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### **MEC MCHUNU SENDS HIS CONDOLENCES FOLLOWING A SHOOTOUT IN BIZANA**

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu, sends his condolences to the family of a police officer killed in a shootout at a Shoprite shopping center in Bizana.

Mchunu said, even though the incident happened in the Eastern Cape Province, it is however important that both provinces devise strategies to fight crime jointly.

Mchunu also commended the working relations between the KwaZulu-Natal and the Eastern Cape police in squeezing a space for criminals in the border areas of both provinces.

Mchunu said the killing of police is not only the problem for KwaZulu-Natal but a national challenge which need everyone's effort.

Mchunu committed to work closely with neighbouring provinces in fighting crime and eliminating criminals.

**"Killings of police members is a crisis that we should all confront. It is also important for neighbouring provinces to develop working relations in the fight against crime. On the 16<sup>th</sup> of August 2011, we had a Summit on Police Killings at the ICC. One of the resolutions that came out of the summit was to campaign for harsher sentences to those who are found guilty of killing police members. We condemn in a strongest term all forms of criminal activities. I would like to send my condolences to the family of a police officer who lost his lives and my sympathy to those police members in various hospitals in KwaZulu-Natal,"** said Mchunu.

**Ends.**

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