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WEEKEND ACCIDENTS CLAIM EIGHT LIVES

KWAZULU-NATAL MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu has expressed his sadness at the death of eight people who died over the weekend in two gruesome accidents.

Preliminary results have revealed that on Sunday (21 September 2014) morning at about 02h00 am, a Toyota Corolla collided head-on with a VW Golf and left five people dead on impact. Three of the deceased were from the Toyota Corolla and two from the VW Golf. There were three other occupants who escaped with serious injuries and were taken to hospital to receive medical treatment.

In a separate incident that happened this morning (22 September 2014) an Audi and a Toyota side swiped each other and knocked a pedestrian. The pedestrian and a passenger in one of the vehicles died on the scene and two people were taken to Usher Memorial hospital. In another accident a pedestrian was also knocked and killed in Kokstad.

“The accidents and the resultant loss of lives could have been avoided if the drivers adhered to the road traffic rules. That is why we continue to urge all road users to make it their individual and collective responsibility to ensure road safety. This starts with respecting and observing road traffic rules. On behalf of the Government of KwaZulu-Natal, I wish to send our heartfelt condolences to the families of those who lost their lives, and also wish those in hospital a speedy recovery,” said Mchunu.

Mchunu has also applauded the sterling work of the law enforcement teams during the busy weekend where Durban hosted the MTN 8 cup final at Moses Mabhida stadium. There were various road blocks across the province which yielded great results. Among others, three motorists were nabbed on the N2 North Ellingham road for traveling at the speed of 135km/h, 176km/h, and 183 km/h on the same stretch of road. All three were taken to Scotburgh police station. On the N2 Balito south bound another motorist was nabbed doing 164km/h, and was taken to Umhlali police station.

Mchunu applauded the efforts of the law enforcement to fight the scourge of fatalities on the road.

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