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MEC MCHUNU SADDENED AS FOUR DIE IN ROAD ACCIDENT ON THE R66 WHILE SEVEN LEFT CRITICALLY INJURED

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, has reiterated road users should be at their most vigilant behaviour when travelling following the car crash that has left four people dead on the R66, earlier today (5 October 2015).

Preliminary reports reveal that a Toyota Hilux was traveling on the R66, Mayiwane near Ulundi, when the driver lost control and the car overturned. There were four people who died on scene, while seven others were taken to Nkonjeni hospital with critical injuries. Among the deceased are three males and one female.

Mchunu has expressed his immense shock at this accident and urged motorists to be vigilant on the road

"I am deeply saddened by the loss of lives in the crash that happened in Mayiwane near Ulundi. We forever urge people to be vigilant and observe the rules of the road, but clearly the message is being ignored by some road users. I want to emphasise that with road safety starts with each and every one of us, meaning it's our collective responsibility. On behalf of the Government of KwaZulu-Natal, I would like to send our deepest condolences to the families of the deceased," said Mchunu.

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