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MEDIA ALERT

ALL MEDIA

ATTENTION: NEWS EDITORS/ PR WIRES

DATE: 13 NOVEMBER 2024

TRANSPORT MINISTER CREECY TO LAUNCH THE 2024/25 FESTIVE SEASON ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN ON WORLD REMEMBRANCE DAY.

The Minister of Transport, Ms. Barbara Creecy and the **Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC)** will on Sunday, 17 November 2024 launch the country's road safety awareness campaign and remember traffic officers who died in the line of duty.

South Africa's diverse modes of transportation present a unique road safety challenge. This year's festive season period includes four (4) public holidays, which leads to extended long weekends and high accidents on the roads.

The Department of Transport will launch governments festive season road safety campaign to curb road accidents during the country' peak traveling period. The 46-day campaign, which stretches from December 1 to mid-





January, intends to raise awareness about road safety and intensify law

enforcement operations on all major routes led by the Road Traffic

Management Corporation (RTMC), the South African Police Service,

provincial and municipal traffic authorities.

With traffic volumes expected to increase ahead of the Christmas and

New Year's long weekends, the campaign will be heightened especially

in high-risk zones.

The Minister will outline plans to deal with drunken driving and pedestrian

safety especially in residential areas where a high number of festivities

are expected in the period ahead.

The event will mark World Remembrance day, to remember all the people

who have died on the roads. South Africa is making slow progress in

reducing road fatalities and efforts are being increased to achieve a 50%

reduction in road deaths by the year 2030.

The Minister will also use the event to pay respect to 69 traffic officers

who have died in the line duty. MECs responsible for transport in all

provinces have been invited to the event. Family members and other law

enforcers from all provinces are expected to attend the solemn occasion.

The media is invited as follows:

Date: Sunday, 17 November 2024

Venue: Boekenhoutkloof traffic training college (Pretoria West)





First session (Part 1): from 07:00 to 10:00 - Wreath Laying Ceremony **Second session** (Part 2): from 11:00 to 14:00 - Festive Season Launch

Members of the media attending are requested to confirm attendance with Luthando Ngilana on <u>Luthandon@rtmc.co.za</u> / 067 427 9165 or Esethu Hasane on 071 259 2442 or <u>hasanee@dot.gov.za</u>

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