



PROVINCE OF KWAZULU - NATAL - ISIFUNDAZWE SAKWAZULU - NATALI  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT  
UMNYANGO WEZOKUTHUTHA

**MEDIA ALERT**

TO : ALL MEDIA  
DATE : 24 MARCH 2011

ATTENTION: NEWS EDITORS/REPORTERS AND PR WIRES

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**SYMPOSIUM TO ADDRESS ROAD SAFETY CHALLENGES IN KZN**

The KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu has taken a bold approach of engaging all role-players with a view to finding solutions in dealing with the challenge of safety in transport. Various stakeholders and speakers have been invited to part-take in the 2 day summit as the MEC shares with all the participants the provincial vision on Road Safety.

The road traffic report of September 2008/09 compiled by the Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC) indicates that the KwaZulu-Natal province was overall the worst performing province, recording an increase of 14% in road fatalities. The province was reported to be the biggest contributor to the country not achieving its set target towards the end of the review period.

This indicates that even though the government has put in place measures through programmes and laws to deal with road safety, there is a need for a critical review of the manner in which traffic safety is being managed. It is evident that a stronger approach is needed to effect a more drastic improvement in road user discipline in order to reduce collisions

***Members of the media are invited to attend the 2 day event to be held as follows:***

**VENUE :** Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre ( ICC)  
**TIME :** 09:00 AM ON BOTH DAYS  
**DATE :** 25-26 MARCH 2011

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