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Motorists urged to exercise extreme care when driving in rainy conditions.

Pretoria: The Road Traffic Management Corporation would like to warn motorists to drive with extreme caution and responsibility in the coming days as weather is predicted to be rainy. The South African Weather Service has warned of thunderstorms in many parts of the country from today. Heavy rainfall accompanied with thunderstorms is expected in the Free State, Northern Cape, Gauteng and some parts of Mpumalanga.

This comes as some holiday-makers have started to make their way back home after spending Christmas and the day of Goodwill on the coast. The number of cars leaving Durban surged dramatically at noon today with more than 1300 vehicles recorded at



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Marrionhill toll plaza. Drivers are reminded to reduce speed, increase the following distance and turn on the headlights when driving in rainy conditions. It is the best option to find a safe place and park when confronted by severe thunderstorms. Motorists are again warned to refrain from driving under the influence of alcohol and adhere to the speed limits. The number of drivers caught driving under the influence of alcohol increased over the two holidays bringing the total arrested since the start of the Arrive Alive campaign on December 1 to more than 2500.

One of the people arrested is a member of the South African Police Service who was caught on two successive days for drunken driving. The officer was given a R500 bail following his first arrest in Zebediela in Limpopo on Thursday night. He was again caught on Friday night when he allegedly tried to flee from a roadblock. He was found to be twice above the alcohol limited when tested.

The number of crashes involving excessive speed and pedestrians have also increased in the same period. Many crashes experienced during this period have involved single motor vehicles overturning resulting in injuries to thousands of people. Motorists are reminded that they have a responsibility to reduce the high number of crashes and fatalities in the country. Law enforcement officers will remain on alert for traffic offenders until the end of the festive holidays.

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