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HORRIFIC LADYSMITH ACCIDENT CLAIMS SIX LIVES

The Acting MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Dr. Sibongiseni Dhlomo, has expressed his shock after learning of a horrific accident that has claimed six lives at Driefontein turn-off, near Ladysmith, on the N11 this morning.

According to initial reports, a grey Toyota Cressida was travelling from Burford to Ladysmith and collided head-on with an Isuzu rigid truck. There were six people who died on the scene, and were all from the Cressida. One victim sustained minor injuries and was taken to Ladysmith Provincial Hospital to receive medical attention. The cause of the accident is unknown at this stage pending investigation.

MEC Dhlomo has expressed sadness and concerns on the growing spate of accidents that continue to take people's lives on our roads.

"It is indeed devastating to learn of the accident that has claimed the lives of six people this morning near Ladysmith. This accident follows one that happened in Bulwer last month and took the lives of eight people. We reiterate that it is extremely important to obey all the rules of the road and for all road users, especially the drivers, to be extra vigilant at all times. Respecting road rules is a sure way to saving lives on our roads. On behalf of government, we would like to send our deepest condolences to the families of the deceased and wish the injured speedy recovery," said MEC Dhlomo.

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