



13 SEPTEMBER 2025

DRIVER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

On 13 September 2025, the Lephalale Local Municipality proudly hosted the Waterberg District leg of the 2025 Driver of the Year (DoTY) Competition at the Lephalale Testing Grounds. This event forms an integral part of a broader initiative by the Limpopo Department of Transport and Community Safety aimed at enhancing road safety and acknowledging excellence in professional driving.

The competition attracted skilled drivers from across the district, competing in various categories including Light Delivery Vehicles (LDVs), taxis, rigid trucks, and buses. The top two finalists in each category will advance to represent the district at the provincial level, scheduled for 21–26 October 2025 in Polokwane.

In a message of support, Councillor Mohau Mojakhula, accompanied by Councillor Esrom Setho, underscored the critical importance of promoting road safety awareness and fostering responsible driving behaviour among all road users. The event provided an important platform to communicate key factors contributing to road accidents, notably:

- Driving under the influence of alcohol
- Deficient brake systems
- Driver fatigue
- Excessive speeding
- Operation of unroadworthy vehicles

All participants received certificates of participation and were presented with goodie bags as a token of appreciation for their commitment to safe driving practices. The competition not only celebrates outstanding driving skills but also reinforces the collective responsibility to ensure safety on our roads.

The competition results are as follows:

Light Delivery Vehicle (LDV)

Maphoto RJ – Photos Luxury Tours

Makhubela E – Valleria Platinum

Shilowa Robert – Lowveld

Female Taxi

Matlou Jectina – EIDTA

Lebese Emily – Waterberg

Male Taxi

Edwin Martin – Zebediela TA

David Kekana – Warmbaths TA

Petrus Magwete – Great North TA

Rigid Truck

Mdebuka J – Siyanda Bakgatla

Tlhong Isaac – Lephalale Municipality

Mahlalela MK – Photos Luxury Tours

Female Bus

Dibusang Majadibodu – Lowveld Bus Service

Mabula Phinah – Lowveld Bus Service

Mokwele J – GNT

Male Bus

Mudau Theophylus – Lowveld Bus Service

Mohau Mokoena – SJR Trading Enterprise

Lebepe MS – Mbedzi Transport

The Driver of the Year Competition remains a key platform to promote high standards of driving, encourage road safety awareness, and celebrate professionalism among

public and commercial vehicle operators. It recognizes the vital role these drivers play in ensuring the safe and efficient movement of people and goods across the province.

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