



PROVINCE OF KWAZULU - NATAL - ISIFUNDAZWE SAKWAZULU - NATALI
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT
UMNYANGO WEZOKUTHUTHA

TO: ALL MEDIA

DATE: 29 JUNE 2009

ATTENTION: NEWS EDITORS/REPORTERS AND PR WIRE

SEVEN PEOPLE KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS ON KZN ROADS

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele is urging all road users especially motorists to abide by the rules of the road at all times. This comes after seven people lost their lives in two separate accidents yesterday (28 June 2009).

Five people died and one was in a critical condition when three vehicles collided on the R102 Port Dunford, north of the province. The cause for the accident is believed to be speeding during heavy rain. One of the drivers tried to overtake on the barrier line and thus collided with the other two vehicles.

In another accident on the M27 two vehicles collided side-on when they failed to stop at the stop street. The driver of one of the cars and a passenger passed away and another two sustained minor injuries.

"It is always a sad moment when people lose their lives, however, we as the Department of Transport would once again like to remind all road users to be more vigilant. I would also like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt condolences to all the families who lost their loved ones. We can curb the number of accidents on our roads if everyone obeys the rules of the road and just do right," said Cele.

Ends

Media Contact: Nonkululeko Mbatha (083 645 6252)