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**HEIGHTENED LAW ENFORCEMENT VISIBILITY ENSURES SAFER ROADS AS SCHOOLS REOPEN**

As schools reopened following the Easter weekend, law enforcement agencies intensified their efforts to ensure road compliance and strict adherence to traffic regulations across Matatiele and the surrounding areas. These proactive measures formed part of broader road safety initiatives aimed at protecting learners, commuters, and all road users during the busy post-holiday travel period.

Officers conducted visible road operations at key points, including the Harry Gwala area, commonly known as Area C Gate. These operations involved routine vehicle inspections, monitoring of driver behaviour, and enforcement of traffic laws to discourage reckless driving, speeding, and other violations that often increase during holiday travel.

Deputy Chief of Law Enforcement, Mr. Lulama Sobantu, confirmed that no fatal road accidents were recorded in Matatiele and its surrounding areas during the Easter period. He attributed this positive outcome to the heightened visibility and dedication of traffic officers often referred to as the “men in blue” who maintained a strong and consistent presence on major routes and access points throughout the holiday.

Mr. Sobantu highlighted that the increased law enforcement visibility served as both a deterrent to negligent driving and a reminder to motorists of their responsibility to obey the rules of the road. He stressed that compliance with traffic regulations, including observing speed limits, wearing seatbelts, and avoiding driving under the influence, plays a critical role in preventing unnecessary injuries and loss of life. He urged drivers to continue exercising patience, vigilance, and respect for other road users, particularly as schools resume and traffic volumes increase.

In conclusion, Mr. Sobantu commended the dedication, professionalism, and tireless efforts of all law enforcement officials who worked throughout the Easter holidays. He acknowledged that their commitment significantly contributed to safer roads and a fatality-free holiday period in the region, reaffirming the importance of sustained enforcement operations beyond peak travel seasons.

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