



MIDVAAL INTENSIFIES ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGNS TO PROTECT LEARNERS AND ROAD USERS

Midvaal Local Municipality is intensifying its efforts to enhance road safety and ensure safer roads for all road users.

This week the Executive Mayor, Alderman Peter Teixeira, joined the Traffic Division in their road safety campaigns with a strong focus on the inspection of scholar transport.

The operation was conducted at Meyerton High School, De Deur Primary School and Randvaal Primary School.

These inspections aimed to check for scholar transport permits, prevent overloading of learners and ensure roadworthiness of vehicles.

The campaign also focused on driver education to promote compliance with the rules of the road and responsible driving behaviour.

The road inspections revealed several serious contraventions, including heavy motor vehicles and buses being found unroadworthy, minibus taxis operating without a valid Professional Driving Permit (PrDP), drivers without valid PrDPs, and vehicles being discontinued from service due to critical mechanical defects and were impounded.

In many scholar transport vehicles, we found children being dangerously overloaded, with some forced to sit on benches and even on car batteries that had been improvised as makeshift seats.

These findings highlight the importance of ongoing enforcement and awareness efforts to improve road safety for all road users.

Our Traffic Division has consistently risen to the challenge and, over the years, has pursued innovative approaches to strengthen traffic services and enhance safety on our roads.

Significant investments have been made in procuring mobile radios, vehicle-monitoring cameras, law enforcement scanners, and other critical support resources to bolster our road safety efforts.

Traffic officers are equipped with body-worn cameras and traffic scanners, promoting improved performance, accountability, and ethical conduct.

These interventions form part of our ongoing commitment to protecting lives and making Midvaal's roads safer for all.

These road safety operations will continue across our municipality to ensure the safety of learners, commuters, and all road users.

ISSUED ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR:

Yours in Service Excellence, Ald. Peter Teixeira
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