

WOMEN IN UNIFORM LEADING ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS IN KZN



NO-NONSENSE: Female law enforcement personnel during a women's month programme.

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Women in law enforcement conducted multi-disciplinary roadblocks in Empangeni region as part of women's month programme. Traffic law offenders were the focal point of the operations and it resulted in the issuing of infringements notices, arrests and suspensions of drivers' licences.

The multi-disciplinary operations were conducted by women from the Road Traffic Inspectorate (RTI), National Traffic Police (NTP), Municipal Traffic Officers, South African Police Services (SAPS), Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC), South African National Defence Force (SANDF) and the Emergency medical services (EMRS).

The first roadblock was held on Friday in Nongoma and was followed by major roadblocks in Mavalane, Piet Retief on the N2 and two sub-roadblocks on the Mpumalanga border and the Jozini turnoff on Saturday.

During Saturday's major road block operation, 211 vehicles were stopped, 109 were charged with traffic laws violations, five driver's licenses were suspended and two drivers were arrested for drunken driving.

The RTI Spokesperson Zinhle Mngomezulu said that the entire operation was a success. *"I am honoured to have been part of such a successful operation and I would like to congratulate all the officers for a job well done. All stakeholders who were actively involved and working together we were able to shine,"* said Mngomezulu.

Gugu Zuma who is Chief Provincial Inspector at Jozini RTI stressed that a serious challenge of lawlessness on the roads was causing most carnages. *"Women are the most powerful tool which can be used to change peoples' mind-sets on road safety and law enforcement. In order to achieve this, women need to ensure that their dreams are bigger than their fears, and ensure that their actions speak louder than words and that is what we are doing. We are adopting a no-nonsense attitude on our KwaZulu Natal roads,"* she said. – Mabuyi Xhoba