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RTMC condemns cop killings and overloading of 50 school children

Pretoria: The Road Traffic Management Corporation condemns the continuing killing of law enforcement officers and calls on communities to assist in ensuring the speedy arrest of the perpetrators. Seven officers, who include members of the South Africa Police Service (SAPS) and Traffic Officers, have been killed this week.

“These unwarranted attacks against law enforcement officers are totally unacceptable and we call on the members of the public to work with the police to bring an end to these killings. Law enforcement officers have made it their duty to serve and protect society, it is therefore the responsibility of each and every citizen to defend them when they come under attack for doing their work,” said the RTMC CEO Advocate Makhosini Msibi. He warned criminals that they will not succeed in their attempts to create lawlessness in society.

“These attacks are intended to intimidate and discourage our members from ensuring that the rule of law prevails on the roads, in the malls and everywhere in society. We will make sure that this does not happen. We stand firmly behind our officers in efforts to create a society that is safe and where there’s respect for the law” he said

Advocate Msibi also welcomed the arrest of a driver who crammed 50 school children in a 15 seater minibus taxi in the Eastern Cape.

“This is an act of selfishness and utter contempt for the rules of the road. This is the kind of attitude and behaviour that perpetuates carnages on our roads. We wish that the court should hand him the harshest sentence possible to send a clear message that the flagrant disregard for the law will not be tolerated,” he said.

He commended the police officer who stopped the vehicle and arrested the driver on the spot when he saw him driving recklessly, at high speed with children inside the vehicle. “Our law enforcement services need more people like Lieutenant Loaan Steenkamp who enforce the law without fear or favour. His act prevented a potential disaster on the road. We commend him heartily, concluded Advocate Msibi.

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