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MEC MCHUNU WARNS MOTORISTS TO DRIVE CAUTIOUSLY AHEAD OF THE WEEKEND'S METRO FM MUSIC AWARDS IN DURBAN

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, has warned music lovers and visitors against lawlessness and errant behavior on the roads ahead of the Metro FM music awards in Durban tomorrow.

The Metro FM Awards attract scores of people from across the country and neighboring countries annually, and will be staged at Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre in Durban. A number of related events will take place in the city, also attracting participation from thousands of people.

MEC Mchunu has urged all motorists and road users to take responsibility for everyone's safety, calling on law enforcement teams to deal firmly with errant behaviour.

"We are proud as the government of KwaZulu-Natal to be hosting events of such magnitude. However, we would like to urge all road users to be vigilant and obey the rules of law. This entails avoiding excessive speeding, drinking and driving, driving un-roadworthy vehicles, driving recklessly, driving without proper documentation and overloading. We have thus deployed law enforcement teams to ensure that accidents are prevented, and all road users are safe," said Mchunu.

Mchunu has urged celebrities to lead by example on the road by obeying the rules, saying their positive behavior can go a long way in inspiring other road users to take full responsibility.

Mchunu's comments come after receiving reports of a well-known actor, Siyabonga Thwala, who was nabbed for allegedly speeding and had fled the scene upon receiving his driver's licence from an RTI officer who was yet to issue a fine for the offence. The MEC is expected to receive a full report on these allegations.

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