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MEC MCHUNU EXPRESSES DEEP CONDOLENCES ON MEETING FAMILIES OF THE VRYHEID ACCIDENT'S DECEASED

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Willie Mchunu today (04 November 2013) extended his deepest condolences when he met with families of the eight people who passed on last Saturday night following an accident on the P49/1 between Vryheid and Nongoma.

The eight include four school learners from Shongololo Combined School in Coronation in Vryheid.

Reports indicate that a white Nissan carrying passengers including the four school learners had been returning from a wedding when they had a tyre puncture.

As the driver and other passengers were busy changing a tyre, a red Ford Sapphire crashed into the back of the Nissan scattering passengers across the road.

Seven passengers of the Nissan including the school learners and driver as well as one passenger in the Ford Sapphire died on the scene.

The driver of the Ford is alleged to have fled the scene, but a man who police believe to be the driver has since handed himself to the police. Police are conducting further investigations before making charges.

MEC Mchunu extended his sympathies to families and pledged government support in assisting families with funeral arrangements as per the department's policy.

"We are all very saddened by this accident which has claimed eight lives, including children. We recently also buried young girls returning from the Annual Reed Dance. I appeal to motorists to strictly obey road traffic laws at all times. If you have a tyre puncture on the road it's important that you use instruments such as a triangle so that you can be seen by motorists from afar. We will

'prosperity through mobility'

await the full report to establish the accident cause and come up with solutions and measures to prevent accidents on this road in future,” said Mchunu.

The names of the deceased are:

1. Joseph Bethewell Zulu, 49
2. Phokubi Zulu
3. Mngeniseni Nkosi, 20
4. Nokuthula Dlamini, 17
5. Themba Khumalo, 15
6. Andile Masondo, 16
7. Siyabonga Zulu, 19
8. Bheki Dlamini, 33

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