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MEDIA STATEMENT

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MEC MCHUNU BEMOANS LOSS OF THREE LIVES ON THE R103, LADYSMITH

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, has lamented the loss of three people in an accident earlier today (29 April 2014) on the R103 near Ladysmith.

According to preliminary reports, the accident happened at about 11:30 am when the driver of a Hyundai lost control, resulting in the vehicle overturning and instantly killing three people.

One person was taken to Ladysmith Hospital to receive medical attention.

A team of forensic experts has been assigned to investigate the real cause of the accident.

Mchunu noted and reiterated that many of the accidents were avoidable if only drivers committed themselves to road safety and respected all road traffic regulations at all time.

"I would like to call upon all motorists to speak to their consciences and make a commitment that while they are behind the wheel it is their responsibility to save lives. That is achievable by strictly adhering to the rules to the road. On behalf of government, I would like to send my deepest condolences to the families who lost their loved ones in the accident and wish a speedy recovery to the person in hospital," said Mchunu.

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