



MEDIA UPDATE

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TWO YEAR OLD RESCUED AND MAJOR ROUTES OPENED

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu has pleasure to announce that a total of 25 people have been rescued in Van Reenen Pass. Among the rescued is a two year old. The rescued people have been taken to Ladysmith Community Hall.

This was a joint effort by the SANDF, Road Traffic Inspectorate and other relief agencies who have been trying hard to pull cars out from the snow.

Mchunu expressed hope that this afternoon major routes were opened to traffic like the N3 Balgowan/Nottingham road, N2 Harding, Mount Ayliff and N11 Amajuba.

"I want to commend the good work done by the rescue services of rescuing those trapped in the snow. We are appealing for calm to the families and friends because they are attended to and there is no reason to panic. We appeal to people not to take any trips today and in the afternoon until we see progress tomorrow," said Mchunu.

Mchunu also warned those excited about the snow not to play in it as this may cause entrapment, which will add more burden.

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