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MEC MCHUNU CAUTIONS DRIVERS TO REMAIN VIGILANT AS THE FESTIVE SEASON LOOMS

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, has urged motorists to remain extra vigilant on the road as the province heads towards the festive season, which is characterized by high volumes of traffic.

Mchunu's warnings come in the wake of the unfortunate news that four people were killed yesterday (29 November 2015), on the N2 Shongweni.

Preliminary reports reveal that at about 21h00 a Toyota Fortuner lost control and over-turned. Four people died on scene and two people were rushed to hospital. Those who perished are believed to be members of one family.

The MEC said this was not the way he hoped the festive season would kick off.

"This is disheartening and sad news to receive as we gear ourselves up towards the festive season."

"Also, we learned of the accident in Gauteng that killed 19 people on their way to church. We have been advocating for people to speak to their conscience during this festive season and re-commit themselves into being road safety ambassadors."

"As the Government, we have launched numerous awareness campaigns in an effort to educate people on the dangers of not adhering to road rules."

"In this regard, we urged all motorists on our roads to observe road regulations and not do anything that will put their lives and that of other road users at risk," said Mchunu.

Mchunu also sent his deepest condolences to the families of the people who lost their lives on the road and wished a speedy recovery to those who are in hospital.

Mchunu is expected to soon unveil a festive plan which will talk to the safety on the road and safety from criminals.

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