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## **KZN DOT COMMITTED IN REDUCING ROAD FATALITIES IN 2012**

Acting MEC for Transport Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Senzo Mchunu has committed that government will double its efforts in the bid to reduce road fatalities this year.

Mchunu also noted that statistics released by the National Minister of Transport Mr Sbu Ndebele reflected KwaZulu Natal as the leading province when it comes to road accidents and fatalities over the past festive season.

Mchunu regrets that 256 people died in KwaZulu Natal in more than 250 accidents. He did, however, note a change in the trend that although more people died, there were no major accidents over the festive season. "There are a lot of important lessons which were learnt over this festive season. It is interesting to note the change of the trend and the fact that the province didn't experience any major accidents. It is however regrettable that so many people had to lose their lives on the road. This is not going to deter us. We will intensify our Operation Val'ingozi Campaign with the view to mobilize the people of KZN from all walks of life to be active against the scourge" said Mchunu

The Department of Transport also committed traffic officers to double their efforts to ensure safety on our roads.

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