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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT  
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**SEVEN PEOPLE KILLED ON KZN ROADS OVER THE WEEKEND**

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community safety and Liaison Mr. Willies Mchunu strongly condemns the high number of deaths on KZN roads during the long weekend, seven people lost their lives in road accidents and 17 were critically injured and 34 sustained minor injuries.

On Friday (07/08/09) on the Creighton road near Ixopo, a heavy motor vehicle and a Toyota Venture were involved in a collision. As a result, two people lost their lives, three were deemed critically injured and six sustained minor injuries.

On Saturday on the N3 south bound near Midmar three cars were involved in a collision, two people including a three-year old child lost their lives. On the N3 near Estcourt a driver was caught driving at 244 km/h, he was granted bail of R1500.00. During a road block conducted by female RTI officers 56 motorists were charged.

Yesterday (09/08/09) a minibus driver who was driving a fully laden taxi was arrested after being caught driving ten times over the legal drinking limit near Camperdown. He will appear in court on Tuesday. Today at Park Rynie a motorist was caught driving at 227 km/h.

"We as the Department of Transport would like to urge all road users to obey the rules of the road, keep to the legal speed limit and to inspect their vehicles before embarking on any road trips," said Mchunu.

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