

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## ACTING MEC SENZO MCHUNU SHOCKED TO HEAR THAT ONE OF THE ACCIDENT VICTIMS WAS A PREGNANT WOMAN

Acting MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Senzo Mchunu has learnt with great shock at the death of a pregnant woman in an accident that claimed five people over the weekend.

It is alleged that a blue Toyota Corolla was driving from Soweto to KwaYanguye for a traditional ritual (Umbondo). At Makhosini near Nzololo Bridge, it is alleged that the driver lost control and the car overturned. Two females and a young boy were found stuck in the car and they were confirmed dead on the scene. The two other males were found outside the vehicle dead.

Three of the victims, including the unborn baby, were of the same family from KwaYanguye. A mass funeral will be held on Sunday at the Dladla residence in KwaYanguye area near Inungwini School

The MEC is expected to attend the memorial service on Sunday (15 January 2012) and will be accompanied by the local leadership and the community of kwaYanguye.

MEC commented on the death of these family members.

"It is unfortunate that this accident robbed a child of the chance to see the sun. These accidents are unacceptable and I am of the firm view that they are avoidable provided that people respect and adhere to the law. I appeal for people to be cautious on our roads and our officers are still out on the roads to ensure that motorist are safe," said Mchunu.

## **Details of the memorial service**

Time: 09h00

Venue: Dladla residence near the Inungwini School at Bhadaza/ KwaYanguye

Date: Sunday, 15 January 2012

## Names of the deceased

Surname & Name		Gender	Age
1.	Dladla Sabelo Sifiso	Male	33yrs
2.	Phukwane Simphiwe	Male	27yrs
3.	Dlamini Mpume	Female	25yrs
4.	Hlatshwayo Sindi	Female	26yrs
5.	Dladla Ntokozo	Male	4yrs
6.	Unborn child		

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