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MEC MCHUNU WELCOMES THE WORLD AS THEY DESCEND TO KZN'S PLAYGROUND AHEAD OF THE MTV AFRICA MUSIC AWARDS

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, has extended a warm welcome to visitors who will be touching the shores of KwaZulu-Natal ahead of the international MTV Africa Music Awards (MAMA), but strongly appealed for strict observance of road traffic regulations to safeguard lives.

The province is expecting high volumes of traffic as people from within and outside the province as well as other countries make their way to the MAMA's, the first to be staged in South Africa. People from countries including Nigeria, Kenya, and USA, to mention a few, are expected to attend the awards at the Inkosi Albert Luthuli Convention Centre in Durban, tomorrow (Saturday).

Mchunu has urged motorists to show patience, tolerance and commit to preventing accidents, crashes and fatalities on the road.

"It is a great privilege for us as a province to host these awards as these types of events solidify our position as the country's leading tourist destination. I would like to welcome the rest of our guests to our warm KwaZulu-Natal shores. Furthermore, I urge all road users especially motorists to be model road safety ambassadors, and help prevent accidents, crashes and fatalities by strictly respecting all road traffic rules. Our multi-disciplinary law enforcement officers will be ready to deal with bad road behaviour," said Mchunu.

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