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Gauteng government urges road users to exercise caution amid heavy downpours

Gauteng MEC for Public Transport and Roads Infrastructure, Jacob Mamabolo, is urging road users in the Province to exercise extreme caution and responsibility when driving in rainy conditions.

This after the South African Weather Service issued a warning of expected severe thunderstorms and damaging winds in most parts of the Province that could result in damages or loss of infrastructure, property and vehicles.

Drivers are also reminded to reduce speed, increase the following distance and turn on the headlights when driving in rainy conditions.

The MEC warned that “drivers have to recognise that such conditions present unique challenges that include reduced visibility, reduced steering ability, reduced traction as well as increased time and space to bring vehicles to a stop”.

He added the Department’s emergency road maintenance teams are on stand-by to provide assistance to disaster management services in the event of excessive flooding and damage to roads in the Province.

MEC Mamabolo further indicated that the Department will continue to monitor provincial routes that are prone to flooding and debris.

To report poor road conditions and any other related issues, contact the Department’s nearest Regional Office:

1. **Benoni Regional Office** (City of Ekurhuleni) on (011) 748 3002 or 082 904 5536 (Mr Ronald Filander);
2. **Vereeniging Regional Office** (Sedibeng District) on (016) 451 1047 (Switchboard);
3. **Krugersdorp Regional Office** (JHB/WRDM/Mogale City) on (011) 660 5541 or 060 989 1434 (Ms Katlego Montshioagae);
4. **Koedoespoort Regional Office** (City of Tshwane) on (012) 310 2267 or 082 904 5541 (Mr John Skhosana);

For roads/streets in the City of Johannesburg, contact the Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA) on hotline@jra.org.za;
For roads/streets in the City of Tshwane - email to customercare@tshwane.gov.za or call (012) 358 9999.
For roads/streets in the City of Ekurhuleni - call 0860 543 000.

The Department urges road users to be on high alert and to avoid crossing flooded bridges and roads.

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