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RAF PLEASED WITH 40% DECREASE IN EASTER FATALITIES

All information contained in this press statement must be attributed to the Road Accident Fund Chief Marketing Officer, Phumelela Dhlomo:

The Road Accident Fund (RAF) welcomes the 40% decrease in Easter road fatalities reportedly announced by the Minister of Transport, Blade Nzimande, for the period 18 – 21 April 2019.

Road users heeded the call from the RAF, together with transport entities and law enforcement agencies, to obey the rules of the road during the long weekend. We are grateful that this combined enforcement and awareness to stem the growing numbers of road fatalities is yielding results. Whilst the numbers still remain high, the improvement shows a positive impact of Road Safety awareness, and that driving behaviours are steadily changing for the better.

We send our heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of those who passed away and wish those still in hospital a speedy recovery. Drunken driving, speed, unroadworthy vehicles and fatigue remain a major risk and all road users are urged to work together to ensure that this carnage stops. The fatality statistics are not merely numbers but precious lives; as the caring arm of government, we urge qualifying claimants to access much needed services directly with the Fund in the event of an accident, rather than through third parties in order to expedite the claims process.
The RAF will continue to make Road Safety a priority throughout the year, with awareness being generated through our award winning #AlwaysRemember campaign which urges road users to always remember to be safe and considerate. The campaign which is being run on all community, regional, and national media platforms, is targeted at all road users and we thank all those who have heeded its call. We continue to urge road users to #AlwaysRemember to stay safe when travelling on any of South Africa’s roads, and to remain ever vigilant when sharing this space with others.

For more information regarding the claims process, please visit the 100 Hospital Service Centres or five regional offices situated through the country, details of which are available on www.raf.co.za. Alternatively, contact the RAF Call Centre on 0860 23 55 23 from Monday to Friday, 07h45 to 16h00, where claimants will be assisted in any of the 11 South African languages. You can also follow us on social media: Twitter: @RAF_SA; Facebook: Road Accident Fund; and Instagram: RAF_ROAD.

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