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MEC BHEKI CELE TO OFFICIATE THE CHURCH SERVICE IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY DUE TO ROAD ACCIDENTS.

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele will on Sunday officiate a church service which is dedicated to remembering all those that have been killed in road accidents throughout the country on 7 December 2008. The service will start at 09:00am at Bhekuzulu Sports Ground, Vryheid.

The festive season has begun. This period of the year is synonymous with increased activity and festivities. Unfortunately it is also associated with unacceptably high levels of deviant driver behaviour which contribute to the high levels of road carnages. Deaths on the road do not only cause immeasurable suffering and pain to the families of the victims, it is also an economic burden as more than R43 billion is spent due to road accidents on a yearly basis. Statistics have shown that most people who die on the roads are young people who are economically active.

"During this time we would like to remember those people that have passed away due to road accidents and assure their loved ones that they are not alone. We feel their pain and will continue to advocate the gospel of road safety. However we know that in order to adequately reduce the carnage on our roads, a concerted approach by all sectors of our society is required. I therefore urge everybody who will be using our roads to please abide by the rules and JUST DO RIGHT"

Said Cele

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