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MCHUNU SHOCKED BY THE DEATH OF SAPF MEMBERS IN A HEAD COLLISION

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu is shocked and saddened by the death of two SAPS members in a head-on collision.

Preliminary investigation reveals that two SAPS vehicles going on opposite directions collided on the N2, Winkelspruit off ramp this morning.

It is alleged that one of the drivers lost control.

Two police officers who were on the police private vehicle died on the scene.

They were from the Maidenhoof Police station.

One police from Manzimtoti police station was patrolling and sustained injuries and was rushed to the hospital.

The Department of Transport has sent the high level team of forensic investigators to establish the cause of the accident.

Mchunu described this accident as a major blow to government's effort of fighting crime as we are approaching Easter Holidays.

"It is painful to lose people who are in the forefront of fighting crime as we are approaching Easter Holidays. Road accidents are depriving us skilled and experienced people who are making the meaningful contribution to the growth of our country. However, this is not going to deter us in the fight against road carnages and transgressions. I wish to send my heartfelt condolences to the colleagues and families of the two police officers and a speedy recovery to the hospitalized police" said Mchunu.

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Mchunu also appealed to motorists to be cautious in this rainy weekend.

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