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Public transport to come under scrutiny ahead of Festive Season

Minibus taxis and busses are to receive special attention this week in a pre-festive season drive to ensure that public transport vehicles are fit and worthy to be on the roads.

Traffic chiefs from all provinces and major metros decided at a special National Road Safety Steering Committee meeting recently that traffic officers will go out this week to ensure public transport vehicle with major defects are removed from the road.

Minibus vehicles and busses account for about 10 percent of motor vehicles that get involved in fatal crashes on the South Africa roads. However the death toll from these vehicles is often high because of the number of people that they carry.

The meeting agreed on a festive season road safety law enforcement plan that the Minister of Transport Mr Joe Maswanganyi will be launching on Saturday, 2 December 2017 in Limpopo.

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Traffic chiefs said they will be adopting a “no – nonsense” approach to traffic law enforcement and public transport vehicles with smooth tyre, faulty lights and wipers will be removed from the roads. Drivers without driver’s licences will also be stopped and prevented from proceeding to operate vehicle.

It was also decided to clampdown on vehicles without number plates. A trend has been noticed where number plates are removed from motor vehicles to evade speed detection. This is against the National Road Traffic Act regulation 35 which requires that number plates be affixed “in a manner that is not easily detachable” and “in such a manner that each letter and figure thereon is clearly legible”.

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