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## MEDIA LIAISON AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

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### MEDIA STATEMENT

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ATTENTION: Editors, News Editors & PR Wires

#### **MEC MCHUNU CONVEYS CONDOLENCES FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF KWADUKUZA TAXI ASSOCIATION LEADER IN A CAR ACCIDENT**

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, has sent his deepest condolences to the family of KwaDukuza Taxi Association's Deputy Chairperson, Bongizwe Mhlongo (41), who died in a gruesome accident over the weekend on the R614, Noodsburg Road.

According to the reports, Mhlongo's vehicle collided head-on with another car in Nsuze, in Ndwendwe on Saturday and he died instantly. The driver of the other vehicle also died after sustaining serious injuries. The other two passengers sustained injuries and were rushed to hospital for medical attention.

Police are investigating the possible cause of the accident. This accident comes just after four police officers lost their lives over the weekend in a head-on collision in Harding.

Commenting on this accident, MEC Mchunu expressed shock, saying this is yet another sad reminder that road accidents have a devastating impact in our society.

**"Road accidents are a serious menace to our society. As we enter the festive season holidays, we are again urging citizens, especially road users – all drivers, pedestrians, bikers and cyclists, to strictly respect road traffic rules and drive cautiously. It is possible to have an accident free province and country, if only we put our individual and collective consciousness to it. We would like to send our deepest condolences to the Mhlongo family and to all those who lost their loved ones during the weekend, including the members of the SAPS who died in Harding,"** said Mchunu.

On Wednesday, 9 December 2015, MEC Mchunu will be leading the official launch of the provincial festive season safety campaign at Mooi River Toll Plaza.

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