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Gauteng taxi industry takes stock of achievements a year after the taxi summit

The Department of Roads and Transport, working with the South African National Taxi Council Gauteng and the Gauteng National Taxi Alliance today held a successful meeting to review progress achieved over the past year since the hosting of the Gauteng Taxi Summit in Emfuleni Local Municipality in July 2019.

Following the summit, provincial leaders of the two structures came together to form Gauteng Taxi Monitoring Committee which is co-chaired with MEC for Public Transport and Roads Infrastructure, in order to oversee implementation of summit resolutions.

In its review of progress since the summit, the meeting noted the following, as progress made to date:

1. Unity of the Taxi Industry:

The meeting acknowledged and appreciated the fact that the Gauteng Taxi Industry remained firmly united and has further recommitted itself to intensify and optimise its unity in the best interest of its members and the commuting public.

2. Taxi violence:

It welcomed and acknowledged the establishment of the Commission of Inquiry into Taxi Violence and further resolved to work with the MEC to build a gun-free, smart taxi industry.

- The meeting mandated Mamabolo to look at best ways to deal with the manner in which money is collected in the taxi industry and to explore best options to ensure proper accountability.
- He was further mandated to find the best way to deal with the internal rifts within the industry that pose a threat to the lives of commuters and operators.
- The industry also mandated Mamabolo to also explore further legislative policy interventions to curb taxi violence. In this regard the industry also recommitted its to resolving disputes through negotiations, as opposed to the barrel of the gun.

3. Corporatisation and modernisation:

The meeting received a report on the best business model to support corporatisation and modernisation of the industry and recommitted itself to further engage on the matter.

4. COVID-19:

The meeting welcomed and appreciated the comprehensive and extensive COVID-19 Prevention Programme led by the Gauteng Provincial Government and reaffirmed its commitment to scale up and intensify this programme in taxi ranks, with effect from next week.

With respect to matters such as the relief fund, load regulations and interprovincial operations the meeting agreed that these will be resolved through platforms created at the national government level.

The industry appreciated the support it received from the Gauteng Provincial Government and recommitted itself to building a smart, gun-free industry that will provide an efficient and reliable public transport service to commuters.

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