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Taxi Operation - 3rd February 2012

Due to the taxi violence incidents in the Honeydew SAPS Precinct, during the past week, a crime awareness operation was executed at 04:00 on Friday morning. The operation was conducted in conjunction with Honeydew SAPS, JMPD (Transportation unit) and the SAPS Public Order Policing unit.

The aim of the operation was to stop and search all taxi routes in the Honeydew SAPS Precinct to check that there were no dangerous weapons on the taxis and to ensure that all taxis were road worthy as well as that the taxis were properly registered and operating legally with all the necessary permits.

The taxi routes and ranks where the taxi were stopped and searched during this operation were:

1. Hendrik Potgieter and Peter Road,
2. Hendrik Potgieter and Nic Diedericks Road,
3. Hendrik Potgieter and Christiaan de Wet Road,
4. Christiaan de Wet and Beyers Naude Drive,
5. Olievenhout and Drysdale Road,
6. Molope and Beyers Naude Drive,
7. Corneluis and JG Strydom Road,
8. Marina Drive, Zandspruit
9. South Africa and Tennessee Road, Cosmo City.

The following successes were achieved:

- 9 taxis taken off the road due to being un roadworthy
- 1 person arrested for bribery and fraud
- Fines to the value of R23 000 were issued for the contravention of the road traffic act
- 126 taxis were stopped and 465 occupants were searched

A stern warning is issued to all people who are providing public transport that there will be a zero tolerance for any traffic violations as well as committing any form of crime.

The Honeydew SAPS will continue to monitor all taxi routes within the Precinct area.

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