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BHEKI NTULI (MP) TO OFFICIATE THE MEMORIAL SERVICE OF SEVEN VICTIMS AT NGOME

Member of Parliament (MP) and Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Bheki Ntuli, will on behalf of MEC Willies Mchunu, accompany mourners at a memorial service tomorrow (05 June 2015) of seven victims killed in a car crash at Ngome on 1 June 2015.

The Road Traffic Inspectorate's (RTI) reports reveal that a white Mazda bakkie lost control and crashed against the steel guard rails. It is alleged that the vehicle, with sixteen (16) occupants, was travelling from a wedding from Ngenetsheni to Mooi Plaas when an argument ensued between the driver and the middle seat passenger. The passenger attempted to take control of the steering wheel in trying to regain control. The driver then lost control and crashed against the side guard rails.

The passengers from the back of the bakkie were flung out of the vehicle onto an open field. Six occupants died on the scene and one later in the hospital. The injured were taken to Vryheid hospital.

Ntuli will be accompanied by religious leaders, senior government officials, members of tribal authority, the families of the deceased and the community of Ngome.

Details of the memorial service:

Date: Friday 5 May 2015

Venue: eSincitha Primary School Sports ground (Ngome Area)

Time: 10h00 am

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