SARF ROAD NEWS

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Message from the President of the South African Road Federation

SA's road safety crisis needs a plan, accountability

Road safety is a crisis that needs a plan and accountability, and the South African Road Federation (SARF) is ready to assist the National Department of Transport (DoT) and other stakeholders in the road sector to develop and implement such a plan.

This was the message I delivered at the 2019 Road Safety Indaba in Cape Town last week, where I was also re-elected as President of the SARF for the coming year. I am very grateful for the support I received from my colleagues in the road sector, who have been very kind to me during my tenure as President, and who have given me the opportunity to serve our industry for another year.

The road safety crisis is a crisis that affects everyone, and it is a crisis that we can all do something about. Such a plan should include a multi-pronged approach that includes:

- Enforcement of the law, including the use of technology to detect and prosecute offenders;
- Education and awareness campaigns to change the behaviour of those who do not obey the law;
- Engineering interventions to make our roads safer, which have been proven to reduce crashes and fatalities. Such a plan should also include a mechanism to hold all stakeholders to account for their contribution to the implementation of the road safety strategy. This would include the provincial departments responsible for road safety, the South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL), the South African Police Service (SAPS), the Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC), the Road Traffic Inspectorate (RTI), the Road Accident Fund (RAF), the Road Traffic Infringement Agency (RTIA), and the DoT. The DoT must also carefully research how the responsibilities for road safety should be allocated between the various stakeholders, and how they should be funded, to ensure that the road safety strategy is implemented and the road safety crisis is addressed.

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To paraphrase a quote that the Minister of Transport, Fikile Mbalula, has been using, "Let every road user act in a way that we keep all the road stakeholders safe in a way that is responsible, with dignity, fairly, and in accordance with the law."

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SARF Annual Awards

Speech and poetry comps boosts road safety awareness in eThekwini

A special celebration was held at the South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL) offices in eThekwini Township, Durban, on Friday, 29 March 2019, to mark the end of the month-long road safety awareness campaign.

Under all road stakeholders in South Africa, a number of initiatives, ranging from educational to traffic control, are in place to ensure that the road user is safe while using the road. One such initiative is the road safety awareness campaign.

The road safety awareness campaign is a month-long campaign that is conducted every year, usually in the month of March, and is aimed at creating awareness among the public about road safety issues.

This year's theme was "Road Safety Is Everybody's Business", and it was launched on the 1st March 2019 at Ulundi in KwaZulu-Natal.

The campaign was then taken to the Eastern Cape, Gauteng, Mpumalanga, Limpopo, Northern Cape, Free State and finally to the North West, with Durban being the 29th. The last road safety campaign was held in Mangaung in the Free State, and was attended by the Minister of Transport, Fikile Mbalula, who was the guest speaker at the event. The campaign was also supported by the Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC), the South African Police Service (SAPS), and the Road Traffic Inspectorate (RTI).

Transport people that the RTI conducted a break-fast as part of debate. Regular and part-time drivers, passengers and pedestrians participated in the debate, which was held at the Durban Transport offices in Pinetown.

Other presentations, contests and competitions were held, including a road safety poetry competition for learners, and a road safety quiz for the public. The winners of the road safety poetry competition were announced at the event, and received their prizes.

The winners were as follows:

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Chairman of SARF Kwa-Zulu Natal Branch

Harnessing technology to improve fires and promote progressive development in transport

Technology is being harnessed to improve fires and promote progressive development in transport, according to the chairman of the South African Road Federation's (SARF) KwaZulu-Natal Branch, Mr Ashwin Sewpersad.

Speaking at the SARF's annual awards function, the chairman said that the SARF was pleased that the Minister of Transport, Fikile Mbalula, had recently announced that the Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC) would be implementing a new road safety strategy. The previous strategy was approved at the end of 2016, and was for a period of five years.

The chairman said that the SARF was also pleased that the Minister had recently announced that the Road Traffic Inspectorate (RTI) would be increasing its fleet of vehicles from 1 000 to 2 000 in the next three years, and that the RTI would be increasing its staff complement from 1 000 to 2 000 in the next two years.

The chairman said that the SARF was also pleased that the Minister had recently announced that the Road Traffic Infringement Agency (RTIA) would be implementing a new demerit system, and that the RTIA would be implementing a new system for the payment of traffic fines.

He said that the SARF was also pleased with the set of targets in road crime that were set at Lekgotla. The chairman said that the SARF was also pleased that the Minister had recently announced that the Road Accident Fund (RAF) would be paying 100% of the claims of victims of road crime.

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SARF Annual Awards Prize

Road safety is a global problem

Road safety is a global problem, and it is not just in developing countries. Many developed countries are also facing serious road safety issues, such as in Brazil, and in the US, where there are an unknown number of road deaths, which are being investigated by the US Department of Transport (DoT). The US DoT is also investigating the use of technology to improve road safety, such as the use of drones to monitor traffic and to detect and prosecute offenders.

The Global Road Safety Indaba has been held in Cape Town, which is a national road conference and attracted by the Minister of Transport, Fikile Mbalula, who was the guest speaker at the event.

Decade of Action for Road Safety

The Global Road Safety Indaba was held under the auspices of the United Nations and is being supported by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS).

Presented by Minister and Transport – high standard of presentations

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SARF Communications Manager

Public Works engineering staff spotlighted ahead of North West good road upgrade

Public Works engineering staff were spotlighted at a recent conference of transport and road sector professionals, the Chairman of the South African Road Federation's (SARF) KwaZulu-Natal Branch, Mr Ashwin Sewpersad, said.

Presenting engineering and road sector awards to Mr Philiwe Ngwane, a road safety poetry competition for learners, and a road safety quiz for the public, Mr Sewpersad said that the SARF was pleased that the Minister of Transport, Fikile Mbalula, was the guest speaker at the event.

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Chairman of SARF Kwa-Zulu Natal Branch

Winning pics from civil engineers feature on SARF's 2019 calendar

Pictures taken by civil engineers have been used in the South African Road Federation's (SARF) 2019 calendar, which was launched at the SARF's annual awards function last week.

Pictures submitted by civil engineers were used to photograph for the competition which has expired from 1 January 2019.

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SARF Conference and Exhibition Week

Road infrastructure conference murals 'recycled'

Road infrastructure conference murals were "recycled" at the South African Road Federation's (SARF) annual awards function, which was held at the Durban Transport offices in Pinetown. The Road Traffic Management Corporation, the Road Traffic Inspectorate, the South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL), and the Road Accident Fund (RAF) were also represented at the function.

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SARF President's Award

SARF recognises outstanding contribution to SA's road sector

An Ivan Newbigging from the CSIR-NRI in Gauteng was the recipient of the South African Road Federation's (SARF) President's Award at the SARF's annual awards function, which was held at the Durban Transport offices in Pinetown. The Road Traffic Management Corporation, the Road Traffic Inspectorate, the South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL), and the Road Accident Fund (RAF) were also represented at the function.

Ivan is recognised for his contribution to the road sector, and the President's Award was presented by the SARF's President, Mr Khalil Hassiem, who was the guest speaker at the event. The President's Award is a prestigious award, and is given to a person who has made a significant contribution to the road sector.

Ivan is being for the additional courses and the courses he has written for the SARF, such as the Road Safety Audit course, the Road Safety Inspection course, the Road Safety Management course,