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MEC MCHUNU STRONGLY CONDEMNS THE SHOOTING OF AN OFF-DUTY OFFICER

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Willies Mchunu strongly condemns the shooting of an off-duty police officer, Detective Sergeant Patrick Nzimande on Saturday night (15/08/09) at Hashini, Taylors Halt outside Pietermaritzburg.

Mchunu said "police officers should protect themselves when they are in the firing line by using excessive force if necessary. Far too many officers have been seriously injured or killed at the hands of criminals; we are saying enough is enough. Our officers should fight fire with fire to win the war against crime. I wish Detective sergeant Nzimande a speedy recovery".

Mchunu commended the bravery of the men and women in blue, who responded to this atrocious crime and reacted quickly in arresting two suspects and three others died in a shootout with police. Detective Sergeant Nzimande is in hospital in a critical and receiving serious medical attention.

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