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**ATTENTION: NEWS EDITORS/REPORTERS AND PR WIRE**

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**TEN PEOPLE KILLED ON KZN ROADS FROM (13-16 JULY 2009)**

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele is urging road users to be more cautious on the roads as human error was once again the main cause of loss of life.

On Monday on the N3 South bound near Toll Plaza a bakkie overturned after a tyre burst, killing one person. On Tuesday on the N2 North bound Leisure Bay Port Shepstone, a light motor vehicle and a heavy motor vehicle side swiped causing one death and one person was critically injured. Wednesday, on the R103 Escourt before Colenso Bridge the driver lost control and overturned killing one, on the N11 in Ladysmith before Pep worth station the driver lost control of the car and overturned claiming one life, and three were critically injured.

On the N3 Midway on ramp Escourt, three heavy motor vehicles involved in a rear end collision. One construction truck was rear ended by another and pushed the second trucks rear end to the third truck killing five people. In the early hours of this morning on the R66 Melmoth to Vryheid, a minibus overturned resulting in one death and ten sustained minor injuries.

**“The onus is upon all road users to obey the rules of the road at all times. We as the Department of Transport wish to emphasize that one death is one too many. Road safety should be the responsibility of everyone, I would like to extend my most sincere condolences to the bereaved families said Cele”.**

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