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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT**

**UMNYANGO WEZOKUTHUTHA**

**PLEASE NOTE: MEC MCHUNU WILL NO LONGER BE GOING TO KING SHAKA AIRPORT DUE TO UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES. WE APOLOGISE FOR ANY INCONVINIENCE CAUSED.**

**MEDIA ALERT**

TO : ALL MEDIA  
DATE : 12 OCTOBER 2012  
ATTENTION : NEWS EDITORS/EDITORS AND PR WIRE

**MEC MCHUNU TO WELCOME NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY DEBATE CHAMPIONS AT KING SHAKA AIRPORT**

MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr Willies Mchunu will today (12/10/12) welcome KZNs' National Road safety Debate champions at King Shaka airport after they cleared out all the awards at the national competition in Cape Town.

The Road Safety Debates Project commenced in 2009 to provide a platform to educate high school learners on road safety issues. The Road Safety Debates Project targets Grade 10 and 11 learners. Learners debate road safety issues in order to persuade those holding differing opinions to conform.

The National Debate competitions were held from the 10-13 October 2012 in Cape Town debating on the topic ***"Stricter penalties will deter people from drinking and driving"***.

KZN wiped out almost everything in the competition, landing themselves Best Speaker Award which was taken by Senzekile Bhengu from Sacred Heart Secondary in Verulam. The best trainer award was also awarded to KZN. Learners won laptops, tablets, and R5000 voucher each. The debate was won by Heather Secondary from Pietermaritzburg Region.

MEC Mchunu is extremely proud of these learners. **"I would like to express my pride and joy towards these kids. This shows that our great efforts to educate and empower learners with road safety knowledge and enhancing learner's public speaking and analytical thinking skills as they have to respond to points of information. This competition has also helped in encouraging learners to work as a team and also**

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**define their roles as a collective. The debate topic chosen is very informative and it will help educate the youth in dangers of drinking and driving” he said.**

Mchunu together with road safety stakeholders is expected to welcome the learners at the King Shaka Airport. The details are as follows:

**DATE : 12 OCTOBER 2012 (today)**

**VENUE : KING SHAKA AIRPORT**

**TIME : 10:30am**

Media is invited

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