

## MEDIA RELEASE

To all News Editors/Transport Journalists  
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### LAUNCH OF AARTO MOBILE OFFICES CHURCH ACTIVATIONS

The Road Traffic Infringement Agency (RTIA) will launch the AARTO Mobile Office church activations at the River of Mercy Ministries in Ekurhuleni (Katlehong) on 22 October 2017 at 10:00. This project forms part of the October Transport Month government programmes aimed at advancing the country's road safety initiatives to ensure safer roads through public awareness and education.

The Deputy Minister of Transport, Ms Sindisiwe Chikunga, will deliver a keynote address to the community of Katlehong on the significance and benefits of the Administrative Adjudication of the Road Traffic Offences (AARTO) Act process.

RTIA through the AARTO Act exists to influence positive driver behaviour in our roads. Congregants will be provided with information on the benefits of the AARTO process. The RTIA renders mobile customer information services under the "Know your Traffic Fine Status" campaign drive aimed at reaching out to road users and remind them of their rights and responsibilities under the AARTO Act.

#### The Details of the event are as follows:

**Date:** Sunday, 22 October 2017

**Time:** 10:30- 11:00

**Venue:** River of Mercy Ministries (Makhandonia Church), 1146 Khumalo Valley, Katlehong

In addition, the Agency will inform road users on the significance of the use of the child restraint seats while carrying children in our vehicles. Recent Easter holidays road crashes statistics indicate that the passenger fatalities constituted 50% of deaths on our roads over that particular period. Among the passengers who died were children transported by parents who failed to place them in child restraints.

According to the RTIA CEO, Mr Japh Chuwe, "one of the most effective measures to protect occupants from injury in the event of a crash is the fitment and use of seat-belts and child restraints. Restraints save lives and reduce injury severity. The National Road Traffic Act states that child car seats must be a compulsory and motorists who do not strap toddlers in can expect to be fined."

With the pending promulgation of the AARTO Amendment Bill, the Agency is putting systems in place in preparation for the national rollout of AARTO. More information will be packaged and disseminated to road users on the benefits of the AARTO process.

The RTIA works with the Interfaith movement to ensure that messages on road safety are deepened throughout the country.

Ends

Journalists attending the event or requesting to arrange interviews may contact Mr Emmanuel Tshehla on 076 3030 988.

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