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HARSH WEATHER CONDITIONS ENGULFING KZN THIS WEEKEND

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, has urged all motorists to exercise caution on the roads in view of harsh weather conditions already hitting the province and country this weekend.

According to the South African Weather Services there is a strong possibility of snowfall inland this weekend that will affect areas such as the Drakensberg and Midlands. There are also strong winds expected at Van Reenen's Pass, Estcourt and Ladysmith areas along and off the N3.

Motorists are warned to be more cautious as roads may be slippery. The likelihood of ice formation on the road surface is a risk for any vehicle travelling through the area, therefore speed reduction and total driver concentration are of crucial importance. Drivers are also urged to keep their headlights on. Sections of the affected roads may be closed to traffic should conditions be deemed unsafe.

"We urge all road users to be extra vigilant on the road in light of the expected harsh weather conditions. Motorists especially are reminded to ensure that vehicles are in roadworthy conditions before undertaking any trips. Our RTI officers will be deployed to ensure visibility and adherence to all the rules of the road," advises Mchunu.

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