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Defensive driver training for Knysna drivers

The Road Accident Fund (RAF) in partnership with Knysna Municipality hosted Defensive Driver Training on Wednesday, 13 February. This training was targeted at Greater Knysna taxi drivers and municipal officials.

The RAF's 2014/2015 forecasting report highlighted that human factor is the highest contributing factor towards the road crashes in South Africa

Community Services Chairperson, Councillor Salaze said, "I am glad that RAF has introduced this training initiative in the Garden Route. I am confident that the roll-out of this programme will have a positive effect on the car accident stats within our area.

"I would like to thank the Taxi Association for allowing their drivers to attend. I understand that their time away impacted on your income, however, the training has equipped them with essential skills that they can use for years to come. This is one of many initiatives with the taxi industry and we will continue to build on our partnership with the Taxi Association", said Salaze.

Defensive Driving program entails training drivers to identify and respond to road hazards in a predictable manner. Drivers are taught to improve their skills by reducing their driving risks through anticipating situations and making well-informed decisions. The key to any good defensive driving strategy is to know how to avoid traffic crashes and recognize potential hazards before it is too late. Defensive training also focuses on how drivers can overcome negative psychological factors such as unneeded stress, fatigue, emotional distress and road rage. Additionally, offers instructions for developing a positive attitude behind the wheel and increasing one's focus on the driving task.

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