

MASS PRAYER ENCOURAGE COMMUTERS TO BE RESPONSIBLE

MOKOPANE: It has been noted that road deaths on the N11 has been increasing significantly. Following that, the newly elected Mayor of Mogalakwena Municipality, Cllr Andrina Matsemela has invited the religious fraternity and other role players to have a mass prayer session for the reduction of road deaths on the N11 and R518 respectively.

The above mentioned roads are used on daily basis by thousands of commuters as the roads forms part of a link between Mokopane, Lephalale and Botswana.

Addressing the mass and the religious fraternity, the Mayor's representative Cllr Mmaphuti Senoamadi said, "Today we have descended on this area to pray for an end to the human carnage besetting the N11 and R518, dubbed "The killer Roads." I encourage the pastors, religious fraternity and the community to do this annually so that lives on our roads can be saved. This call shows that our pastors takes road safety seriously."

"We indeed bring prayers to comfort the families who have lost their loved ones on this road over time, to soothe their wounds, and offer them our support. But we are also here to pray so that lives can be saved. It is our hope that this mass prayer meeting will also assist to generate broad awareness that will help us turn the corner in the protracted challenge to make the N11 and the R518 the safe and secure roads for road-users," Senoamadi indicated.

"People are now labelling the N11 and the R518 as "the killer roads" because of its high accident rate. This has to be changed and it has to do with us the drivers. We have had enough and will not allow this road terror caused by negligent and reckless driving to continue maiming our brothers and sisters," said Senoamadi.

"More work still needed to be done. A change in mindset needed to be encouraged. No matter how much we can extend the road, it is a reality that the population has increased drastically, the amount of traffic is just too huge and there is too much congestion," said Senoamadi.

"We must inculcate the culture of courtesy and calm among drivers towards other road users, a high voluntary compliance level with road regulations such as not cutting corners when procuring driver's licenses, and abstaining from drinking and driving, be a disciplined driver, don't violate every rule in the book, always keep left and pass right, don't hog the road These basics and others will help us get somewhere in in our desire to bring an end to these premature senseless deaths," Senoamadi added.

"We are currently in talks with the roads department and other roads agencies on extension of the N11 road. We are certain that this road will be extended but remember we still have to be responsible drivers," Senoamadi signed off.

The procession later held another prayer session at the Mogalakwena Municipality premises so that there can be stability and unity in the municipality

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