

## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### JRA STRONGLY CONDEMNS THE USE OF A REGULAR VEHICLE TO REPAIR POTHOLES

The Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA) has noted, with great concern, a video that was circulated on social media in which JRA personnel in branded work wear could be seen using the Agency's normal vehicle (a van), that is not authorised to conduct road maintenance, to compact and level asphalt onto a newly filled pothole in the Norwood area. What the officials were seen doing in the video is against the JRA's standards and norms on road maintenance works and such behaviour is highly regrettable and condemned.

Two of the officials identified in the footage have been placed on precautionary suspension. A full investigation on the matter was instituted to ascertain if there are other officials involved and following the investigation, necessary steps and actions would be taken to hold the officials in question accountable. In a bid to address the regrettable matter as speedily as possible, an investigation report will be submitted to the Office of the Chief Executive Officer in no later than 48 hours.

The JRA prides itself in carrying out its work in the most professional, correct, and respectable way without compromising the Agency's reputation and the safety and wellbeing of the community members and road users it is tasked to serve. Considering what has transpired, no number of words can fully express how shamed and regretful the JRA is by the actions of officials who should know better and do better at all material times.

The JRA encourages residents to be vigilant and to report such actions to the **Head Office on: 011 298 5000.**

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**About the Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA):**

The JRA is a City-owned agency responsible for the maintenance, repair and development of Johannesburg's road network and storm water infrastructure, including bridges and culverts, traffic lights and signage. The organisation is committed to providing quality roads that are accessible, safe and liveable for our communities

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