



MEDIA RELEASE **PSA welcomes procurement of additional patrol vehicles to increase police presence on Limpopo roads**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) welcomes the handover of 13 vehicles to the South African Police Service's Limpopo Highway Patrol Unit to enhance police visibility on roads and support the safety of road users.

The vehicles will be used for operational duties and patrolling on the N1 highway. Adequate police visibility, particularly on the N1, is essential to deter criminal activities such as the spiking of roads to immobilise cars and the transportation of illegal goods, weapons, and drugs between provinces.

Inadequate resources have limited dedicated police officers and endangers their lives. The employer has a duty to ensure that employees are provided with the tools of trade to enable them to effectively perform their duties. The visibility and accessibility of the police should be promoted to allow road users access to prompt assistance when needed.

The PSA believes that criminals who have been enjoying the use of the N1 to execute criminal activities will now meet the might of the law through the increased police presence of the police. Recent looting in the country has underlined the importance of adequate resources to render of policing services. The PSA thus expresses the hope that the vehicles will be used for the intended purpose and will be properly maintained. It often happens that failure by government to maintain resources have a paralysing effect. Poorly maintained vehicles are confined to garages rather than being on the road, leaving officers without the means to provide effective services to citizens.

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