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MEC MCHUNU LEARNS WITH SHOCK THE NEWS OF THE DEATH OF A FIELD'S HILL SURVIVOR

MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Willies Mchunu has expressed his concern and sadness on the learning the news of the death of a Field's Hill accident survivor yesterday.

Preliminary reports reveal that Cecilia Shabalala (37) was on her way to the hospital with her colleague when a vehicle approached, lost control and collided with them. This accident occurred along Anderson road, which is not far from Field's Hill.

Shabalala was one of the survivors of the Field's Hill accident that claimed the lives of 24 people last year.

"I would like to send my deepest condolences to the family of Ms Shabalala. This comes as a great shock to us as the Field's Hill accident is still fresh in our memories. We remain committed to improving safety on our roads, especially on Field's Hill where we have already introduced restrictions to trucks following the horrific accident that claimed the lives of 24 people last year September. As part of our October Transport month 2014 programme, we unveiled the new signage that imposes restrictions on heavy trucks during peak hours in the morning and afternoon. However, we continue to appeal to all road users to strictly adhere to all road traffic rules to ensure the safety of everyone," said Mchunu.

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