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National Wreath-Laying Ceremony and World Day of Remembrance

The PSA attended the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims and the National Wreath-Laying Ceremony at Boekenhoutkloof Traffic College in Pretoria West on Sunday, 17 November 2024. This solemn event provided an opportunity to honour road traffic victims, commemorate the lives of traffic law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the line of duty, and reflect on the ongoing challenges of road safety in South Africa.

Highlights of the ceremony included the address by Gauteng Premier, Panyaza Lesufi, who called for the removal of provincial boundaries that divide law enforcement efforts. He urged provinces to collaborate and pool resources to address crime effectively, emphasising the importance of a unified approach over fragmented, piecemeal solutions.

The Deputy Minister of Transport, Mkhuleko Hlengwa, in his keynote address highlighted the critical need for road traffic law enforcement officers to provide 24/7 services. He stressed the importance of visible and consistent enforcement to curb road incidents and protect lives.

Tributes to fallen traffic officers

The National Wreath-Laying Ceremony honoured 69 traffic officers who tragically lost their lives in the line of duty between November 2018 and 2024. Their sacrifices were recognised as a stark reminder of the risks faced by those who serve to ensure road safety. The PSA was honoured to have been part of this event, demonstrating the Union's solidarity with the families of victims, survivors of road incidents, and the broader road safety community. The PSA fully supports efforts to enhance collaboration, strengthen law enforcement, and promote a culture of safety on South Africa's roads. The PSA reaffirms its commitment to advocating for the rights and well-being of members, including those in law enforcement, who play a vital role in ensuring the safety of roads and in communities.

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