

MEDIA ALERT

DATE: Wednesday, 13 March 2019
TO: All Media
ATTENTION: News Editors/ Transport Reporters

For immediate use

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MINISTER NZIMANDE TAKES TRANSPORT SERVICES TO COMMUNITY OF VRYHEID, ZULULAND

KwaZulu-Natal: The Minister of Transport, Dr. Blade Nzimande, together with the Premier of KwaZulu-Natal, Mr. Willies Mchunu, will host an Imbizo with the community of Zululand in Vryheid at the KwaNgenetsheni Sports Ground, KwaKhence (Ward 3) on Saturday 16th March 2019 from 09:00 am.

This Imbizo takes place as part of the Department of Transport 365 Days Road Safety campaign and is part of the government-wide initiative to promote active engagement between citizens and government.

The Imbizo is premised on promoting two-way communication and participation by all sectors of society in government's key programmes and to directly engage government on issue affecting them.

During the Imbizo, Minister Nzimande and Premier Mchunu will share critical information about infrastructure programmes in KwaZulu Natal aimed at redressing the triple scourge of unemployment, inequalities and poverty.

The Road Accident Fund (RAF) will originate direct motor vehicle crash claims through its outreach programme, 'RAF on the Road' and the Road Traffic Infringement Agency (RTIA) will bring its mobile bus to enable motorists to check their road traffic infringements and make payments arrangements.

The Department of Home Affairs, South Africa Social Security Agency (SASSA) and the Department of Health will also be offering services on the sidelines of the Imbizo. There will also be road safety activations that will be taking place throughout the Imbizo.

Minister Nzimande and Premier Mchunu will handover bicycles to deserving learners in the Municipality through the Shova Kalula programme which is part of the non-motorised transport initiative by the Department.

The Minister will also handover groceries to child headed households who lost parents as a result of road crashes.

Through the Imbizo, members of the community and learners will be provided information regarding career within the transport industry.

The Minister's itinerary will be as follows:

DAY 1

Inspection of Rural Road Infrastructure Challenges and Access in Vryheid, Abaqulusi Municipality

Date: Friday, 15th March 2019
Time: 09H00
Venue: Abaqulusi Municipality (KwaKhence) Vryheid

Minister Nzimande handover groceries to the community

Date: Friday, 15th March 2019
Time: 11H00
Venue: Cibilili Salvation Army Church, Cibilili, Vryheid

DAY 2

Minister handover Bicycles to Learners
Transport Imbizo and Career Expo

Date: Saturday, 16th March 2019
Time: 09h00 for 09h30
Venue: KwaNgenetsheni Sports Ground, Ward 3, Kwakhence, Vryheid.

Members of the media attending the events and requesting interview opportunities with the Minister are requested to contact Tshegofatso Maake on 063 281 9453 or Manqoba Bhengu 071 125 6787 or bhengum@dot.gov.za

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