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City launches Festive Season Safety Campaign

The City of Johannesburg, led by City Manager Dr Floyd Brink, today launched its Festive Season Safety Awareness Campaign at Grasmere Toll Plaza.

The launch, attended by Public Safety Head of Department Lesiba Malotana, JMPD Chief of Police Commissioner Patrick Jaca and EMS Chief Andries Mucavele, signals intensified public safety operations across Johannesburg.

The campaign focuses on road safety, zero tolerance for drunken driving, crime prevention, fire and water safety, and emergency preparedness amid ongoing heavy rains.

Addressing JMPD officers and EMS firefighters, Brink said protecting residents during the busy festive season remained a priority.

“The safety of our residents remains a fundamental responsibility of the City. We expect our law enforcement and emergency services personnel to remain visible, responsive and professional. Our priority is to prevent avoidable tragedies and ensure residents can travel and celebrate safely,” he said.

Malotana commended JMPD officers for tackling drunken driving and EMS personnel for responding to flooding emergencies.

“Recent flooding incidents, including the tragic death of an 11-year-old girl in Soweto, highlight the dangers facing our communities. My message to our officers and firefighters is clear: remain vigilant, enforce the law, respond swiftly and, above all, protect lives,” he said.

Jaca reaffirmed JMPD’s commitment to intensified enforcement, particularly against drunken and reckless driving and other traffic violations. Officers will be deployed along major routes and at identified hotspots.

Mucavele urged residents to exercise caution during the rainy season.

“We appeal to residents not to cross flooded roads or streams, to supervise children around water and to exercise caution when using fireworks. Our emergency teams remain on high alert and ready to respond,” he said.

The City urges residents and motorists to cooperate with law enforcement and emergency personnel and take responsibility for their safety and that of others throughout the festive season.

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