



MEDIA ALERT

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MCHUNU LAUNCHES NEW TRAFFIC UNIT TO CURB ACCIDENTS IN HAZARDOUS SPOTS ON KZN ROADS

In an attempt to reduce road fatalities, the MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu will tomorrow (**Tuesday, 27 September 2011**) launch a new traffic unit responsible for areas frequently experiencing fatalities and road accidents in KwaZulu-Natal.

The Red Spots Unit is made up of experienced senior members from Special Operations who are equipped to execute their duties effectively. The launch of the new team is subsequent to an audit done by the Department on dangerous roads in the province using road accidents and fatalities as a yardstick.

Mchunu is convinced that with the new team working with other law enforcement agencies under the Integrated Traffic Law Enforcement Committee, the province will be able to reduce road carnage and apply the law effectively to transgressors.

MEC Mchunu will also launch an early start of the festive season road safety campaign. This will see a festive season launch moving away from its tradition launch in December. When December comes, the Department wants to be accessing an output so that it is clear on areas that need attention and need to be strengthened. All these activities will be held at a mass prayer to remember road accident victims called Healing of the Wounds.

Details:

Date : **27 September 2011**
Venue : **Esikhawini College (FET)**
Time : **09h00**

NB : The MEC will start by attending a road block on the N2, eSikhawini off ramp at 09h00

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