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MEC MCHUNU SADDENED BY THE ROAD ACCIDENT THAT CLAIMED SEVEN LIVES OVER THE WEEKEND

THE KWAZULU-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, learnt with disappointment that seven people died in road accident on N2-Dokodweni over the weekend, saying this is yet another sad reminder that road safety was a collective responsibility.

Mchunu was commenting in the wake of a horrific accident in the early hours of Saturday, 22 November 2014, where two vehicles-Isuzu Bakkie and a light motor vehicle got involved in a head-on collision.

It is alleged that one of the vehicles lost control and collided with an oncoming vehicle, resulting in both vehicles catching fire. Five occupants of the light vehicle and two occupants in the bakkie died on the scene and were burnt beyond recognition.

Mchunu, who has assembled a team forensic experts to probe the accident, said that this accident happening on the eve of the festive season was regrettable.

"It is, indeed, a sad reminder that we need to spare no efforts in ensuring that we remain alert and cautious on our roads during this time. While awaiting the full report of what caused this accident, we urge our road users to always drive within the legal speed limit, ensure that they are always alert by stopping for a refresher after every two hours," said Mchunu.

Road safety, he added, remained a collective responsibility of all motorists.

Mchunu also extended his heartfelt condolences to family and friends of those who lost their lives in this accident.

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