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### BCM Traffic & Law Enforcement to intensify clampdowns on Easter

Buffalo City has issued a stern warning that there will be a zero tolerance approach to motorists ahead of Easter holidays especially around drag racing and drunken driving.

This comes after an illegal drag racer was sentenced in King Williams Town recently and fined R2000 or six months imprisonment with their licence suspended for three years (on condition that he never commits any similar misconduct).

City Law Enforcement Commander Benny Martin says the City's plans are already in place to cope with visitors expected to influx over the holidays.

Over the next two long weekends the Municipality will embark on two operations which will focus on both vehicle and driver fitness as part of the National Enrolling Enforcement Plan. As part of this Plan, the City will participate in the mandate issued by the minister that all law enforcements in SA should at least check one million vehicles a month.

**Operation Safer Easter** will check outstanding fines of drivers, and proper vehicle and driver documentation and alcohol enforcement. The operation is aimed at reducing accidents, fatalities and serious accidents on Buffalo City roads.

With the April and May holidays back to back; the City will then embark on the second Operation titled **Operation Juggernaut** which will be implemented during the 01 May long weekend.

The operation will look at all public and passenger vehicles and their safety fitness. Alcohol enforcement is also on the cards. The City's objective in embarking on these operations is to encourage voluntary compliance on road rules and good road user behaviour. The City also has plans to increase detection and prosecution of critical road offences and to reduce the offence rate.

The City will also increase law enforcement visibility along its popular recreational spots and safety measures will be undertaken in the various beaches. These include patrols, clamping down on public and underage drinking.

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