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| **SUBJECT: PROVINCIAL INTEGRATED FESTIVE SEASON SAFETY PLAN** |

1. **Summary** 
   1. The Province of KwaZulu-Natal anticipates another busy festive season and can expect an in and out-flux of thousands of holiday makers and tourists from mid- November to the end of January 2022.
   2. Thousands of shoppers can be expected to visit malls and shopping centers and large amounts of money will be changing hands. There will be increased activity of cash in transit on the roads and transactions at the banks and ATM’s. High volumes of traffic can be expected on the main roads leading to and from the Province.
   3. Migrant workers return to their homes when industry shut down for the holiday period. Historically this leads to old scores being settled in the form of revenge attacks.
   4. Holidaymakers also have a tendency to leave their homes vacant and unattended whilst away.
   5. The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison consequently facilitated the development of an integrated law enforcement operational plan for KwaZulu-Natal over the festive season with a specific focus on increased visibility under the theme: “*Growing Communities in the Fight Against Crime in KZN”*.
   6. The Provincial Integrated Festive Season Safety Plan for the period up to 31 January 2022 was developed in consultation with the Provincial Joints

(intergovernmental relations structure for law enforcement), where all the law enforcement agencies are represented.

* 1. The Integrated Safety Month Plan is enclosed as Annexure A hereto.
  2. The following important dates / events have been identified:
  3. National Senior Certificate examinations from 19 October 2021 to 27 November 2021;
  4. Sixteen Days of Activism from 25 November 2021 to 10 December 2021;
  5. Marking from 10 December to 23 December 2021;
  6. Integrated Festive Season Launch on Thursday the 18th November 2021 and its chosen to focus on galvanising all Law Enforcement forces in order to display that in the province we are ready to curb any criminal activities planned for this season;
  7. Closing of schools on 10 December 2021;
  8. Closing of factories from 14 December 2021;
  9. Day of Reconciliation on 16 December 2021; the weekend will be a long weekend and opportunity for more parties, get-togethers and events which would require prolonged policing. It is proposed that all Champion MECs should be deployed to their respective Districts to highlight the issues of Safety and Security both on the road and in our communities. This will be part of the District activation of this plan. This activation will include Champion MECs being briefed by SAPS District Commissioners on the state of readiness, goodwill visits to such places as old age homes and orphanages (vulnerable groups) and attending major local events such as sports/cultural events and big religious gatherings.
  10. Christmas Day on 25 December 2021;
  11. Day of Goodwill on 26 December 2021 (Hazelmere Jazz Festival);
  12. New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day on 31 December 2021 / 01 January 2022
* Midmar Dam Jazz Festival;
* Durban Rock’s –Peoples Park Durban; and
* Richards Bay Last Dance.
  1. Shembe Pilgrimage (Inanda to Ndwedwe) from 01 January 2022 to 31 January 2022;
  2. Businesses re-open from 03 January 2022;
  3. Opening of schools on 17 January 2022 and the close monitoring of the opening of universities through Campus Safety Programme; and
  4. Higher Education Exams from December to early January and February 2022.

1. **DISCUSSION** 
   1. The following **general** threats have been identified:
2. Business robberies, house robbery, car-jacking (Trio Crimes), cash in transit robberies, ATM bombings, Casino robberies, Filling stations;
3. Robberies, theft of pension, stokvel money, school registration fees;
4. Transnational crime (cross border movement);
5. overcrowding and crime at public place i.e. beaches, shopping malls, centres and places of entertainment;
6. transport disputes / violence;
7. intergroup disputes / violence;
8. conflict / violence within hostels;
9. political intolerance;
10. public protests;
11. abuse of alcohol / drugs;
12. drinking in public / disorderly behaviour;
13. increase in vehicle volumes on roads (congestion / carnage on the road);
14. influx of taxis / buses from inland areas and other provinces (congestion);
15. unsupervised children at beaches and other public places (lost and abandoned children);
16. traffic related offences ‑ overloading, un-roadworthy vehicles, illegal parking;
17. trafficking of drugs / firearms and stolen property; and
18. Potential of violence at gatherings (conveners of gatherings must notify the police and traditional authorities where applicable of such gatherings in advance).
    1. The role-players involved in the implementation of the plan include Crime Intelligence, Detective Services, Visible Policing, Public Order Policing, National Intervention Unit, Tactical Response Team, Air-wing, Department of Transport (RTI & Special Operations), Local Traffic Departments, Metro Police, Department of Community Safety and Liaison, Safer Cities, Community Police Forums, Community Crime Prevention Associations, SANDF, SARS, Department of Home Affairs, Department of Social Development, Department of Education, Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs and Community Based Organisations.
    2. The implementation of the plan comprises two concurrent parts, i.e. crime awareness and operations.
    3. The operational part is composed of five phases. **Phase 1 (pre-holiday season up to 15 October 2021 – 30 November 2021)** includes communicating crime prevention tips to the public, cordon and search operations at identified intelligence driven operations and other hotspots for illegal firearms, special operations to prevent house, business and cash-in-transit robberies and intensified joint operations along borderlines and at ports of entry. The Department of Community Safety and Liaison in conjunction with Community Safety Structures and Volunteer Social Crime Prevention Program (VSCPP) will encourage communities to furnish information on crime and criminals.
    4. **Phase 2 (start of holiday season from 01 December 2021 to 15 December 2021)** includes roadblocks on routes and other key areas (national roads, rail environment, ports of entry and the border line), special intelligence-driven operations will be implemented in cooperation with the SA Navy Marine and Coastal Management and special initiatives to address trio crimes will be launched through the use of specialised policing capabilities such as NIU and TRT.
    5. **Phase 3 (holiday season from 16 December 2021 to 02 January 2022)** – crime Prevention Operations will be launched in Stations where a large numbers of the public are on holiday, to prevent crimes such as housebreaking, robbery and theft (especially street robberies and theft of/out of/from motor vehicles), special attention to large gathering such as parties, events, places of entertainment, tourist attractions, travelling routes and New Year`s celebrations, crimes against women and children and driving under the influence of alcohol.
    6. **Phase 4 (end of holiday season from 03 January 2022 to16 January 2022)** in addition includes roadblocks and borderline operations when people are returning from holiday destinations.
    7. **Phase 5 (post-holiday season from 17 January 2022 to 31 January 2022)** – all the operations under phases 1 to 3 will be maintained.
19. **ORGANISATIONAL AND PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

The deployment of a total of 24,515 existing women and men comprising 17,528 SAPS members, 2,000 eThekwini Metro Police officers, 693 RTI officers, 75 DOT Special Operations officers, 08 DOT Cross Border officers, 1,912 EMRS officers, 118 Home Affairs officers, 134 Customs officials (SARS), 1,167 Crime Prevention Volunteers, 87 Department of Community safety and Liaison officials and SANDF members.

1. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

All departments will fund their contributions to the implementation of the plan from existing budgets.

1. **COMMUNICATION IMPLICATIONS**

The existence and broad highlights of the plan will be communicated to the public jointly by the Office of the Premier, the Department of Community Safety and Liaison, the SAPS, Department of Transport and eThekwini Metro. This should take place as soon as possible after the approval by the Executive Council.

1. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Portfolio Committee–

* is apprised of the Provincial Integrated Festive Season Safety Plan and its implementation from 15 October 2021 until 31 January 2022;

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