



MEDIA INVITE

TO : ALL MEDIA
DATE : 21 September 2012
ATTENTION : NEWS EDITORS/REPORTERS AND PR WIRE

MCHUNU MOURNS THE DEATH OF 10 PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu will tomorrow Saturday (22 September 2012) accompany the families of the ten (10) primary school pupils who lost their lives, in a gruesome accident last weekend, to a mass funeral.

It is alleged that on the 15 September 2012 nine (9) learners were killed when a minibus they were travelling in, tried to avoid a cow that was crossing the road. The driver lost control and veered into a river nearby. One was later found in the river which made a total of 10 learners who lost their lives. Six (6) learners were admitted at Ladysmith Hospital and later released.

Police are still investigating the causes of the accident.

Mchunu is expected to be joined by the MEC for Education Mr Senzo Mchunu, local leadership, interfaith leaders, and senior departmental officials, the families of the victims and the community of Bergville.

DETAILS OF THE MASS FUNERAL

DATE : Saturday, 22 September 2012
VENUE : Okhombe Primary School grounds (Bergville)
TIME : 08H00

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In a separate accident that killed 5 family members, MEC Mchunu will accompany mourners as they bid farewell to the victims in a mass funeral on the following day (23 September 2012).

The five family members were killed last week on 15 September 2012 on P28 Old Richmond Road, Kwangezi when V W Golf and a Toyota Quantum collided head-on. It is believed that one of the vehicles lost control and veered into the lane of oncoming traffic.

The VW Golf had five occupants, (four males and one female) that were burned upon the impact of the vehicles.

Mchunu is expected to be joined by the local leadership, interfaith leaders, and senior departmental officials, the families of the victims and the community of Molweni.

DETAILS OF THE MASS FUNERAL

DATE : SUNDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2012
VENUE : DINABAKUBO HALL, MOLWENI
TIME : 10H00

Media is invited to attend

Ends

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