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KwaZulu-Natal roads claim 34 lives over the weekend

Reports from ongoing investigations have revealed that all nine people who were killed in a horror crash on the R74 near Kranskop yesterday afternoon are believed to be relatives. It is alleged that the victims were coming from a family ceremony when the accident occurred. The youngest victim was 4-years-old and the oldest was 69-years-old. The names of the deceased will be released in due course.

The crash happened when a bakkie tried to join R74 which is 45km from Greytown and the driver of the bakkie allegedly failed to see the road due to misty weather and the bakkie hit the trailer of the truck killing eight people instantly and the ninth victim died on arrival at Ntunjambili hospital. Four people were taken to hospital and two were discharged. The SAPS are investigating nine counts of culpable homicide case.

Since Friday until Monday about 34 people have been killed in KwaZulu-Natal roads due to number of reasons, including reckless driving, and bad weather conditions. The Kranskop accident follows the accident that claimed three lives of youngsters in Newlands, in Durban. Other people were killed in Pietermaritzburg area, including 12 pedestrians.

KwaZulu Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Bheki Cele urged all the motorists to be careful and to be patient especially when driving on bad weather conditions. "Driver behavior and attitude will have to change and all drivers need to understand their responsibility when they are behind the steering wheel, reckless driving and human error can be avoided if all citizens are 100% compliant, said Cele.

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