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BCM Traffic & Law Enforcement to intensify clampdowns

The Buffalo City's Law Enforcement and Traffic Services official's tactics to ensure traffic safety and maintain order during this festive season are in full swing.

In the last two weekends, our law enforcement officials have been holding roadblock blitz across the City in joint operations with their Provincial counterparts and the SA Police Service.

The drunken driving campaigns have thus far netted over 200 motorists. In this regard, our Law Enforcement officials are set to intensify these roadblocks as the influx of vehicles from outside the City increases.

In the next few weeks, our road safety campaigns will target buses, all unroadworthy vehicles including private vehicles and public transport vehicles.

Our Bus Clampdown campaign has – since 06 December 2009 – seen 98 buses tested with 59 of those suspended and 26 issued with repair & produce notices. Only 13 passed.

We also look into arresting those that have outstanding warrants and drive vehicles that have swiped number plates. This is in the wake of an increase in crimes committed by vehicles that have illegally fitted or no number plates.

"Passengers within the City and law abiding motorists can rest assured that we will once again deliver a safer festive season," says Traffic and Law Enforcement Commander, Bernie Martin,

Traffic and Law Enforcement Services experienced significant improvements this year with 16 traffic officers receiving training in heavy motor vehicles, and 20 more undergoing extensive training in Sweden on emergency services and multi-agency planning.

The City also acquired a R2 million fleet of 2Lt power vehicles to meet the demands of the working conditions under which they will be used.

These include two vehicles that are unmarked vehicles that are fitted with video cameras that will enable them to capture moving violations

The City will release maps and information on road closures in due course.

