

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT UMNYANGO WEZOKUTHUTHA

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SIX PEOPLE KILLED ON KZN ROADS THIS WEEKEND

Kwa-Zulu Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu

condemns the loss of lives on the roads due to human error. Six people lost their lives, eleven

were critically injured, twenty nine sustained minor injuries and thirty three were treated for

shock over the weekend.

All the above-mentioned accidents occurred in different corners of the province. The first was in

Ntabamhlophe area which preliminary reports revealed it was due to a head-on collision.

Another accident occurred in Boshoff Street in Pietermaritzburg where a motor vehicle collided

with a pedestrian. In a separate accident in Wartburg near Hlambamasoka a heavy motor vehicle collided with a light motor vehicle. On R56 Richmond road near Green Pasture farm

one light motor vehicle lost control around a bend, colliding head-on with a minibus resulting in

two lives being lost and two people being critically injured. In a separate accident at Park

Rynie a driver of a heavy motor vehicle lost control and the vehicle overturned.

"It is always a sad moment when people lose their lives, however we as the Department of

Transport would like to urge all road users to be more vigilant on the road. I would like to

convey my heartfelt condolences to the families who lost their loved ones in these tragic

accidents," said Mchunu.

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