

EXTRACTS FROM THE RTMC STRATEGIC PLAN

- The current training standards for traffic officers remain inadequate and sub-optimal.** The RTMC aims to be central in the development of new occupational qualification and ensure a credible system of managing a database for all qualified and practicing road traffic personnel. Professionalisation in the occupation and the management of entry requirements into the profession should enhance integrity and contribute towards the elimination of corrupt practices within the road traffic fraternity. The finalisation of the traffic officer and the road safety practitioner curriculum will go a long way in training new entrants but also up skilling and multiskilling the existing resources. (p3)
- Executed properly, law enforcement could reduce road crashes significantly.** The up-skilling of our National Traffic Police (NTP) and the recruitment of more traffic officers, coupled with the development of the new 21st-century curriculum, will ensure effective and efficient implementation of this Strategic Plan. (p4)
- The Board is mindful of the fact that corrupt activities within road traffic law enforcement contribute to road crashes and fatalities.** Different measures, including, but not limited to anti-corruption awareness campaigns and investigations in collaboration with other law enforcement agencies, will be undertaken to ensure that the country rids itself of corrupt activities, which impact negatively on our ability to successfully implement our Strategic Plan. (p4)
- As discussed before, the road environment keeps evolving as well as its challenges. The concept of distracted driving for example has evolved from the 1980s to today and as such, road traffic personnel need to keep abreast of these changes. It is on this note we **highlight the significance of creating a new cadre of professional traffic officers – a critical elements in the road safety space that has been in the past been neglected.** (p5)
- To attract the calibre of traffic officers required, it is necessary to review entry requirements.** In addition, opportunities related to entry-level careers, such as traffic wardens and junior traffic officers, needs attention. **Given the growth in population and vehicle size, it is imperative to appoint more traffic officers if South Africa is to achieve its goal of reducing road traffic injuries.** (p36)
- The vehicle and driver population are currently outgrowing the increase in the number of traffic officers in the country.** Furthermore, the current number of training colleges in the country is thirteen without a Centre of Excellence to lead the development of innovative training techniques. The Corporation aims to address the gap in the traffic personnel training through the establishment of a Centre of Excellence through the acquisition of a training centre that will lead skills transfer from an academic and training perspective. (p36)