

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA welcomes KwaZulu-Natal Road Traffic Inspectors Excellence Awards: Hails commitment to safer roads
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) welcomes the recent KwaZulu-Natal Department of Transport Excellence Awards for Road Traffic Inspectors (RTIs) who play a vital role in ensuring compliance with traffic laws and maintaining order on roads.

This prestigious initiative marks a significant milestone in the Province's road-safety calendar. It provides an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the dedication of frontline road-safety officials who operate in demanding, often high-risk conditions.

The awards ceremony, hosted by the MEC for Transport and Human Settlements, and held at the Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre in Durban honoured RTIs for their professionalism, ethical conduct, and sustained commitment to ensuring compliance with traffic laws and protecting lives on KwaZulu-Natal roads. This ceremony stands as a powerful acknowledgement of excellence, professionalism, and commitment in the Road Traffic Inspectorate by recognising outstanding performance, ethical conduct, and consistent service. The awards send a clear message that hard work and dedication do not go unnoticed. Such recognition honours individual achievers and elevates the standards of the profession.

The awards celebrated RTIs who excelled in enforcing road safety laws, including a surge in drunk-driving arrests between August 2025 and January 2026, where more than 4 500 motorists were arrested for drunk driving, and digital storytelling on the Department's social-media pages, as the platforms became the most talked-about government platforms. Female officers were awarded for making 59 and 80 arrests, respectively. The Ladysmith region was noted for achieving the highest drop in car accidents, whilst Park Rynie was recognised for consistent high-performance operations.

The PSA acknowledges that ceremonies such as these are essential investments in human capital. Affective road safety enforcement depends on strategies and resources as well as motivating employees who take pride in serving the public. The PSA reaffirms the Union's collective commitment to safer roads and trusts that all RTIs will be motivated to uphold exceptional performance.

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