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MEC MCHUNU PROPOSED DRASTIC MAJORS AGAINST REPEAT OFFENDERS

MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Willies Mchunu has proposed drastic majors to all repeat offenders to have their licenses suspended and drivers to go for re-testing.

Mchunu was addressing a mass funeral of 15 victims that died in a horrific accident that occurred last Friday (30/09/11) in Copesville which was held in Thokozani at Cramond which was attended by more than 2500 people.

Mchunu's call is subsequent to all the accidents that has been happening around the Province. The reports have revealed that most accidents have been caused by human error. Mchunu says his department will embark in an audit process with a data base of all the public transport drivers. This will assist in instilling discipline and professionalism in the Public Transport industry and also monitor their behavior on the roads.

"I would like to emphasize that owning a drivers license is not a right but a privilege. Drivers must know that when possessing a driver's license means you should adhere with the rules of the road full stop. I will also submit a report to the cabinet and legislature to seek theirs views and debate on ways to curb these accidents. We will also engage with the Department of Justice in advocating for harsher sentences to road offenders. I will be coordinating a meeting with all taxi drivers and truck drivers to

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address these issues and try to come up with a way forward to curb accidents” said

Mchunu

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