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Final Festive Season Road Safety Report

For the period 1 December 2011 to 10 January 2012

NOTE TO EDITORS / REPORTERS / JOURNALISTS:

Please be aware that this Festive Season Road Safety Report will revert to the Monthly Road Safety Report from February 2012 onwards and comprises of the following:

1. *Preliminary Festive Season Results*
2. *Major fatal Crashes*
3. *Trends and Causes*
4. *Enforcement Achievements*
5. *Contact Details*

1. Preliminary Festive Season Fatalities

NB: National Preliminary Totals from 01 December 2011 – 10 January 2012.

Number of Fatal Crashes per Province : 1 December 2011 – 10 January 2012

YEAR	GA	WC	EC	LM	NW	NC	FS	MP	KZN	SOUTH AFRIC
2011	207	121	156	137	96	39	98	120	256	1230

Fatalities	December 2010/2011	December 2011/2012	Difference	% Change
RSA	1551 (preliminary)	1475 (preliminary)	76	-5%
RSA	1704 (final)	Will be finalized 30 days hence	TBC	TBC

Fatal crashes for the period 1 Dec 2011 to 10 January 2012: **1230**

Fatalities for the period of 1 Dec 2011 TO 11 January 2012: **1475 (preliminary)**

December 2011/2012 figures will be finalized later, after the 30-day reporting period has passed and all reports collated.

2. Major Fatal Crashes for the Period:

NB: A Major Fatal Crash is determined by the RTMC using the following criteria:

- a crash in which **five (5)** or more persons are killed;
- a **fatal** crash in which five (5) or more vehicles are involved; or
- a **fatal** crash in which vehicles carrying hazardous substances are involved;
- any **high profile crash** that the Corporation feels necessary to investigate;

Date	Time	Location	Province	No. of Vehicles	Fatalities	Injuries
1/12/11	03:00	Between Belfast and Machadadorp Belfast	Mpumalanga	1 Minibus/Taxi 1 Truck	18	0
03/12/11	14:30	Between Malamulele and Alldays Malamulele	Limpopo	1 LMV	5	0
03/12/11	19:45	Between Butterworth & Dutywa	Eastern Cape	1 LMV	7	0
03/12/11	TBC	Approximately 15km from Kroonstad Kroonstad	Free State	1 LMV 1 Minibus/Taxi	5	0
10/12/11	TBC	N3 near Harrismith	Free State	1 Midi-bus 1 Heavy goods Truck	30	6
12/12/11	16:30	Giant castle, Mooirivier	Kwa-Zulu Natal	1 LDV	5	4

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12/12/11	19:20	R40, between Nelspruit and Barbeton	Mpimalanga	1 LMV, 1 sedan 1 sedan	5	0
12/12/11	15:45	N1, between Koppies and Kroonstad	Free State	1 Mini bus 1 Truck	8	14
16/12/11	18:00	Between Heidelberg en Nigel	Gauteng	2 sedan	5	0
17/12/11	04:00	Between Balfour & Heidelberg	Gauteng	1 sedan 1 truck	5	0
18/12/11	20:30	Between Mthata and Tsolo	EasternCape	3 sedan	6	0
22/12/11	02:45	between Laingsburg and Touwsrivier	Western Cape	1 SUV 1 Truck	7	22
22/12/11	19:45	Near Ysterberg, Mokopane	Limpopo	1 Sedan 1 truck	5	0
22/12/11	03:30	between Prins Albert & Laingsburg	Western Cape	1 sedan 1 Bus	5	0
23/12/11	09:50	R61, Margate	Kwa-Zulu Natal	1 sedan 1 Truck	6	1
23/12/11	N1	at Koppies	Free State	4 sedan	5	0
26/12/11	17:30	R26, between Frankfort & Tweeling	Free State	1 Midi-bus 1 Sedan	19	7
03/01/12		R34, between Vryheid and Utrecht	Kwa-Zulu Natal	1 Mini Bus	5	0
4/01/12	18:45	R30, between Derby & Rustenburg	North West	5 Sedan	1	9
04/01/12	11:30	R364, between Clanwilliam and Wupperthal	Western Cape	1 Mini bus	9	10

3. Causes and Trends

MOST COMMON CAUSES OF CRASHES

The following have been found to have been among the most common causes of the crashes:

- Speeds too high for conditions, especially, during inclement weather and at night;
- Dangerous, reckless and/or inconsiderate driving, particularly barrier line infringements;
- Abuse of alcohol by drivers and pedestrians;
- Fatigue, especially amongst public passenger drivers;
- Vehicle fitness, particularly tyre failure and defective brakes, and
- Pedestrian negligence (jay walking, walking on freeways, not visible at night and drunken walking).

The non wearing of seatbelts, whilst not a contributor to crashes, has been found to have been a major contributor to fatal or serious injuries following a crash.

MOST COMMON TRENDS

The following common fatal crash trends have been recorded during the past Festive Season:

The most vulnerable road user group/s:	Pedestrians and public transport passengers.
The most vulnerable ages:	19 - 29
Most common occurrence per time of the day:	From 19h00 – 23h00
Most fatal crashes per day of the week:	Thursday evening, Friday, Saturday and Sunday
Most common road types for crashes:	Urban and peri-urban (unmarked tar)
Top three road factors:	Sharp bend, poor road surface and visibility

4. Enforcement Achievement

Authority	Annexure A: Summary of Enforcement Activities : 1 December 2011 – 8 January 2011						Number of Arrests Reported										
	Vehicles stopped	Notices issued	Notices issued - Seatbelt Front	Notices issued - Seatbelt Rear	Vehicles Discontinued	Vehicles Impounded	Drink & Drive	Reckless & Negligent Driving	Excessive Speed	Passenger Overloading	Goods Overloading	warrant of arrests	Taxi/Uber Transport Permits	False Documentation	No drivers licence	Other	TOTAL
Limpopo	178009	29553	964	2	1168	263	283	5	45	0	20	3716	11	8	0	11	4099
Gauteng	301423	160733	13239	12	1475	0	702	57	43	0	4	3564	0	2	93	20	4485
North West	92377	23834	1125	85	110	0	53	2	5	0	8	367	8	1	0	3	447
Mpumalanga	144744	29306	1916	31	953	112	106	5	28	0	8	215	462	7	0	19	850
Free State	40441	35931	282	88	12	0	24	10	111	0	0	0	9	1	4	13	172
Kwa-Zulu Natal	337496	54768	3132	88	1180	0	215	16	61	0	6	836	69	25	17	65	1310
Eastern Cape	120724	28817	614	0	428	0	541	48	8	0	0	440	23	3	1	148	1212
Western Cape	256286	159743	4527	1071	227	35	545	19	10	0	3	84	52	2	2	61	778
Northern Cape	35458	4050	0		46	75	23	0	3			0	1	1		58	86
RSA total	1506958	526735	25799	1377	5599	485	2492	162	314	0	49	9222	635	50	117	398	13439

5. JAN/FEB 2012 NATIONAL TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT FOCUS: Operation Juggernaut

The RTMC would like to issue a warning to all heavy goods vehicle and learner transport vehicle operators to ensure that their vehicles and drivers comply with the prescripts of the Road Traffic Act as a major, nation-wide blitz will be conducted on unannounced dates in the months of January and February 2011 on vehicle fitness, driver fitness, loads management and documentation.

6. Contact Details

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