

"Most people who succeed in the face of seemingly impossible conditions are people who simply don't know how to quit."

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At the end of May we have to reflect on some of the efforts made worldwide to raise awareness of road safety. We were fortunate to attend the Make Roads Safe Conference in Cape Town and to gain information on road safety efforts across the globe. It was an honor to be addressed by one of the patrons of this worthy initiative, Bishop Desmond Tutu. The conference also provided the opportunity to share thoughts with Jeremy Cronin, Chairman of the Portfolio Committee on Transport. The Development Team of the Arrive Alive website would like to confirm our commitment towards enhancing road safety via the internet and the Road Safety and Arrive Alive Blog!

Participation by the Public

During May there were:

- * 63 online registrations as Voluntary Traffic Observers
- * 71 online requests for information
- * 204 online reports of bad driving

New Content added during May 2007

- Ridesharing/ Carpooling and Road Safety
- Road Safety Week
- Youth Declaration for Road Safety
- 2nd eNaTIS Presentation
- Synovate Study : Road Rage levels still high
- Make Roads Safe Conference 31st of May
- 26th Annual Southern African Transport Conference 9-12 July 2007

Highlights for May

- Attending the Make Roads Safe Conference in Cape Town on the 31st of May
- Good interaction with the public through the Discussion Forum and the "Ask the Expert" section

Exposure in other media / Assistance rendered to other media

- Diplomatic website
- Legal talk show on pedestrians titled "Rights & Resource"
- Information for Focus on Transport Magazine

Development made possible by:

Information requests from the public:

The following is a short summary of some of the interesting online requests from the public:

- * Request for the latest Motorcycle Accident Statistics
- * Complaint made towards driving school not wearing seat belts
- * School teacher requesting resources which can be used in a classroom to teach children about road safety
- * Information requested pertaining to camera system being used at the traffic lights
- * Developer of defensive driving presentation/ course for a transport company in Botswana requesting info on the rules pertaining to traffic circles
- * Permission requested to print info from the Arrive Alive website in guides

Assistance received from:

Ntau Letebele	Department of Transport
Ashref Ismail / Magdeline Mosako /Mandie Grimsell	Road Traffic Management Corporation
John Schnell	Road Traffic Inspectorate KZN
Dr Fanie Hattingh / Wayne Thompson	Netcare 911
Wendy Watson	National Roads Agency Limited
Singh / Kevin Kara-vala	Pamela Tasima
Patrick o'Leary	Fleetwatch
Dr Pieter Venter	Global Road Safety Partnership
Gavin Kelly	

Interesting entries on the Road Safety & Arrive Alive Blog

- Pedestrians should stay away from the freeway
- Bad drivers respond to reports of bad driving
- Youth Declaration for road safety
- Keep youngsters away from the steering wheel
- Quad bikes pose significant road safety risks
- South African fleet management technology tracked offshore
- South Africans getting serious about bad drivers

During May the Road Safety and Arrive Alive Blog at www.roadsafety.wordpress.com has provided information on the interaction between the public and road safety authorities. We would also like to invite visitors to share their views on the Public Discussion Forum.

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