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MEC MCHUNU SADDENED BY THE DEATH OF FOUR POLICE OFFICERS IN A HORRIFIC ROAD ACCIDENT

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, has expressed shock at the death of four police officers in a horrific accident in Harding last night.

The four members of the SAPS Crime Intelligence from Kokstad were on duty travelling on the N2, when their VW Golf collided with a minibus taxi. There were 10 occupants from a minibus taxi who sustained minor injuries and were taken to the nearby hospital.

Preliminary reports suggest that the accident was a head-on collision, however forensic investigators have been dispatched to look at all possible causes of the accident.

This accident happens just a day after MEC Mchunu tabled at the Provincial Executive (Cabinet) a provincial safety plan, which include both safety on the road and in communities.

Next week Wednesday (09 December 2015) MEC Mchunu together with other Departments will publicly launch the festive safety plan in Mooi River as part of intensifying strategies to curb road crashes and crime ahead of the busy holidays.

Reacting to this horrendous accident, MEC Mchunu said the death of police officers is a major blow to government's efforts of fighting crime and tightening safety ahead of the festive season.

"As part of the integrated law enforcement during the holidays, SAPS members also play an important role in fighting transgressions on the road working with traffic officials. Importantly, the loss of these members is a major setback in the fight against crime in the province. The skills and capacity they possessed as members of the Crime Intelligence is a scarce one. Forensic teams are busy working on the scene to conduct further investigation into the cause of this accident. This is a sad reminder that Road Safety is everyone's responsibility. We send our deepest condolences to the Provincial Commissioner and the entire SAPS family" said MEC Mchunu.

As part of the Integrated Festive Safety Plan, MEC Mchunu will announce at the public launch on Wednesday key areas of focus for traffic enforcement, crime hot spots, and the number of personnel to be deployed from various law enforcement structures.
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