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RTMC REMIDING MOTORISTS TO RENEW LICENCE DISCS AND ENSURE VEHICLES ARE ROADWORTHY AHEAD OF FESTIVE SEASON.

GAUTENG: The Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC) is urging motorists to ensure vehicles are roadworthy and licenced before embarking on the festive season travel.

Motorists who intend travelling this festive season holidays must have already ensured that their vehicles are fit to be on the roads. The road safety agency also calls on drivers to ensure they are in good state of health and well-being before undertaking long trips. A fit for purpose driver will be able to concentrate for long hours and thereby enhancing safety on the road.



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Law enforcement operations are starting to yield the desired results on clamping down on unroadworthy vehicles. Traffic officers are paying attention to roadworthiness and overloading during this period.

The National Traffic Police deployed on the N2 Pongola and N3 Pietermaritzburg have inspected about 1901 vehicles travelling on this stretch of the road in KwaZulu Natal between November 11 and December 5. A total 1399 traffic fines were issued while 17 truck drivers were arrested for various offences including drunk driving, reckless and negligent driving and fraud.

The following vehicle defects have been identified as contributing to fatal crashes on the roads: defective breaks, burst tyres, defective lights.

With heavy rainfalls predicted for this period, it is further important to ensure that wipers are in a perfect state as they affect visibility on rainy days.

Law enforcement officer will not hesitate to discontinue and even impound vehicles with the above defects including cracked windscreens. Multi-disciplinary law enforcement operations are planned on these routes to ensure safety and improve compliance with the rules of the road.

The impoundment of a vehicle will cause great inconvenience to travelling motorist as they will have to fix the vehicle at extra costs and have the vehicle taken for roadworthy tests before it is allowed on the road again. This will be in addition to traffic fines and impoundment fees.

The last thing anybody wants to experience is to have their trip interrupted by foreseeable and preventable factors.

Members of the public are also encouraged to renew their vehicle disc at

<https://online.natis.gov.za>

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