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Gauteng Traffic Police on high alert as the long weekend comes to an end

The Gauteng Traffic Police will remain on high alert following the road fatalities recorded since the beginning of the long weekend. Major roads exiting and leading to Gauteng province are expected to be heavily congested today as motorists go back to their respective places to resume with their economic activities.

The long weekend in Gauteng has been characterized by accidents leading to about eight (8) fatalities. On Friday afternoon, a truck driver lost control of his truck tractor on the N12 just after Kliprivier off ramp and five people lost their lives. In a separate incident on Saturday, a truck driver lost control of his vehicle on the R24 next to Magaliesburg and bludgeoned into several vehicles resulting in one person was critically injured. Three other pedestrians lost their lives in separate accidents in Gauteng province during this long weekend.

These accidents were as a result of many road users not adhering to the rules and regulations of the road. It is against this background that the Gauteng Traffic Police will continue to be on high alert to ensure the safety of road users.

“The Gauteng Traffic Police would like to issue a stern warning to all road users who continue to disregard the rules of the road that lawlessness will not be tolerated. The law enforcement authorities will be out in full force to ensure compliance with road safety,” said Sello Maremane, Gauteng Traffic Police.

“We call upon road users to adhere to the prescribed speed limits and to ensure that their vehicles are in good condition before embarking on a road trip. The Gauteng Traffic Police also urge road users to be considerate towards one another as they travel to their various destinations. This will ensure that we save the lives during this long weekend,” added Sello Maremane.

Pedestrians are also urged to crossroads only when it is safe to do so, controlled intersections such as robots and pedestrian crossing signs where there are traffic officials are always the safest to cross.

The Gauteng Traffic Police would like to extend condolences to the families who lost their loved ones and wish a speedy recovery to all those who are receiving medical treatment due to injuries sustained in various crashes this long weekend.

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