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Joint operation clamps down on illegal public transport operators in Mbombela Capital.

A joint law enforcement operation between the Mpumalanga Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport Inspectorate and the Mbombela Local Municipality Traffic department proved fruitful during the early morning of Friday 12 February 2016 in the Mbombela Capital.

As a result, 15 summons were issued to illegal public transport vehicles including meter taxis. Out of the total, 10 vehicles were impounded for operating without operating permits, two (2) for overloading, one (1) for unroadworthy another one (1) for operating contrary to the operating licence whilst one warrant of arrest was executed.

The operation was aimed at ensuring compliance with the National Land Transport Act by public transport operators within the Mbombela Central Business District (CBD). The special focus was around illegal meter taxis and illegal taxi ranks.

Vehicles impounded for operating without an operating permit were fined an amount of R2 500 whilst overloaded and unroadworthy vehicles were fined an amount of R2 000 per vehicle before being released.

" The Department together with other Municipalities within the Province will intensify its law operations both around towns and townships in order to ensure the compliance of the National Land Transport Act", said Mr Siyakhula Khoza from Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport Inspectorate Unit.

" The days for operators who continue to disobey the law are numbered. We therefore urge all public transport operators to ensure that their vehicles are roadworthy, do not overload and make sure that you always carry the required documents if you are operating for reward" warned Mr Khoza.

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