

**1st ANNUAL NATIONAL RTMC TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE: FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS.**

The RTMC is pleased to announce the 1st Annual RTMC Traffic Enforcement Conference to be hosted by the Free State Province from **Monday, 19 May to Wednesday, 21 May 2008**.

1. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the conference are to:

- Share expertise, best practice models and experiences in order to improve the image and professionalism of the fraternity;
- To provide a platform to raise burning issues and find solutions in order to improve service delivery;
- To recognize individuals for service excellence and going the extra mile.

2. ATTENDANCE

All road safety practitioners and traffic officers in particular are invited. This conference will be of special interest to municipal, metropolitan and provincial traffic authorities as well as national departments and sister agencies. International road safety bodies as well as traffic authorities from our neighbouring states will be invited.

We also plan to invite the National Minister of Transport, the Premier of the Free State, members of the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee, the Shareholders' Committee, the RTMC Board, sponsors and the media.

Due to limited space, authorities will be limited to the following number of participants:

- 9 Provinces: 20 per authority

- 6 Metros: 10 per metro
- 226 Local authorities: 1 per local authority
- 14 SADC Countries: 2 per member state

3. THEME:

The main theme of the conference is:

“Towards Effective and Sustainable Road Traffic Enforcement Strategies – An Achievable Goal in South Africa.”

4. TOPICS

Prospective authors are invited to submit papers supporting the theme that could include the following topics:

- Harmonization and co-ordination of road traffic enforcement strategies.
- The National Traffic Law Enforcement Code.
- AARTO and e-NATIS.
- Innovative and Smart policing in road traffic management.
- The use of high tech enforcement equipment.
- The role of the NPA/DPP in the reduction of road crashes.
- 2010 Enforcement Needs. Leaving a lasting legacy.
- Effective recruitment, selection, training, deployment and performance measurement
- Identifying substance abuse among drivers.
- The role of traffic officers in addressing the Aids pandemic.
- Project e-Force.
- Effective Incident Management for Safer Roads
- The Role of Education and Communication in Road Safety
- How can engineering and enforcement compliment one another?
- The Multi-disciplinary Approach to Traffic Law Enforcement.
- The Proposed National Training Academy
- The New, 12 Month Traffic Training Course.
- Effective supervision equals effective results.
- Sound performance management and development for the enforcement fraternity.
- International perspectives on road traffic safety and benchmarking international best practice models etc.

5. CALL FOR PAPERS:

High caliber, thought provoking, absorbing and solution seeking papers that support the theme are invited. Authors are requested to complete and return the accompanying reply form, together with a one-page (200 word) abstract, not later than Friday, 29 February 2008.

It is important that the following information is included on the same page:

- * Title of the paper.
- * Name(s) of author and co-authors(s).
- * The corresponding author's title, initials and name.
- * Organization and postal address.
- * Phone, fax and e-mail details.
- * A 200-word abstract.

Abstracts should be sent by e-mail to expedite evaluation, although by fax or post is also acceptable. Send to GerrieB@rtmc.co.za The refereeing procedure will be done electronically.

Authors who are able to comply with the following strict deadlines should submit abstracts:

- Closing date for submissions of abstracts: **Friday, 29 Feb 2008**
- Authors advised to start preparing papers: **Friday, 14 March 2008**
- Submission of full papers: **Friday, 11 April 2008**
- Finalization of Conference Programme: **Friday, 20 March 2008**
- Capturing papers on CD's: **Wednesday, 30 April 2008**

Acceptance of papers will be on the understanding that the author (or a co-author) provide the paper in Microsoft Word format. Authors will also be exempted from paying the conference fee. Authors are responsible for their own travelling and accommodation costs.

AWARDS: There will be awards for the BEST PAPERS at the conference. In order to be eligible for the awards, papers need to meet the deadlines and go through the full review process.

8. FEES

The fees will be R 500, 00 per delegate for the full three-day conference and will include the cost of the conference, 3 x lunches, 1 x gala dinner, all teas, a conference bag, a conference disc and a promo item. The deadline for registration is **15 March 2008**.

9. TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

The costs for travel and accommodation will be for the delegate's account.

10. CORRESPONDENCE AND ENQUIRES

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11. LIMITED TIME, LIMITED SPACE

Attendance will be strictly on a first come, first served basis. You are therefore advised to respond before the closing date for registration (**15 March 2008**) so that place at the conference can be guaranteed.

Attached please find the relevant documents in respect of the call for papers.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Ms. R.J. Rakgoale

Chief Executive Officer: Road Traffic Management Corporation