



MEDIA ALERT

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MCHUNU SHOCKED TO HEAR OF GRUESOME ACCIDENT ON THE N2

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu has learnt with great shock of the gruesome accident that happened on the N2 between Mtubatuba and Empangeni.

Preliminary reports have revealed that yesterday (19 September 2011) at about 18h30 a taxi traveling from Durban to Mtubatuba collided with a Bakkie on the N2. 10 people died on the scene and four were critical and taken to the Ingwelezane and Richards Bay Hospitals to receive medical attention.

Commenting on the accident Mchunu said it is unbecoming to lose so many people on the road, **"This is unacceptable. We cannot be losing people like this on our roads. As a Department we urge drivers to drive diligently on our roads to avoid loss of life. I wish to send my condolences to the families of the deceased and a speedy recovery to those in hospital. This does not in any way deter us from continuing to intensify our campaigns on our road we will not rest until drivers obey the rules of the road. We also appeal to all other motorists to practice caution when driving,"** said Mchunu.

The MEC sent a delegation lead by the Head of Department Chris Hlabisa to the accident scene and to see the wreckages of both vehicles and visit the survivors in hospital today at 11h30.

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