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BCM gears up to Switching On festive season Lights

With just days to go before the City officially switches on the summer season lights, our law Enforcement units are gearing up to ensure a safe festive period.

In two days time, the Buffalo City Municipality will be Switching On the decorative street lights, in a sign that marks the beginning of the summer.

The traditional Switching On ceremonies – which will feature a bumper entertainment extravaganza - are going to be officiated by BCM Executive Mayor Zukisa Faku in King Williams Town (November 27) and at the East London Beachfront (November 28,).

Fireworks and performances by rnb music sensations Loyiso Bala and Jamali are just but some of the lined up entertainment. (See program attached)

For our law enforcement, the funfair also brings criminal elements and the Municipality's Public Safety Department is already implementing a clampdown program that will ensure a safe festive season for locals and holiday visitors.

A joint committee comprising of key government law enforcement stakeholders has been set up to combat misconduct and oversee safety during this period.

The Municipality last weekend arrested 38 people arrested for drunken driving; 37 people for public drinking along the beachfront; four illegal car washers; issued 230 speed camera spot fines and served 29 summonses.

Establishments like restaurants, bars, clubs and taverns that are operating outside their licence and contravening City Bylaws are also under tight scrutiny.

The committee comprises of the members of, SA Police Service, BCM Law Enforcement, Disaster Management, Fire and rescue services, the Eastern Cape Liquor Board, Municipal Business Licensing, Municipal Health and City Planning Division.

"As we are expecting hordes of visitors to our City in upcoming months, this is a genuine across-the-board contribution to make BCM a people centered place of opportunity that we can all enjoy in a safe, healthy and sustainable environment," says Traffic and Law Enforcement Commander Berny Martin.

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