

**Speech by the Lejweleputswa District Executive Mayor During a Roadshow Staged by the Lejweleputswa District Municipality Together with Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport in Ventersburg on N1 Route.**

In my New Year statement for 2007, I congratulated men and women who worked hard during the festive season wishing them a happy new year filled with joy and work harder than ever before. Members of the Traffic Department were part of those congratulated because they did not have a quiet holiday with their families as other people. They were on duty in an attempt to save the lives of many of our people on the roads.

We again saying, we appreciate the bravery shown by these men and women in uniform who selflessly guard and enforce the law during hard times when motorists are rushing to their destinations. Your visibility in our communities and on the busy roads will not go unnoticed. Our area is in the centre of the country, motorists pass through our routes to reach various destinations and thus make our routes busy during holiday times.

Today, once more we are embarking on this awareness campaign in collaboration with the Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport in response to the high accident toll on N1 especially during Easters. Lejweleputswa District Municipality is taking care for the tourists and motorists passing our district to have a safe trip. Amongst other powers and functions of our district is tourism and disaster management. The district municipality just donated fire fighting vehicle to Masilonyana Local Municipality to service the N1 route.

We want to encourage motorists as well as pedestrians to be cautious when using the roads and be considerate of other road users so as to minimize accidents on the roads. During festive season we have had some fatal incidents which did not augur well with the spirit of our national campaign of "Arrive

Alive”. Many of our people did not arrive alive at their homes due to reckless driving and not observing traffic regulations.

During this time of the year when everybody visits their beloved ones, we are therefore calling on all stakeholders and road users to pass this message to others that of drive safely and arrive alive. Traffic Officers as well as Emergency Agents will be visible throughout this Easter Weekend in an attempt to assist road users to comply with the law.

We are here today with the Traffic Officers to witness the smooth running of the traffic on our busy roads in the area of Matjhabeng. We are saying to motorists that they should observe traffic laws and they must drive safe to minimize accidents on the roads.

In closing, I wish our traffic officers and all stakeholders during this period in the district a great success and everlasting prosperity on executing their duties. May democratic values thrive onward among all of us? And to all our fellow citizens and colleagues on the road, I wish you peace, good health and happiness.

Drive Safe and Arrive Alive wherever you go.

I thank you