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MORE THAN 100 000 DRIVERS TESTED FOR ALCOHOL THIS FESTIVE SEASON

With the festive season coming to an end, traffic law enforcement authorities are gearing themselves for increased traffic volumes on the roads after New Year's Day long weekend.

More than 924 000 vehicles have been stopped and checked at various roadblocks since the start of festive season law enforcement operations throughout the country. Most of the vehicles were stopped in Limpopo, Gauteng, Mpumalanga and the Western Cape.

More than 105 000 drivers were tested for alcohol and 2247 drivers were arrested for having alcohol blood content above the legal limit. The highest number of arrested drunk drivers were in Gauteng, followed by Limpopo, Mpumalanga and the Western Cape.

The top 5 (five) offences based on written traffic notices issued were:

- a. Speed with 46 029 drivers fined.
- b. Driving without licenses with 15 538 drivers fined.
- c. Driving unlicensed vehicles with 14 174 drivers fined.
- d. Driving without fastening seatbelts with 13 554 drivers fined and
- e. Overloading of goods with 5 388 drivers fined.

Three taxi drivers were arrested for attempting to bribe traffic officers during this period. Two of the arrests took place in Limpopo and one was in the Eastern Cape.

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Around the clock law enforcement operations are continuing this weekend and will remain in place until the re-opening of schools.

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