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OPERATION PHUZA WEEKEND RESULTS FOR AUGUST 2026: VHEMBE RECORDS HIGHEST ARRESTS, CAPRICORN RECORDS HIGHEST ALCOHOL LEVEL.

The Department of Transport and Community Safety in Limpopo has noted with serious concern the results of Operation Phuza Weekend for the month of August 2026.

During the month, a total of *190 drivers* were arrested across the province for driving under the influence of alcohol.

The breakdown per district is as follows:

- Capricorn District: 37 drivers arrested – Highest alcohol reading: 1.06mg/1000ml
- Mopani District: 38 drivers arrested – Highest alcohol reading: 0.86mg/1000ml
- Sekhukhune District: 16 drivers arrested – Highest alcohol reading: 0.45mg/1000ml
- Vhembe District: 57 drivers arrested – Highest alcohol reading: 0.98mg/1000ml
- Waterberg District: 42 drivers arrested – Highest alcohol reading: 0.62mg/1000ml

The Department is gravely concerned about two trends:

Firstly, *Vhembe District recorded the highest number of arrests with 57 drivers*, which indicates a worrying disregard for the law and for human life on our roads in that district.



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Secondly, Capricorn District recorded the highest alcohol concentration of 1.06mg/1000ml, which is more than four times the legal limit of 0.24mg/1000ml. This level of intoxication poses a deadly danger to all road users.

MEC for Transport and Community Safety, Ms. Nakedi Kekana, has condemned the behaviour of drunk drivers and warned that there will be no leniency.

“Drunk driving is not a mistake; it is a choice to commit murder. We cannot allow our roads to become killing fields because of irresponsible motorists. Operation Phuza Weekend will be intensified, and we will show no mercy to those who drink and drive”, said MEC Kekana.

The Department will continue to conduct unannounced roadblocks and patrols throughout the province, especially over weekends.

Motorists are urged to act responsibly: Don't Drink and Drive.

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